



Rules for Public Comment

Nurses Middle College Capital Region Charter School believes that public comment is a vital component of good oversight of the school. The Board therefore encourages the public to share their opinions, voice their concerns, and offer suggestions in a constructive atmosphere that will help us to better serve the students and families of NursesMC-CR

Accordingly, time has been designated at the beginning of each board meeting for the privilege of public comment.

To ensure that meetings are conducted in an orderly and efficient manner and to ensure that each member of the public who wishes to speak has a fair and equal opportunity to do so, the following rules have been established for public comment at our Board of Trustees meetings:

1. Individuals wishing to speak during Public Comment must inform the Business Manager at NursesMC-CR by the Friday prior to the board meeting via email at bgraham@nursescr.org
2. Speakers will address their comments to the Board Chair, Susan Birkhead.
3. **Speakers must restrict their comments to no more than three minutes.** The Board Chair may, at their discretion, extend or shorten the time limits as appropriate.
4. Speakers may **NOT** discuss in Public Comment certain topics such as the following:
 - *Citing particular employee's or student's names*
 - *Health or medical issues*
 - *Discipline, hiring or firing of an individual*
 - *Labor negotiations*
 - *Litigation*

Please note that Public Comment is the school community's opportunity to present concerns to the Board for its further consideration. It is not a time when the Board can answer questions or engage in dialogue with the speaker(s), nor is it an adequate format in which to provide a complete and fair airing of important and complex matters. To discuss issues at length or to ask questions, members of the public are urged to contact the Executive Director at any time:

Julia Franklin
Nurses Middle College Capital Region Charter High School
199 Washington Ave
Rensselaer, NY 12144
518-907-0101
jfranklin@nursescr.org