

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Marion Public Library

There is an opportunity at every board meeting for public comment. Any visitor wishing to speak must make this known to the board president before the meeting begins. The visitor will be recognized and introduced by the president during the public comment period. After recognition by the president, the visitor will state name, address, and group affiliation (if appropriate), and speak for a maximum of five minutes.

During the meeting, the board will listen, but will not respond to those who speak. If a response is needed, it will come after the board has had time to deliberate the issue, seek additional information, or take recommendations from the director. However, the board may ask questions for clarification.

It is important to note that a library board meeting is a meeting conducted in public, not a public meeting. In other words, the public, and possibly media representatives, are there to watch the board work, not to participate in the board meeting. There will be separate seating available for visitors.

The public cannot attend closed sessions.

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