

**SCHOOL FOR INTEGRATED ACADEMICS & TECHNOLOGIES**

All regular, special and emergency meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and the media, except Closed Sessions as authorized by law.

**Public Comment Guidelines:** At a regular meeting, any person may address the Board concerning any item on the agenda and any other matters under the Board’s jurisdiction. At a special meeting, any person may address the Board only concerning the items on the agenda. The total time devoted to presentations to the Board on all public comment (including agenda items and non-agenda items at regular meetings) shall not exceed 30 minutes, unless additional time is granted by the Board. At the discretion of the Chairperson of the Board, individuals may be granted 5 minutes to make a presentation to the Board. Normally, individuals may be granted 2 minutes each for public comment.

**Limits on Public Comment:** Speakers during the public comment/participation period may offer such objective criticisms of school operations and programs as concern them. However, the Chairperson may curtail individual presentations if points raised in those presentations are repetitive of points raised by others, particularly if it appears the total allotted time may be exceeded. Any person who addresses the Board shall not make impertinent, slanderous or profane remarks to any Board member, staff or general public. Any person who makes such remarks, or who utters loud, threatening, personal or abusive language, or engages in any other disorderly conduct that disrupts, disturbs or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of any Board meeting shall, at the discretion of the Board Chairperson or a Board majority, be barred from further audience before the Board during that meeting.

In the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by a group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of such meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the Board may order the room cleared and continue the session. Only matters appearing on the agenda may be considered in such a session. Representatives of the press or other media, if not participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any such session.

**Requests to address the Board:** Prior to the beginning of the meeting, citizens seeking to address the Board on an item on the agenda or during time allocated for public comment shall complete the card, “Request to Address the Board” (located in the Board Meeting Room), and give it to the Board Chairperson or Board Secretary, or their designee.

**DATE OF ADOPTION BY THE BOARD: April 19, 2011**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS  
PUBLIC COMMENTS - OPEN**

**“REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - OPEN”**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to speak regarding agenda item(s) # \_\_\_\_\_

or other issues regarding \_\_\_\_\_

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Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this request to the Chairperson or the Secretary of the Board prior to the Board meeting. The Board Chairperson will invite comments by the audience during the section of the meeting designated for public comment. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes.

REF. SIATech Board Policy #1100