

Public Participation at Board Meetings

Community Leadership Academy, Inc. / Victory Preparatory Academy meetings are open to the public so that citizens may have the benefit of observing Board business. All formal action by the Board of Directors takes place during the public meetings. Closed sessions may be held to discuss the purchase or lease of property, certain student or employee matters, negotiations, legal matters, and other purposes as allowed by law.

Public Commentary

Public commentary shall be allowed during a Board Meeting during the Audience Comments portion of the board meeting. Public commentary shall be limited to an accumulated time of 30 minutes. Time may be extended at the discretion of the Board President.

Persons who wish to address the Board at board meetings shall complete a Public Comment Card. This form must be presented to the Board President before the beginning of the meeting.

Public comments shall be limited to 3 minutes per person.

The Board President or presiding chair shall state the person's name and the organization or agency, if any, that they represent prior to the person speaking.

General Rules

- One (1) speaker may not yield his/her time to another. No person may speak more than once.
- Each speaker should state their name and affiliation to any agency before they speak.
- Individuals with concerns or complaints about school employees must use the protocol outlined in the Complaint/Grievance Policy.
- Employees have legal rights and may request a closed meeting if complaints reach the Board level.
- Speakers addressing the Board shall take into consideration the rules of common courtesy. Speakers who make attacks of a personal nature against employees, volunteers, students, parents, community members, or members of the Board shall be reminded by the Board President or presiding chair that comments of an inflammatory or inaccurate nature could put the individual at risk of civil action for defamation of character.
- Individuals who do not abide by rules of common courtesy will be reminded by the Board president or presiding chair of such rules. Such individuals may be asked to leave the meeting if their behavior is disruptive or interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting.
- Members of the Board or employees will not answer questions or comments during the public comment period(s). Persons requesting an individual response shall note their request on the Public Comment Card. The individual's name, address, and phone number shall be taken on the Public Comment Card for review.