

PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

DATE: May 5th 2020

NUMBER: 3.03

PURPOSE:

MCL 15.263 (5) A person shall be permitted to address a meeting of a public body under rules established and recorded by the public body. The Board Chair may provide by rule that the right to address may be limited to prescribed times only.

PROCEDURE:

Pursuant to the EUPTA's rule-making authority set forth in the Michigan's Open Meetings Act, the rules governing public comment at all board meetings of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority (EUPTA) will be as follows:

1. There shall be a public comment period at the beginning of the meeting agenda for all EUPTA board meetings.
2. All persons wishing to address the board and comment upon EUPTA business during that public comment period at such meetings shall sign in via Public Comment Sign in Sheet.
3. All speakers will be limited to one (1) opportunity to speak per meeting.
4. Only those persons who have signed in will thereafter be called upon by the Chairman during that public comment period to address the board and comment upon EUPTA business.
5. All those speakers called upon shall first identify themselves before comment.
6. Speakers shall limit their commentary to two (2) minutes. Should any speaker wish to offer further comment to the board beyond the time allotted, they may tender such further comments in written form to the chair.
7. Speakers shall relate their commentary to matters of EUPTA business.
8. Speakers shall at all times address the board, not the audience.
9. Speakers shall confine their remarks to commentary.

10. Speakers shall not use their commentary in an attempt to interrogate board members nor in an attempt to force the body to engage in debate.

11. Speakers shall refrain from unduly repetitious commentary.

12. Speakers shall not employ profane or threatening language nor shall they engage in any personal attacks.

13. Speakers shall respect both the decorum of the public meeting and the authority of the Chair, as the boards' presiding officer.

14. Speakers whose behavior disrupt the conduct of the public meeting or threaten the public safety are subject to removal from the meeting upon a finding by the Chair that the speaker's behavior has violated this rule.

15. The board of directors will not engage in dialogue with the public. If a member of the board of directors choses to comment, they shall do so under the Board Comment portion of the agenda.

ADOPTED: 5/5/2020

AMENDED: