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Public Comment Policy

The Governing Board of Kennesaw Charter Science & Math Academy adopts the following policy, effective on the date of adoption by the Board. If applicable, once adopted this policy replaces any previously approved school policy currently in place that provided direction on the items in this policy.

SECTION 1. Addressing the Board. The Kennesaw Charter Science and Math Academy Governing Board welcomes and encourages citizens to be involved and attend its meetings. Time is set aside at each of its regularly-scheduled monthly meetings to allow community residents, businesses or organizations, or charter school employees to address the Board.

SECTION 2. The Public Comment period is designed to gain input from the public and not for immediate responses by the Board to the public comments presented. While the Board cannot assure each speaker of a specific or individualized response, the Board will consider the public comments and any supporting materials provided by speakers.

SECTION 2.2. The Public Comment period will end after 30 minutes, or when all speakers who have signed in prior to the meeting's start have been heard -- whichever occurs first.

SECTION 3 Registering to Address the Board. Up to fifteen (15) speakers per meeting may address the Kennesaw Charter Science and Math Academy Governing Board. The sign-up sheet will be available :30 minutes prior to the meeting, at the announced meeting location. Individuals may place their name on the sign-up sheet before the meeting begins.

SECTION 3.2.Speakers will not be denied the opportunity to speak on the basis of their viewpoint; however, the public should review and must follow the below listed procedures for addressing the Governing Board, before presenting issues or concerns to the Board through public comment.

SECTION 3.3.Speakers with larger content and presentations may petition the board to be added to the agenda. The petition must be made no less than 14 days prior to the meeting and may be submitted through the board's website <http://kcsboard.com/contact-information/>. Please note, a request is not a guarantee for placement, you will be contacted regarding your addition to the agenda prior to the board meeting.

SECTION 4. Procedures for Addressing the Board.

- To ensure orderly pursuit of business and to provide opportunities for input, the Kennesaw Charter Science and Math Academy Governing Board has adopted the following rules. Failure to follow these rules may result in termination of the speaker's comments.
- Speakers must have signed up on the sign-up sheet made available at the meeting location before the meeting begins.
- Speakers should begin their comments by stating their name, connection, or interest in Kennesaw Charter Science and Math Academy, and if so authorized, the organization they represent.
- Speakers should be courteous and professional. The presiding Board officer may terminate public comments that are combative, profane, vulgar or defamatory.
- Speakers will be heard in the order they are called by the Governing Board presiding officer.
- Speakers have two minutes each and must stop speaking promptly when signaled.

- Speakers may not address any confidential student or personnel matters, but may submit such concerns to the Board in writing.
- Speakers are encouraged and welcome to provide the Board with a written copy of their comments and other appropriate supporting documentation.
- As the board wants to hear input from all who register to speak, speakers may not delegate their registered time to another speaker.
- The board will not interact or respond to questions during the time a public comment is being made, as to not interfere with the amount of time a speaker is given. When appropriate, at the end of each public comment the board chair or school leader will direct the speaker for follow-up
- An organization may sign up to speak by designating a spokesperson and one alternate who may speak only if the primary spokesperson is unable to attend.