

Script for Public Comment

The Albemarle County School Board welcomes public input on matters related to **School Board governance** and **Division operations**.

For tonight's meeting, we have **more than 20 individuals signed up to speak**. In accordance with School Board procedures, speakers were selected through a random **drawing**. Each speaker will have **two minutes**, and the total public comment period will not exceed **40 minutes** unless the the Board votes to extend the time.

When you are recognized, please come forward, state **your name** and **your address or magisterial district** for the record.

As a reminder, public comment should be addressed to the School Board as a body and should relate to School Board governance or Division operations. Speakers may refer to individual Board members, Division leaders, or staff when the comments relate to official actions, decisions, or matters within the authority of the School Board.

Public comment is not a forum for debate. Threats, profanity, obscenity, disclosure of confidential student information or personnel matters, or conduct that disrupts the orderly operation of the meeting are not permitted. Comments should be directed to **the School Board as a body** and should relate to matters within the Board's work and the operation of the Division. This is **not a forum for debate** with Board members, for **personal attacks**, or for remarks directed at **individual Board members or staff**. We ask that all comments remain **respectful** and **on topic**.

A timer will be used to track each speaker's time. ~~speaking time~~. When your time has expired, please **conclude your remarks promptly**. If you have ~~W~~written comments ~~and or~~ supporting materials ~~may be provided~~, you may provide those to **the Clerk** for the Board's consideration.

To help ~~us~~ maintain order and allow each speaker to be heard, ~~decorum~~, please do not **clap, boo**, or otherwise audibly express support or opposition during public comment. Those wishing to show ~~If you wish to show~~ support, you may ~~do so by~~ raise a hand or stand, ~~raising your hand or standing~~.

The Board will not engage in discussion with speakers during public comment. Please note that the Board does **not respond** during the public comment period. Board members may address matters raised during public comment later in the meeting under **Other Business**, as appropriate.