

NEWTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY CITIZENRY COMMENT POLICY

The Newton County Public Library Board of Trustees will conduct its meetings in compliance with the State Open Door Law, also known as Indiana Code 5-17-1.5-1, with Board meetings open for public observation and recording. While not required by law to allow the public to speak at these meetings, the Board of Trustees will allow time at each public meeting for Citizenry Comment as noted on each meetings' agenda.

Individual members of the public desiring to speak shall state their names and addresses, and shall limit their comments to a period not to exceed five (5) minutes. Citizens are asked to refrain from profanity, inappropriate or disruptive behavior. Such behaviors will result in those citizens being asked to leave the meeting.

In the event a group of people are in attendance, all having shared commentary, the group must appoint one (1) person to present the comments for the entire group.

The Board will not respond to questions during public meetings, requests for information, or requests for action. Appropriate response may be made at a later time after Board members have had sufficient opportunity to consider and deliberate on the issue.

The Board reserves the right to amend the standard meeting agenda in order to accommodate both public commentary and other business requiring the Board's attention.

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