Audience Participation

It is the board’s policy to encourage audience participation. Individuals wishing to be heard by the board shall first be recognized by the president. Individuals, after identifying themselves, will proceed to make comments as briefly as the subject permits. The president may interrupt or terminate an individual’s statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant. Accordingly, audience participation will normally be permitted as follows:

1. During that section of the agenda which calls for suggestions or questions from the audience.
2. Scheduled requests to appear before the board.
3. Situations when the board president believes a hearing climate is required.
4. When called upon by a board member or administrator.

Legal Reference:  
RCW 42.30.030 Meetings declared upon and public
RCW 42.30.050 Interruptions - Procedures

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