



Public Comment Policy

A public comment period shall be included as an item of business on the agenda at each of the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Directors. There will be no public comment periods held during executive sessions, special meetings, or workshops, unless otherwise specified by the Board. All comments and suggestions to the Board Members during the public comment period shall be subject to the following guidelines:

1. Each person desiring to speak during the public comment period shall sign up to speak prior to the start of the meeting on the form provided at the door, by listing the speaker's name, address and the topic on which he or she will speak. Any related documents, printed comments, or materials the speaker wishes distributed to the Board Members shall be provided in sufficient amounts.
2. A total of thirty (30) minutes shall be set aside for public comment. At the end of this time, those who signed up to speak but have not yet been recognized may be requested to hold their comments until the next meeting's public comment period, at which time they will be given priority for expression. Alternatively, the Board, in its discretion, may extend the time allotted for public comment.
3. Each speaker will have a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. A speaker may not sign up to speak more than once during the same public comment period. No time may be yielded to a speaker by another speaker. To avoid repetitiveness, groups are encouraged to select a spokesperson to speak on their behalf. Additional time may be allowed at the discretion of the Board.
4. Speakers will be acknowledged to speak in the order in which their names appear on the sign-up sheet and shall begin their remarks by stating their name. Speakers may be required to address the Board Members from a designated location within the meeting room.
5. The Board will take each comment under advisement and may assign a staff member to follow up on any issue raised. Ethos Classical's Board of Director meetings are a public forum to provide transparency into the governance of the school. Engagement from the community is strongly encouraged and vital to that governance. The Board of Directors encourages speakers to maintain decorum and present their comments in a civil manner. The Board reserves the right to request any speaker engaging in personal attacks, or the use of obscene or derogatory language, to restate their position in a manner more appropriate for a school environment.