

GUIDELINES FOR SPEAKING BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. A person wishing to speak needs to sign in on the Public Participation Form and fill out all the requested information before the meeting begins. When called upon by the Presiding Officer, each speaker must come to the podium to speak in the microphone and identify themselves for the record.
2. Speakers are allowed five minutes in Open Forum to speak on an item of concern or a posted agenda item. Comments on posted agenda items during the item's consideration are limited to three minutes in order to facilitate the order of business for action items. Speakers who address the Board through a translator will be given at least twice the allotted time.
3. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Directors cannot discuss or take action on an unposted item. The Presiding Officer may reply or inquire of the General Manager to provide; 1) a statement of fact regarding the item; 2) a statement concerning the related policy of the item; 3) propose the staff's research of the item.
4. Demeaning any individual or group, including insulting the honesty and/or integrity of the Board, District or others; profane, insulting or threatening language, racial, ethnic or gender slurs will not be tolerated. Violation of these rules may result in cancellation of time, removal from the Boardroom, and/or such other sanctions as may be authorized by law.