



Noble Network Board of Directors Public Participation Policy

Per the Open Meetings Act, members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Noble Network Board of Directors and participate in the public comment portion of the agenda. The Noble Board of Directors allocates for up to 45-minutes of public participation, including the transition time between speakers, during each meeting. Public participation will not be permitted outside of the designated public comment portion of the meeting. This policy establishes guidelines that shall govern public participation at Board and Committee meetings.

Registration

All members of the public that would like to attend a meeting of the Noble Network Board of Directors are requested to register. Members of the public are welcome to register in advance by visiting <http://nobleschools.org/board/>. Advance registration will open two business days prior to the meeting and will close after 25 speakers have registered. Registration will be available on-site the day of the meeting. Registered speakers who do not have an opportunity to speak within the 45 minutes designated for public participation can register to speak at the next meeting.

Speaker Remarks

Speakers will be called according to the order in which they registered. When called by the Board Secretary, a speaker shall proceed promptly to the podium where s/he will have two minutes to address the Board. Speakers are not permitted to cede their time to another person. The Board Secretary will track time on a timer visible to the speaker. When the two minutes is up, speakers must end their presentation to allow the next speaker to begin.

Posters and Placards

Hand-held posters and placards are not allowed outside of the public participation portion of the agenda.

Written Testimony

Any person who is unable, for any reason, to speak at a Board meeting may submit written testimony to the Board Secretary by the close of the meeting for the consideration of the Board members.

Media

A specific area of the meeting space will be designated for members of the media who wish to cover the Board meeting.

Behavior

All members of the public are expected to exhibit courteous, respectful, and civil behavior and refrain from engaging in any threatening, harassing, disruptive, or other behavior which impede the orderly and productive conduct of the meeting. Further, members of the public shall refrain from the use of vulgar or obscene language. Violators of this expectation may be asked to leave because of disruptive behavior.

Authority of Board Chair

The Board Chair, or his/her designee, shall have the authority to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise defined in Board policy and request that repetitive comments be minimized.