



D.E.L.T.A STEAM Academy Policies and Procedures

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The Governing Board of D.E.L.T.A. STEAM Academy adopts the following policy, effective on the date of adoption by the Board. If applicable, once adopted this policy replaces any previously approved school policy currently in place that provided direction on the items in this policy.

All meetings of D.E.L.T.A. STEAM Academy Governing Board that are not executive sessions are open to the public. Public comment is welcome during all regularly scheduled board meetings at the appropriate designated time. The Board meeting is a public meeting, therefore comments are subject to being recorded and open to public records.

All public comments must address a matter related to D.E.L.T.A. STEAM Academy. Because the Board is restricted in its ability to comment publicly on ongoing matters related to specific personnel or students, individuals wishing to comment on matters related to a staff member, student, student discipline, or comments that defame or implicate another's privacy rights can be addressed using alternate avenues of communication.

Individuals who wish to speak during the designated public comment period must register, prior to the meeting. Public comment forms will be available 30 minutes prior to the board meeting in the meeting room. For virtual meetings, all persons wishing to speak during public comment must email Board@deltasteamacademy.org at least 30 minutes before the start of the meeting to be placed on the public comment list.

The following information must be provided when signing-up to speak: name, address, email address, the agenda item or other topic to be addressed, and the speaker's relationship to the school or the organization being represented. Commenters who have signed-up to speak in accordance with these procedures will be recognized by the Board Chair and may speak for up to two (2) minutes. Commenters may not yield time to other individuals. The total time for public comment shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes. The

Board Chair may, at his or her sole discretion, extend a public comment period or have more than one public comment period at any given board meeting.

The board will not interact or respond to questions during the time a public comment is being made, as to not interfere with the amount of time a speaker is given. At the end of public comment, the board will take each comment under advisement and may assign follow-up if appropriate. Public comment about pending litigation, pending administrative actions, or matters that are currently under legal review will not receive a response.

Public commenters are expected to exhibit appropriate meeting decorum and shall be courteous towards Board members and other meeting attendees. The Board Chair or presiding officer reserves the right to interrupt or terminate a speaker's statements if the individual has exceeded the allotted time or if the nature of the comments are abusive or obscene. Speakers are reminded that while the content of their address is not restricted, they are liable for their own statements, and are encouraged to consider potential slanderous or confidential aspects of their remarks.

Persons who are unable to attend the governing board meeting but nevertheless still wish to submit written remarks to the governing board may do so by emailing Board@deltasteamacademy.org. The written comments received at least 30 minutes prior to the board meeting will be shared aloud up to the allotted time and circulated to all governing board members.