

THE SOUTH NASSAU WATER AUTHORITY

Public Participation at Board Meeting Policy

The Authority complies with the Open Meetings Law of New York State. Its meetings are open to the public.

The State's Open Meetings Law does not include any provisions about the public addressing the Board during its meetings. However, the Board will allow visitors to its meetings to address the Board. In order for the Board to fulfill its obligation to complete its scheduled agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of thirty minutes of public participation will be permitted at during each meeting.

All persons wishing to address to the Board are required to sign in prior to the call of order and will be recognized in the order in which they signed-in. Each speaker is given a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the Board. If several persons wish to speak, each will be allotted a maximum of three (3) minutes until the public participation of 30 minutes is used. Persons who address the Board may speak only once per meeting and for no longer than a maximum of three (3) minutes each. Individuals reading comments on behalf of another are still limited to one three minute period. Speakers must limit their topic to Authority matters only.

The Board's presiding Director at the meeting will introduce each registered speaker and will keep track of the time. The Board appreciates comments from the public, but may not address the issues.

If the speaker wishes to share additional comments, he/she may schedule an appointment with the Authority.

Undue interruption or other interference with the orderly conduct of Board business cannot be allowed. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order. The presiding officer may terminate the speaker's privilege of address if, after being called to order, he or she persists in improper conduct or remarks.

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