

RULES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING PUBLIC COMMENT

1. The agenda for Board of Commissioners' regularly scheduled public meeting shall include as its first item **up to 30 minutes** for persons, other than commissioners, to comment on matters of county concern.
 - a. Each person wishing to speak must sign the public comment speaker list at least ten minutes before the time the meeting is scheduled to begin. Public comment speaker lists will be available in the board's office during regular business hours and will be available in the Senator Hearing Room before each public meeting. **Each person who signs the public comment speaker list must indicate the specific agenda item or county issue to which his or her comments will be directed.**
 - b. **Each person's comments will be limited to three minutes. Any group that wishes to address the board will designate a spokesperson, whose comments will be limited to ten minutes.** The board secretary will act as timekeeper and will advise each speaker when time has expired.
 - c. Speakers will be called to speak in the following order:
 - i. Speakers addressing issues on that day's meeting agenda
 - ii. Speakers addressing other county issues.
 - d. Subject to Section C, speakers will speak in the order they signed up. If comments will exceed 30 minutes, additional time for comments may be provided at the end of the agenda, after other agenda items and public hearings, if time allows.
 - e. **No comments will be allowed that address pending or threatened litigation, public hearings, deliberations, or the merits of land use issues that are reviewable by the board at public hearings or issues related to collective bargaining.**
2. The board may at any time eliminate or abridge the time allowed for public comment on agenda items or on issues not on the agenda when it deems it necessary for the efficient management of the public meeting or for the commissioners to fulfill other obligations.