

BOARD MEETINGS

Section 9 - Public Attendance and Participation

A. Open Meetings Act Poster

At least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act shall be posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. At the beginning of each meeting the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information by announcement of the president.

Legal Reference:	Nebraska Statute: 84-1412 (8)
Date of Adoption: Updated:	6/18/19

B. Attend

Members of the public shall be permitted to attend all Board meetings. Members of the public will not be required to identify themselves in order to be admitted to the meeting.

The Board may allow advisors, consultants, and other persons who are not participating as Board members to appear at the meeting via telephone or other similar means.

The president has the authority to ensure that all persons conduct themselves in an orderly manner at the meeting. Undue interruption or other interference with the orderly conduct of business will not be allowed. The president may order persons who are disorderly to be removed from the meeting.

Legal Reference:	Nebraska Statute: 84-1411 (3) and (6); 84-1412 (1) and (3)
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C. Hear

The Board shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at the meeting.

Legal Reference:	Nebraska Statute: 84-1412 (7)
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D. Record

Members of the public may use recording devices (tape recorder, video camera, etc.) to record any part of a meeting of the Board, except for closed sessions.

The president shall control the placement of any recording device so the device does not obstruct the view of Board members or other members of the public attending the meeting and does not otherwise interfere with the meeting.

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E. Access to Written Materials

At least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at an open meeting will be made available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public.

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F. Speak

Members of the public will be permitted to speak at Board meetings at which a public forum is on the Agenda. Members of the public may also speak when invited to make a presentation or when recognized by the president. The Board is not required to allow members of the public to speak at each meeting. However, the Board will not forbid public participation at all meetings.

Members of the public will not be required to have their name placed on the agenda prior to the meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda.

Members of the public who desire to address the Board will be required to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person, unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

The president shall have the authority to establish reasonable time limits for individual speakers and for the duration of public forum sessions.

Speakers will be permitted to address the Board consistent with free speech rights. However, offensive language, defamatory remarks, and hostile conduct will not be tolerated. Further, charges or complaints against an ESU #13 employee are not to be made for the first time at a public Board meeting without having followed the ESU #13 complaint procedure, except in the case of a personnel hearing before the Board.

Legal Reference:	Nebraska Statutes: 84-1412 (1) (2) and (3)
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