

Public Hearing Policy

At such time/s as it wishes to seek public input on a specific topic the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library Board of Trustees may hold public hearings.

The Board will set the date, time and location of the hearing and make announcement to the public. The topic of the hearing will be clearly stated.

Sign up for speakers will begin 30 minutes prior to commencement of the hearing outside the door of the hearing room.

Speakers will be called in order to the podium by the Board Chair. Each speaker must state his or her name. Each speaker may speak for 3 minutes. Remarks will be addressed to the Board as a whole and must be confined to the topic of the hearing. No one may speak a second time until all who wish to speak have spoken once. Each second appearance during a hearing is limited to 3 minutes.

Written transcripts of remarks may be handed to the Board Chair.

The Board of Trustees will neither question nor respond to speakers during the hearing.

During public hearings the Board will try to hear everyone who wishes to speak on a topic, but sometimes discussion must be limited because of time constraints. The Chair may terminate the hearing after two hours even though all seeking to speak have not been heard.

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