

Public Comment in Boyden Library Board of Trustees Meetings

The Trustees welcome information, concerns, and opinions from Foxborough residents attending our meetings. In order to give those wishing to comment a fair opportunity to speak, ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law and other legal obligations, and avoid disruption of its meetings, the Trustees have adopted the following policy for comment periods during its meetings:

1. One comment period shall occur at or near the beginning of every Trustees meeting. The Chair may, at his or her discretion, set aside additional periods.
2. Public comment is dedicated only to matters within the Trustees responsibility or topics identified on the Board's meeting notice. Comments expressing any viewpoint on these matters are welcome.
3. Any person wishing to comment to the Board shall identify themselves by name and address of residence before commenting.
4. All comments shall be addressed through the Chair of the meeting.
5. Unless otherwise determined by the Chair, each speaker shall not exceed three minutes.
6. To ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law, privacy laws, and other legal obligations, the Board will not engage with a speaker or with one another in deliberation on comments as they are presented during comment periods. At its discretion, the Board may schedule issues raised by a speaker for deliberation at a future meeting.
7. In accordance with M.G.L. c.30A, §20(g), no person shall address a meeting of a public body without permission of the Chair, and all persons shall, at the request of the Chair, be silent. No person shall disrupt the proceedings of a meeting of a public body. If, after clear warning from the Chair, a person continues to disrupt the proceedings, the Chair may order the person to withdraw from the meeting and if the person does not withdraw, the Chair may authorize a constable or other officer, or the meeting host for any remote attendee, to remove the person from the meeting.

Approved by Boyden Library Board of Trustees, October 14, 2025