

Public Participation at Board Meetings

The Board of Health of the Wood County General Health District recognizes the value of public comment on issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on matters of community interest.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment(s), the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every regular meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation in Board meetings on their web site.

A period for public participation at the beginning of every regular meeting of the Board shall be for comment.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may participate during the public portion of a meeting.
- B. Attendees must register their intention to participate in the public portion of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting (see sign-in sheet).
- C. The presiding officer may:
 1. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
 2. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
 3. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
 4. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.