

Guidelines for Comment at Board Committee Meetings

The Board of Directors adopted the following guidelines on March 14, 2006.

The Board recommends the following guidelines for comment at Board committee meetings by people who are not committee members. Each committee may adopt their own rules for comment in place of these guidelines.

Board members not appointed to a committee are invited to participate freely in committee discussion.

A committee may invite a person who is not a member to participate freely in committee discussion as a guest.

A person who is not a member of a committee and who is neither a Board member nor invited guest may participate in committee discussions subject to certain conditions:

1. They may speak briefly on each topic of discussion or agenda item. A minute is a reasonable length of time to speak. The committee can allow more time.
2. They are free to answer questions from committee members.

A committee may decide at any time to postpone comments by people who are not members until the end of the agenda item or meeting.