## **BOARD POLICY**

## PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES FOR THE PUBLIC, OBSERVERS AND MEDIA

It is the policy and intent of the Cabarrus County Board of Elections to conduct meetings in Accordance with the provisions of chapters 143 and 163 of the North Carolina General Statutes. All aspects of the process are open to observation by the public, political observers and the media with the exception of closed sessions which are conducted as set out in G.S. 143-318.11.

The following information is provided as a guideline for the public, political party observers and the media:

- Anyone wanting to speak at a Board of Elections meeting is requested to notify the Board director or Chair of the subject they wish to speak 2 business days before the next scheduled meeting. The two day waiting period may be waived at the discretion of the Board chair if there is a reason for urgency.
- All persons attending should provide their name and reason for speaking.
- Electronic devices should be silenced during the course of the meeting.

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- Conversations and electronic communication should not take place in the meeting room, but in the hall or front area of the office and at a level that will not disturb the ongoing meeting.
- Comments and questions should be directed to the Chair in an orderly fashion.
- During the course of the meeting, comments and questions shall be allowed at the discretion of the Chair.
- In the event of numerous persons with comments, these shall be limited to 2 minutes and received only during the designated comment period.

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| Adopted this day, March 3, 2020.  Martin M. Ricarf  Chair  Secretary | Member  Member  Member |
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