

Public Participation

Any individual (including vendors and employees) may address the meeting at the time specified on the agenda. Comments shall be limited to five minutes and shall not be addressed to items listed elsewhere on the agenda. Individuals wishing to address items listed on the agenda shall be allowed to do so during the discussion of the item. Comments on individual items shall also be limited to five minutes. The five minute rule may be waived by the presiding officer.

Individuals may also request that specific items be placed on an agenda for discussion. Such a request must be made 14 days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting. The request must be accompanied by 25 copies of any material that will be discussed at the meeting so that the material may be distributed with the agenda.

If the request for an agenda item concerns a subject that is a routine item that is scheduled during the regular course of business (such as renewal of a contract or rate setting) then the request shall be deferred to the meeting when the item would normally be considered.

If an item has been discussed within the previous 12 months or the request, then the request shall normally be denied unless there is substantive, new information available.

The presiding officer shall resolve any questions or disputes regarding the regulations.