

Public Comments for Board Meetings

House Rules

1. All rules will be at the discretion of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners.
 - a. All individuals shall state their name, address and topic for comment.
 - b. All individuals shall address the Chair and shall not proceed with public comment until recognized by the Chair.
 - c. All remarks shall be directed to the Board as a collective body and not to any individual member thereof.
 - d. Use of threatening, obscene, profane, disruptive, or abusive language is prohibited.
 - e. An individual called to order by the Chair shall immediately desist from speaking until permitted to continue by the Chair.
 - f. Public comment by an individual shall be limited to three minutes unless permission to continue is given by motion adopted by the Board.
2. For those desiring to provide an in-person public comment at a Board of Commissioners meeting, potential speakers must sign up on the link provided on our website (BiStateDev.org/speaker) no later than 16 hours prior to the Board meeting. Speakers must show up to the Board meeting by 8:20 AM the day of the meeting.
3. We will allow for a total of ten speakers.
4. We will continue to allow for on-line public comments up to 16 hours in advance of the meeting.
5. Speakers will have no more than three minutes each to speak. A timer will be available for the speaker and Chair or another designated individual to monitor.
6. Speakers will have an order to present. The next speaker will be asked to make their way to the speaker area while the speaker before them is presenting.
7. All persons in the Boardroom must remain quiet while others are speaking.
8. No public comment shall be allowed addressing any pending bid protest, litigation, or legal matter to which the Agency, its Commissioners, officers, directors, employees, or agents are a party.
9. When all public comments are finished, the speakers will need to leave the room prior to Executive Session.
10. As our Commissioners are volunteers, we want this to be efficient for all; therefore, we ask for no redundancy. If someone has already made a similar comment, there is no need for another to speak on it.
11. If House Rules are not followed, future in-person public comments may be terminated.