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# Public Participation Guidelines

The guidelines emphasize respectful and relevant contributions, allowing residents and interested parties to engage with CHA on issues within the Board's purview while maintaining orderly and productive meetings.

- **Registration:** Participants must register in advance to speak at CHA Board or Committee meetings, whether held in-person or via videoconference via [email](#) or by calling the Board Secretary's Office at [\(312\) 913-7282](#).
- **Speaking Rules:** Speakers are limited to two minutes, can only speak once per meeting, and must stick to relevant agenda items. Public input is allowed only during designated times.
- **Behavior Expectations:** Respectful, civil behavior is required. Disruptive actions or inappropriate comments can result in removal from the meeting.
- **Written Comments:** Written submissions are accepted from registered speakers and others who can't speak at the meeting.
- **Emergency Modifications:** Rules may be modified during emergencies to allow participation through electronic means only.
- **Vendor Restrictions:** Vendors cannot use public participation to pitch products or services.

If you are unable to register within the allotted time, not comfortable speaking in public or do not want to state your comment publicly at board meetings, you may also submit written comments to [BoardPublicComments@thecha.org](mailto:BoardPublicComments@thecha.org). Written comments will be made available for Commissioners' review and responded to by the next scheduled board meeting.

## Public Comment Process for CHA's Committee and Board Meetings

The document outlines the rules for public participation during Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Board and Committee meetings, whether conducted via videoconference or in person. It details the registration process for those wishing to speak, the structure of public comment periods, and the expectations for participant behavior. Additionally, it explains how public comments can be submitted in writing if participants are unable or unwilling to speak publicly.

- [Public Participation Rules for Board and Committee Meetings \(Feb. 2025 revision\)](#)