

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Learning Center Charter School Board of Directors complies with North Carolina Open Meetings Laws as described in G.S. 143-318.10. This law entitles any person the right to attend any meeting of the board, with exceptions for closed sessions (G.C. 143-318.11). The Board of The Learning Center is committed to transparency and open communication with parents and all stakeholders in accordance with state open meeting guidelines.

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Board meetings are for the purpose of conducting the school's governance and business. The Board allows a time for public participation during the meeting. Comment is permitted during the Public Comments section of the agenda and will not exceed 30 minutes total.

The Board expects speakers to be courteous, modeling for our students how one can respectfully state an opinion or disagree with others' views.

- Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may participate during the public portion of the meeting. Attendees must register their intention to participate in the public portion of the meeting upon their arrival and before the meeting begins.
- Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer and should preface their comments by stating their name, and group affiliation, if appropriate.
- Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration, unless extended by the presiding officer. If a group of people wishes to speak on the same topic, one spokesperson must be selected to speak on behalf of everyone.
- Speakers will
 - address their comments to the entire Board, not to an individual member.
 - refrain from making comments about individual teachers, students, or staff.
 - not engage in personal attacks.
- Any person or group wishing to place an item on the agenda shall register their intent by calling the front office of the school at 828-835-7240 or by email at board@naturallygrownkids.org no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting and include:
 - Name and address of the participant;
 - Group affiliation, if appropriate;
 - Topic to be addressed. Such requests shall be subject to the approval of the Head of School and the Board Chairperson.

Board members may or may not choose to reply to a public comment.

- **§ 143-318.17. Disruptions of official meetings.**
A person who willfully interrupts, disturbs, or disrupts an official meeting and who, upon being directed to leave the meeting by the presiding officer, willfully refuses to leave the meeting is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.