

April 27, 2016

**RESCIND BOARD REPORT 11-0126-RS4 AND
ADOPT NEW GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT THE CHICAGO BOARD OF
EDUCATION'S FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, Board Rule 1-10 created the Finance and Audit Committee, a public body;

WHEREAS, the Open Meetings Act specifies that any person shall be permitted the opportunity to address public officials under rules established by the public body (5 ILCS 120/2.06(g));

WHEREAS, the Board adopted Board Resolution 11-0126-RS4 on January 26, 2011 which established Guidelines for Public Participation at the Board's Finance and Audit Committee meetings ("2011 Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS, the Board now rescinds the 2011 Guidelines and establishes new Guidelines for Public Participation at its Finance and Audit Committee Meetings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT:

The following Guidelines for Public Participation at the Chicago Board of Education's Finance and Audit Committee Meetings are effective immediately upon adoption:

- Public Participation testimony from educators, parents and members of the public will be available during the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting at the time noted on the published agenda.
- The Public Participation portion of the Committee's meeting shall last no more than twenty (20) minutes or until the last registered speaker has presented, whichever occurs first.
- Speakers must register in advance of the meeting by the time and process noted in the meeting agenda published by the Finance and Audit Committee.
- Each speaker will have two (2) minutes each to present their remarks. Speakers may not cede their time to another person.
- When called by the Board Secretary, a speaker shall proceed promptly to the microphone area to present their remarks and materials to the Finance and Audit Committee. Speakers shall end their presentation upon the request of the Board Secretary when their time is up to allow the next speaker to begin.
- Presentations by speakers during Public Participation will be limited to issues relevant to the Finance and Audit Committee and shall not contain comments of a personal nature directed towards individual Committee members, employees of the Board, or any other individual.
- It is the Chair's prerogative to limit the discussion of any speaker to allow for broad and diverse public participation.
- Courteous, respectful and civil behavior is expected from all speakers and all persons attending. Unsolicited comments and disruptive behavior are prohibited. Individuals who are disruptive may be given a warning and also, may, if necessary, be removed from the meeting. If any individual is removed from a meeting as a result of disruptive behavior, then the individual may forfeit their right of reentry to future meetings.
- An interpreter will be provided for those speakers who wish to make their remarks in Spanish.