

EUREKA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

PUBLIC COMMENT AT BOARD MEETINGS POLICY

The Illinois Open Meetings Act provides in Section 2.06 that at meetings of public bodies, “any person shall be permitted an opportunity to address public officials under the rules established and recorded by the public body.” 5 ILCS 120/2.06(g). In compliance with the Act, the Board of Trustees of Eureka Public Library District has adopted this policy to provide the following rules and guidelines for public participation at its meetings.

1. Visitors attending a Library Board meeting are provided with an agenda. The President of the Board, at a designated time, will recognize members of the public who wish to speak on an agenda item.
2. Because all public meetings of the Board of Library Trustees are made a matter of public record, each speaker, when recognized, shall give his or her name, address, organizational affiliation, if any, and the agenda item to be addressed before presenting his or her views.
3. The Board President shall determine the order in which speakers will be recognized.
4. Comments and questions are to be directed to the Board and not to any individual.
5. Comments shall be limited to 5 minutes.
6. It is considered acceptable for Library Trustees, at any time, to ask questions or make comments as necessary to clarify the discussion. This is acceptable while a member of the public is commenting.
7. Individuals attending Library Board meetings must conduct themselves with respect and civility toward others. Abusive, profane, threatening, or harassing language and/or personal attacks will not be permitted. The Board President, or presiding officer may prohibit further comment at the meeting by a speaker whose remarks violate this rule.
8. The Board of Trustees of Eureka Public Library District is a deliberative body. The Board of Trustees receive communications, both oral and written, as a medium of information. It does not debate the contents of such communications, but considers them in making decisions and in the establishment of policy.

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