

**WESTERN NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

SECTION: Board of Governors 800.0000.79
SUBSECTION: Board Meetings 830.0000.79

Public Participation in Meetings
Policy Number: 830.1000.79

POLICY

The Board recognizes the desirability of public involvement in the making of decisions concerning the College. To make such involvement as productive as possible, any group or individual wishing to bring a matter to the Board's attention will apply through the President's Office or through the Chairperson. It shall be the President's or Chairperson's responsibility to inform him/her, where appropriate, of individuals or units within the College with whom he/she should work to find a solution. If, after having taken all the recommended steps, he/she is not able to find satisfaction, he/she may request the President or Chairperson to place the topic of his/her concern on the agenda for the next Board meeting. Such requests will be automatically honored if made at least two weeks prior to a regularly scheduled Board meeting. At that time, the President and/or Chairperson will summarize the efforts that have been made and recommend a course of action for the Board's consideration. The individual initiating the request will be invited to address the Board for up to five minutes and to respond to questions from the Board.

This procedure will be followed in all cases where action by the Board is desired. In addition, the Board invites community members to make comments or reports on topics connected with the College's operation. Each speaker will be limited to a five-minute presentation unless extended by a majority vote of Board members present and voting.

The Chairperson shall, subject to being overruled by a majority vote of the Board members present and voting, have authority to refer the individual to the proper administrative officer.

DEFINITIONS

N/A

APPLICABILITY

N/A

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Prior Policy/Procedure Number:

Schedule for Review:

Divisions/Department Responsible for Review and Update:

Sponsoring Division/Department:

Rescinded Date:

Cross Reference:

Procedure(s) for Policy:

Related Policies/References: