

The Southern Nevada Community Health Center recognizes that its deliberative process benefits from public input and perspective. At the same time, it wishes to organize its agendas and use its meeting time effectively and ensure an equitable allocation of time to speakers.

Accordingly, it is the policy of the Board that members of the public shall have the right and shall be encouraged to be heard at Board meetings. This right may be exercised as follows:

1. Public Comments. There will be two public comment periods. One at the beginning of the meeting before any items on which action may be taken are heard and one before adjournment. The public comment period at the beginning of the meeting will be limited to those items listed on the agenda. The public comment period held before adjournment is a general public comment period and speakers may address the Board about any items within its jurisdiction. Speakers will be given five (5) minutes to address the Board.
  - a) The Board is unable to take action on any item raised on these comments until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. However, the Board can provide direction to staff.
  - b) Once the public comment period is closed, no additional public comment will be accepted.
  - c) No person may yield his or her time to another person.
  - d) In those situations where large groups of people desire to address the Board on the same matter, the Board Chair may request that those groups select only one or two speakers from the group to address the Board on behalf of the group.
2. Comments may be prohibited if not relevant to, within the authority of the Board, or willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, irrational, amounting to personal attacks, or interfering with the rights of other speakers.
3. The Board reserves the right to waive or alter this procedure if in the opinion of the Board it is warranted by the circumstances of any particular meeting.
4. At each meeting, the Chair may read speaker guidelines prior to receiving public input.

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