

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The Alexandria City School Board welcomes communications from the community regarding matters of general importance to the operation of the school division. The Board is committed to a public participation process that is equitable and inclusive.

Members of the community are invited and encouraged to attend meetings of the Board to observe its deliberations. Members of the community may address the Board on matters related to Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) at any regular meeting and at public hearings. Persons wishing to address the Board at regular meetings or public hearings are requested to contact the Clerk of the Board for placement on the agenda in accordance with Regulation BDDH-R/KD-R. The Board does not take public comments at work sessions.

The Board Chair is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and rules on such matters as the appropriateness of the subject being presented and length of time for such presentation.

Up to one hour will be allocated at each regular meeting for community members to present matters of public concern related to the operation of the school division.

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78, 22.1-253.13:7.
2016 Op. Va. Att’y Gen. 15-020.

Baca v. Moreno Valley Unified Sch. District, 936 F. Supp. 719 (C.D. Cal. 1996).

Leventhal v. Vista Unified School District, 973 F. Supp. 951 (S.D. Cal. 1997).

Bach v. School Board of the City of Virginia Beach, 139 F. Supp. 2d. 738, 743 (E.D. Va. 2001).

Cross Refs.:	BDDE	Rules of Order
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Commented [1]: Belief statement moved from the regulation to the policy.

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Commented [MS2]: Added to make it clear that regular meetings and public hearings are the two types of meetings where public comments can be provided.

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