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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT MCCSB MEETINGS POLICY

The Board of Marion County Children Services recognizes the value of public comment on child protection issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on child protection matters of community interest.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the board provides a period for public participation at every regular meeting and publishes the following rules to govern such participation in board meetings.

The presiding chair shall administer the rules of the board for the conduct of those of those wishing to provide public comment.

The presiding chair shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Request if anyone wishes to address the board at the beginning of the board meeting.
- B. Determine when public participation would be most beneficial to the board. Will consider allowing public participation to occur after indicated on the order of business if deemed appropriate.
- C. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- D. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration, unless extended by the presiding officer.
- E. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
- F. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question board members individually.



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- G. The presiding officer may:
1. interrupt, warn or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant;
 2. request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
 3. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
 4. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
 5. waive these rules, with the approval of the board when necessary for the protection of privacy or the administration of the board's business.
- H. The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes, unless extended by a vote of the board.



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