

DISTRICT BYLAWS

SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Current Bylaw Language

2.8. Public Comment

During Board meetings, other than a work session, public comment may be heard by the Board. Public comment during a Board meeting will be of two types:

- (1) Public comments of a general nature may be made under the public comment item on the agenda; or
- (2) Specific comments on any posted agenda item may be made following recognition of the speaker by the Board chair. Such comments may be made after the presentation of the item, or during the Board discussion of the item, if the speaker is called upon.

Public comments of either type will be accepted by the Board chair only after the person wishing to speak has completed an information card, which is available at the meeting. The card must contain the speaker's name, address, phone number, and the number of the agenda item that will be addressed, if applicable. A speaker may speak for three (3) minutes or less. Speakers shall address only the item for which they signed up, unless their general comment is heard during the Public Comment period. No speaker will be allowed to pass his time to someone else, nor will be permitted to repeat comments made by another, except to concur with those remarks.

Suggested Revised Bylaw Language

2.8. Public Comment

During District open meetings, ~~other than a work session~~, public comment may be heard by the Board. Public comment during a Board meeting will be of two types:

- (1) Public comments of a general nature may be made under the public comment item on the agenda; or
- (2) Specific comments on any posted agenda item may be made following recognition of the speaker by the Board chair. Such comments may be made either during the public comment item on the agenda before Board consideration or during Board consideration of the posted agenda item, as determined by the Board chair, ~~after the presentation of the item, or during the Board discussion of the item, if the speaker is called upon.~~

Public comments of either type will be accepted by the Board chair only after the person wishing to speak has completed an information card, which is available at the meeting. The card must contain the speakers name, address, phone number, and the number of the agenda item that will be addressed, if applicable. A speaker may speak for three (3) minutes or less. Speakers shall address only the item for which they signed up, unless their general comment is heard during the Public Comment period. No speaker will be allowed to pass his time to someone else, ~~nor will be permitted to repeat comments made by another, except to concur with those remarks.~~ A member of the public who addresses the body through a translator must be given at least twice the amount of time as a member of the public who does not require the assistance of a translator in order to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to address the body.

The District may not prohibit public criticism of the governmental body, including criticism of any act, omission, policy, procedure, program, or service, unless otherwise prohibited by law.