

**District XI Human Resource Council, Inc.**  
**Public Comment Rules for**  
**Meetings of the Board of Directors**  
**and Board Committee Meetings**

Public comment is permitted at the regular meetings of Board, which routinely occur on the second Thursday of each month; or at Board Committees as appropriate. The HRC Board's rules on public comment give every person an opportunity to be heard and to ensure that no individual suffers insult by exercising his or her right of free speech. Members of the audience shall respect the rights of others and shall not create noise or other disturbances so as to disrupt or disturb persons who are addressing the Board or Committee. Members of the audience are expected to respect the views of others.

Each member of the public is entitled to comment on matters before the Board/Committee for five minutes, or less if the Presiding Officer decides that given the number of speakers the time needs to be reduced. Each person desiring to give public comments shall provide the Board/Committee with his or her name and address prior to giving comment. This information shall be used to ensure the minutes of the meeting properly reflect those persons who provided public comment.

Public comment is a time for comment, it is not a time for debate, nor is it a time for members of the public to ask questions of and receive answers from the Board or staff.

Statements are to be directed to the Board/Committee as a whole and not to individual Board/Committee members or individual staff. Public comment is not intended to require Board/Committee members or staff to provide any answer to the speaker. Discussions between speakers and members of the audience will not be allowed during public comment.

Personal attacks on Board members, staff, or members of the public are not allowed. Anyone making out-of-order comments or acting in an unruly manner shall be subject to removal from the meeting. It is inappropriate to utilize this period for the purpose of making political speeches. All remarks should be addressed to matters of business before the Board/Committee.

The Presiding Officer shall have the right at any time to close comment by a person, when in the Presiding Officer's discretion, such input violates the provisions of these rules, or is otherwise irrelevant, repetitious, or disruptive.

Adopted by Board of Directors on May 10, 2018