

Policy Statement Regarding Public Comments at Library Board Meetings

The library board of the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library welcomes attendance by members of the public at its meetings. Members of the public are encouraged to express their comments during the “Public Comments” portion of the board meeting.

In order for the board to conduct the business of the library in an orderly and efficient manner, reasonable controls regulating public comment are necessary. Individuals wishing to be heard by the library board must complete the “Public Comments Sign-in Sheet” and be recognized by the president. After identifying themselves, speakers will make comments as briefly as the subject permits: five minutes or less.

The board president or board attorney may interrupt or terminate an individual’s statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant.

The library board will listen to public comments and may ask questions for clarification, but will not engage in discussion or debate. If there is a need for response from the board, it may come at a later time when the board has had time to deliberate the issue, to seek more information, or to review recommendations from the director.

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