

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Babylon Public Library Board encourages public comment at Board meetings. Two periods for public expression are provided at each regular meeting of the Board. During these periods the Board President will ask for brief comments from the public and may set a limit on such comments, individual comments and/or all comments in the aggregate.

Persons wishing to speak will identify themselves, any organizations they may be representing at the meeting and, where applicable, the agenda topic they wish to discuss. Comments should be as brief as possible and relate to public library matters.

The Board President is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as; the time to be allowed for public expression; the appropriateness of the subject being presented; and the "timeliness" of such presentation. The Board President may limit public expression of each speaker to a three minute presentation inclusive of any response.

Undue interruption or other interference with the orderly conduct of Board business will not be permitted. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order. The presiding officer may terminate the speaker's privilege of address if, after being advised of improper conduct or remarks he or she persists. Continued violation may result in the individual being excluded from the meeting.

At a public meeting of the Board, no persons shall verbally initiate charges or complaints against individual employees of the library or challenge materials owned by the library. All such charges, complaints, or challenges shall be presented to the Library Director or the Board in writing, signed by the complainant. All such charges, if properly presented, shall be referred to the Library Director for review and appropriate action, if any.

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