



BEDH - PUBLIC INPUT AT BOARD MEETINGS

In order to enhance transparency and accountability, the Board of Trustees encourages the public to attend its public sessions to become better acquainted with the governance, finances, operations, and performance of the Academy, and so that the Board may have opportunities to hear directly from the public. All meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be open to the public. Each Board meeting shall include time for the public to address the Board.

During the time for public input, any person desiring to speak will come forward, clearly state their name and town when recognized by the Chairperson, and give their input. If needed, the Board shall set and use a procedure to enable equal opportunity to speak.

The Board vests in its Chairperson authority to limit the time of public input, to extend the time of public input, and to terminate the input of any person, while respecting the free speech rights of the public. The Board reserves its right to deliberate regarding public input, and, by majority vote, to act on its deliberations.

The Chairperson shall recognize any Trustee who wishes to address the Chairperson in response to public input.

References:

- New Hampshire Constitution, Part First, Articles 8 and 22
- NH RSA 91-A:2
- School District Governance Association of New Hampshire model policy BEDH of 7 March 2022

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