

**Policy Regarding Public Comment  
Campbell County Library Board  
December 20, 2021**

Although Board meetings are held as public, they are not meetings of the public. In most circumstances members of the public can attend our meetings. However, neither the Wyoming Open Meetings Law nor the First Amendment grant the public the right to speak at those meetings. Still, where others have chosen to suspend public comment this Board has not. Despite no legal requirement to hold public comment and despite the personal attacks directed at this Board during public comment we have allowed public comment during these meetings.

Going forward, there will be clear protocols with respect to public comment during the meetings.

1. All comments are expected to be respectful and directed to the Board as a whole rather than individual members. No inappropriate comments or behavior will be tolerated. Inappropriate behavior is defined as attempting to engage individual Board members in conversation, insults, obscenities, or profanity, attacks against any person in their personal capacity, and/or physical violence or any threat thereof.

Any inappropriate conduct, whether verbal or behavior, will be challenged with a point of order from any member of the Board, or the chairperson may interrupt an offending speaker to enforce this ruling. In such events, the chairperson may rule the speaker out of order. If a speaker who has been ruled out of order refuses to immediately conform their behavior to these rules, the speaker will be asked to leave. If inappropriate conduct continues from the offending speaker or additional speakers the chairperson may entertain a motion to end public comment and adjourn the meeting.

2. Speakers are limited to three minutes for presentation of their comments. Speakers may not concede or yield their time to another individual.