

Fontana Regional Library Board of Trustees Public Comment Procedures



1. Public Comments are only permitted during the 30-minute time period designated in the meeting agenda.
2. If the board believes more time is warranted for public comment, it can choose to extend the overall time period, with a motion and a second vote by the board.
3. In order to participate in the public comment period, sign up before the meeting begins is required.
4. People who sign-up for public comment must reside in one of the counties served by FRL (Jackson, Macon, or Swain).
5. Time to speak is limited to three (3) minutes and time may not be yielded by another speaker. A speaker is only allowed to sign up for one three-minute period per public comment period.
6. Groups wishing to comment must select one representative to present the group's view.
7. The Chairperson is the designated spokesperson for the Board. As spokesperson, the Chairperson will call names from the sign-in sheet in the order they are listed.
8. All speakers are to address their remarks to the board members not to the members of the public.
9. Demonstrations (clapping, cheering, booing) are not allowed.
10. The Chairperson and Board shall not engage in dialogue with the speakers, and there shall be no debate.
11. Personnel issues cannot be discussed in open session.
12. Additional agenda items will not be added after public comment, and there is no guarantee that suggestions brought forth by the public during the comment session will be addressed by the Board at a future meeting. The Board may refer any matter of public comment to the Library Director, County Librarian, or Branch Librarian.
13. We appreciate your coming to this meeting. Thank you for attending and sharing your thoughts with us.