## **Policy Information**

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Participation by the Public at Board Meetings Policy # 2230, 2.3

## **POLICY**

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## SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC AT BOARD MEETINGS

All Board of Cooperative Educational Services meetings are open to the public. A "meeting" is defined as an official convening of a public body for the purpose of conducting public business. The Board and its committees, if any, are public bodies.

The public may be given time to voice opinions, recommendations, problems and constructive criticism. Members of the public wishing to make formal presentations before the Board should make arrangements in advance with the District Superintendent. The District Superintendent shall notify the Board President of the request in order that the presentation and the topic to be discussed may be included on the agenda. The President of the Board may also specify a time early on the agenda at which point chance visitors may address the Board.

The time limit for visitors to speak shall be five minutes for individuals and fifteen minutes total.

This time limit may be extended at the discretion of the Board President.

The Board President shall be responsible for recognizing speakers, for maintaining proper order and for adherence to set time limits.

Whenever a regular meeting is scheduled, there will be at least seventy-two (72) hours notice in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law. Notice of special meetings shall be given as soon as is practicable in accordance with law.

Chapter 704 of the Laws of 1979 Public Officers Law Sections 97, 99, 100 and 101

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