

2.3 Policy on Citizen Input and Conduct at Board Meetings

It is important to note that a 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

Citizen Input

Individuals, or groups, wishing to address the Library Board are encouraged to complete an Agenda Request Form to request that an item be put on the agenda for discussion, or action, at a regular board meeting. The deadline for such requests is noon on the second Thursday of the month preceding the meeting of the Trustees.

The public is welcome, and encouraged, to attend any and all meetings of the Gibson County Memorial Library Board of Trustees. In order to facilitate input regarding board actions and activities, the following procedures will be followed at all meetings:

Public Comment

Citizen input shall be heard during the public comment section on the agenda. This is an opportunity to address items not on the agenda. The following procedures will be followed:

- You may speak to one issue per meeting.
- After recognition by the Board Chairman, state your name, address and group affiliation (if applicable).
- You may speak for a maximum of three (3) minutes on your chosen issue.

The Gibson County Memorial Library Board will listen to your commentary and may ask questions for clarification. It should be noted that this is a time for listening, not uncontrolled debate. If there is a need for response from the board, it should come at a later time when the board has had time to deliberate the issue or to seek more information.