

Peru Public Library Public Comment Policy

1. Public comments are permitted during the time designated on the meeting agenda.
2. The Presiding Officer may grant a request to address the Board during other portions of the meeting.
3. The Presiding Officer has discretion to determine the length of time, up to 3 minutes per individual speaker
4. The Presiding Officer determines the order in which speakers will be recognized.
5. Each speaker shall provide his/her name, address, group affiliation (if any) and topic
 - a. If more than one member from a group wishes to speak, the group must select one representative of the group to present the group's view. In such case, the representative will be allowed to speak for 5 minutes.
 - b. Topics of public comments must be library related.
6. Comments are addressed to the Library Board
 - a. Personal attacks on the Library Board members, staff members or others will not be tolerated, nor will language that is considered offensive, harassing, profane or repetitive in nature.
7. Response from the Board, if needed, will come at a later date when the Board has had time to discuss the issue, to seek more information, or to review recommendations from the Director(s).
8. Written materials presented to the Board will be included in the library's files rather than the minutes.

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