

Policy: Public Comments at Board Meetings

The public is invited to attend all meetings of the Sedalia Public Library Board of Trustees, except those designated as executive (closed) session.

Members of the public are welcome to address comments to the Board as set forth below and in accordance with Roberts Rule of Order:

1. The item "Public Comment" is included on every agenda and is an opportunity for members of the public to speak.
2. Each person desiring to be heard, when recognized by the Presiding Officer, shall first state his or her name and address before commenting.
3. Public comment is limited to 5 minutes per person. The Presiding Officer will start the timer when the speaker begins and the speaker should conclude their remarks in the allotted time frame.
4. The Board of Trustees does not generally respond to public comments during the course of the meeting. The public comments portion of the meeting is intended as an opportunity for the public to make the Board members aware of public concerns and issues, but is not intended for the Board to conduct a dialogue or debate with the public.
5. The Presiding Officer shall rule "out of order" all comments which are irrelevant, repetitious, derogatory of persons, businesses or organizations, or which include language or behavior that is unlawful.

These rules may be suspended by motion and majority vote of the Board.

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