

Public Participation Policy  
Resolution # R-06-4-3

Meetings of the Oberlin Public Library's Board of Trustees are public meetings, which mean the meetings may be observed by members of the public. The meetings are business meetings intended to allow the board to vote and act upon necessary business. Although the meetings are open to the public to observe, they are not meant to be general discussions among all in attendance. Therefore, observers do not participate in the work of the Board.

The Board welcomes public input. The purpose of this policy is to allow the Board to meet that goal, and also allow the Board to complete its business in a timely and efficient manner. If you would like to ask questions or make brief comments on an item open for discussion, the Board President, at the President's discretion, will recognize you at the conclusion of Board discussion and prior to a vote being taken. The agenda of the Board meeting shall also include an item for public comment. The Board may withhold response to such public comment until another time, after the members have had an opportunity to gather and consider relevant information and can be assured that their response is accurate. If there is more than one person wanting to address the Board, residents of Oberlin Public Library's service area will get priority. The total number of people able to address the Board during any one meeting will be left to the discretion of the President, depending upon time constraints.

Each person wishing to address the Board shall:

- Be limited to a maximum of three minutes
- Address the President and, when recognized, must provide his/her name and address for inclusion in the official record of the meeting
- Refrain from speaking a second time until all other members of the public desiring to speak have spoken

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