

## **Franklin County Electoral Board Public Comment Policy**

Any citizen of Franklin County may address the Franklin County Electoral Board at any public meeting. Those wishing to address the board should contact the Electoral Board secretary at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting and state the topic they plan to address. This requirement is not meant to limit any topic; rather, it allows the topic to be vetted to ensure it is within the purview of the board to address.

Requests to speak will be recognized by the Chairman in the order the requests have been received by the secretary. Speakers will be allotted three (3) minutes to give everyone an equal opportunity to speak. If a group wishes to speak, they must choose one person as the spokesperson for the group. Groups will be allotted five (5) minutes for a presentation.

### **Public Speaking Procedures:**

Speakers address the chair, state their full name and address, and make their presentation. Electoral board members wishing to ask questions of the speaker will request recognition from the chair prior to addressing speakers.

Board members may ask for clarification of presentations but will not debate or otherwise engage with public speakers as the board does not oblige itself to act on any proposals or presentations from public speakers.

At the end of each public meeting, the Chair will ask if there are any additional topics for the board to consider. At this time, those who want to address the board but have not signed up prior to the meeting may ask for recognition from the floor. The Chair will decide whether to hear additional public comments at this time.

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