

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**POLICY No. 902
COMMUNITY**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS

The Board recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interests.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every public meeting of the Board and shall adopt rules to govern such public participation in Board meetings.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

1. No person shall speak for more than three minutes, unless the time limit is waived by a majority of the Board members present. When there are a large number of speakers to be heard, the Board may shorten the time allotted each speaker.
2. The presiding officer may terminate a speaker's privilege of address if, after being warned, the speaker persists in improper conduct or remarks.
3. Members of the Board and the Superintendent may interrogate a speaker or make comments in response to the speaker's remarks.
4. At a public meeting of the Board no person shall orally initiate charges or complaints against individual employees. All such charges, complaints or challenges shall be presented to the Superintendent in writing, signed by the complainant.

Reference: NRS 392.480 (2)
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