

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

All official Board meetings are open to the public except executive sessions, which are convened in compliance with state law. However, participation in the meetings is not required by state law. The Cowley College Board of Trustees welcomes the attendance and participation of citizens in regular meetings and upon recognition by the Chairman, encourages questions or comments pertaining to items on the Agenda. Persons having other matters to be brought before the Board should submit these matters in writing to the President or Board Chairperson at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting, in order that items may be placed on the Agenda. In accordance with time requirements, the Chairman reserves the right to limit comments both in content and length of presentation.

1. No comments will be heard on matters which are not on the Agenda without the consent of the Board.
2. Persons wishing to speak shall identify themselves to the Board Clerk and state whether or not they represent the opinion of a group.
3. Each person may speak no longer than three minutes without specific consent of the Board or Chairperson.
4. Presentations containing information or comments related to College personnel or students may be referred for consideration in executive sessions.
5. The Chairperson reserves the right to limit the number of speakers.
6. Comments must be conveyed in a respectful and civil manner.
7. The Board reserves the right to withhold response or action based on public comment.
8. The Chairperson reserves the right to stop the proceedings and poll the Board to determine if a speaker may continue.
9. Any person acting in such a way as to disrupt the Board proceedings may be removed from the meeting place.