

GUIDELINES FOR SPEAKING BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. A person wishing to speak needs to sign in on the sign-in-sheet when entering the lobby.

When called upon by the Presiding Officer, each speaker must identify themselves for the record.

2. Speakers are allowed five minutes in Open Forum to speak on an item of concern or a posted agenda item. Comments on posted agenda items during the item's consideration are limited to three minutes when the item is introduced to facilitate the order of business for action items. Speakers who address the Board through a translator will be given at least twice the allotted time.

3. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Directors cannot discuss or act on an unposted item. The Presiding Officer may reply or inquire of the General Manager to provide; 1) a statement of fact regarding the item; 2) a statement concerning the related policy of the item; 3) propose the staff research the item.

4. Speakers shall address the board in a manner that permits the orderly and efficient conduct of the meeting. The use of threatening language, gender or racial slurs or conduct that disrupts, delays, or otherwise interferes with the Board's ability to conduct its business, is strictly prohibited, and may result in cancellation of a speaker's remaining time or removal from the meeting as necessary to restore order.