

# CARBON CAREER & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN  
JOINT OPERATING  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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	<p style="text-align: center;">903. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETINGS</p> <p>1. Purpose 65 P.S. 701 et seq The Joint Operating Committee recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in Joint Operating Committee meetings.</p> <p>2. Authority SC 1850.1 65 P.S. 710.1 The Joint Operating Committee shall establish guidelines to govern public participation in Joint Operating Committee meetings necessary to conduct its meeting and to maintain order.</p> <p>In order to permit fair and orderly expression of public comment, the Joint Operating Committee shall provide an opportunity at each open meeting of the Joint Operating Committee for residents and taxpayers of participating districts to comment on matters of concern, official action or deliberation before the Joint Operating Committee prior to official action by the Joint Operating Committee.</p> <p>If the Joint Operating Committee determines there is not sufficient time at a meeting for public comments, the comment period may be deferred to the next regular meeting or to a special meeting occurring before the next regular meeting.</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 006 The presiding officer at each public Joint Operating Committee meeting shall follow Joint Operating Committee policy for the conduct of public meetings. Where the Chairperson's ruling is disputed, it may be overruled by a majority of those Joint Operating Committee members present and voting.</p> <p>4. Guidelines Whenever issues identified by the participant are subject to remediation under policies and procedures of the Joint Operating Committee, they shall be dealt with in accordance with those policies and procedures.</p> <p>Public participants shall be residents of Carbon County, anyone having registered a legitimate interest in a contemplated action, anyone representing a group in the community or school, or any employee, student, or alumnus of the school.</p> <p>Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation if</p>
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<p>School Code 1850.1</p> <p>PA Statute 65 P.S. 701 et seq</p>	<p>applicable.</p> <p>Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration.</p> <p>No participant may speak more than once on the same topic, unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.</p> <p>All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Joint Operating Committee members individually.</p> <p>The presiding officer may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Interrupt or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant.</li><li>2. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum.</li><li>3. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers to remove a disorderly person when his/her conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting.</li><li>4. Call a recess or adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting.</li></ol> <p>Electronic recording devices and cameras, other than those used as official recording devices, shall be permitted at public meetings under guidelines established by the Joint Operating Committee.</p> <p>No placards or banners will be permitted within the meeting room or on school grounds without prior approval.</p> <p>The meeting agenda and all pertinent documents shall be distributed to the press and public at the meetings.</p>
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