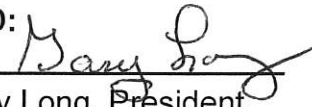


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APPROVED: (Signed)  (Typed) Gary Long, President Date: 2/20	Reviewed by:	Victor Johnson	Jim Mefford	Jim Mefford	Marvin Kinney	Gary Long
	Date:	11/10	2/11	04/2014	9/17	2/2020

I. PURPOSE:

It is recognized that the Board is a publicly elected body and according to State statute, all meetings are open to members of the public. Washington statutes do not prescribe a mechanism by which the public may address the Board at their meetings. It is the desire of the Board of Commissioners to establish reasonable guidelines by which the public can address them as a public body.

II. POLICY:

- A. The Board wishes to extend the privilege to the public of addressing them on relevant topics in a constructive and orderly manner.
- B. The President of the Board may set time limits, may require those wishing to speak to sign a roster, and may establish other rules for the orderly conduct of the meeting. Under the item of "Public Comment" on the Board's regular meeting agenda, or when called upon, each person addressing the Board shall step in front of the Board, will give his/her full name and address for the record, and shall limit their comments to the time allotted by the Board President. All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a body, and not to any Board member specifically. No person, other than members of the Board and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion either directly or through the members of the Board. No questions shall be responded to by Board members, or others in attendance, except as may be permitted by the President. The person giving the public comment may summarize their comments and provide a written one page document to the Board for inclusion with the minutes. The person's comments will not be included in the written minutes but will be included as an exhibit to the minutes of that month's meeting.
- C. After hearing any public comment, the President will thank those individuals that address the Board.
- D. **Behavior** - within the purview of State statutes, the Board is not expected to tolerate the behavior of any person making personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks, who shall become boisterous while addressing the Board, or violate the rules established

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by the President or this policy. In the event of this type of behavior, it is within the authority of the Board President to remove the individual or individuals from the meeting. If order cannot be restored the governing body may order the room cleared and continue in session or may declare the meeting adjourned. Meeting will then commence at another location selected by a majority of the members.

III. PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

- A. This policy will be discussed and executed at a Board meeting so that the information contained herein is of a public nature. The policy will be contained with the Board's policies and copies will also be distributed to each Board member. This policy will be posted on the District's website so that the public will have knowledge of the public comment procedure.

IV. REFERENCE SECTION:

- A. References: N/A
- B. Distribution: Board Handbook
- C. Supersedes: None
- D. Prepared/Updated by: Board of Commissioners
- E. Reviewed by: Board of Commissioners and Superintendent
- F. Approved by: Board of Commissioners
- G. Joint Commission Standard: N/A