

## Cooperative Boards

### **Public Participation at Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board**

At each regular and special open meeting, the members of the public and NDSEC employees may comment on or ask questions of the Boards, subject to reasonable constraints.

The individuals appearing before the Boards are expected to follow these guidelines:

1. Address the Boards only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Chairpersons.
2. Identify him or herself and be brief. Ordinarily, such comments shall be limited to 5 minutes. In unusual circumstances, and when the person has given advance notice of the need to speak for a longer period of time, such person may be allowed to speak for more than 5 minutes.
3. The Boards' Chairperson may shorten or lengthen a person's opportunity to speak. The Chairperson may also deny the opportunity to speak to a person who has previously addressed the Board on the same subject within the past 2 months.
4. The Boards' Chairperson shall have the authority to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise defined in Board policy.
5. Conduct oneself with respect and civility toward others and otherwise abide by Board policy, 8:30, *Visitors to and Conduct on Cooperative Property*.

Petitions or written correspondence to the Board shall be presented to the Board at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

LEGAL REF.: 5 ILCS 120/2.06.  
105 ILCS 5/10-6 and 5/10-16.

CROSS REF.: 2:220 (Board Meeting Procedure), 8:10 (Connection with the Community), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on Cooperative Property)

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