## **BP 1-17: Public Comment**

DCC BOARD POLICY 1-17

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NEXT REVIEW DATE: January 2026 REFERENCES: MCA 2-3-103

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: President's Office

The Dawson Community College Board of Trustees welcome and encourage Public Comment at public meetings. The following standards apply for public comment to be effective.

- 1) The Chair may, at their opinion, or shall on majority vote of the Board, recognize individual(s) to address the Board of Trustees after the Members have discussed the agenda items, but prior to a vote on the motion.
- 2) There shall be an agenda time for members of the public to address the Board of Trustees on non-agenda items. The Board of Trustees shall, however, take no action on concerns or requests made during this time.

## Guidelines for the public comment:

- The length of time for each speaker is at the discretion of the Chair, and is generally limited to three (3) minutes so the Board of Trustees may complete its necessary business;
- Written information must be submitted prior to the meeting;
- Individual(s) wishing to speak will identify themselves and state whether or not they represent an opinion of a group or themselves; and
- Information or comments related to Dawson Community College non-elected personnel may be referred to an Executive Session if needed.
- Public matters do not include any pending legal matters, private personnel issues or private student issues. Please do not attempt to address such issues at this time, or you will be ruled out of order.

SCOPE This policy applies to Dawson Community College.

PROCEDURES The College President shall promulgate such procedures as may be needed to implement this policy.

HISTORY: 3/27/2023