

**Board of Director's Policy  
Governance 200 Series****Policy # 200.15****Public Comment Guidelines**

PCCS Board meetings are set up in order that the business of the Board may be conducted in public. We strive for a balance between conducting board business and receiving input from the public. The Board's goal is to make the absolute best use of everyone's time and resources.

The Board looks forward to receiving your comments, concerns and questions and therefore requests that you consider the following:

1. Questions/ comments and concerns may be submitted to the President in advance of the meeting. This will assist the Board in responding effectively to the issues.
2. The total amount of time devoted to public comment will be no more than 20 minutes. The President *may* make exceptions as needed.
3. Each speaker may address the Board for up to 4 minutes. The President *may* make exceptions as needed.
4. It is not a requirement that the Board will respond to criticism of its own actions or those of a member of the staff in Open Public Session.
5. Public comment may not include specific reference to the performance of an individual staff member, member of the board, or the behavior of a specific student. Comments made must be respectful of the person, factual, as brief as possible, void of criticism, , and void of profanity.
6. In accordance with OMA requirements and regulations, members of the public may request an audience in Closed Session of the Board if allegations of wrongdoing, unprofessional conduct or performance of an employee or board member are the subject of the comments to be made.
7. If a member of the public wishes they may request of the Board President that an issue be placed on the agenda for an upcoming Board Meeting.

The Board President, or Vice President when acting in the absence of the President, may direct a member of the public to cease public comment if the party is violating the intent of these guidelines which is to assure an appropriate public environment in which to carry out the business of the public body.

**Adoption Dates:**

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