

POLICY

**Subject: Rules for Public Participation at Dickinson County
Library Board Meetings**

Adopted: April 13, 2004

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Reviewed: September 19, 2022

1. All regular meetings of the Dickinson County Library Board shall provide for two (2) Public Participation sessions on the agenda. The agenda for a Special Meeting of the Library Board shall provide for one Public Participation preceding discussion of items on the agenda.
2. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and are requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
3. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five (5) minutes duration.
4. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
5. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question board members, staff or other participants individually.
6. The presiding officer may:
 - a. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant.
 - b. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum.
 - c. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting.
 - d. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.
7. The Library Board will take all concerns under advisement.

(Adopted from Dickinson County Board of Commissioners Rules for Public Participation at County Board Meetings)