

BOARD MEETING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY

The public is encouraged to attend and observe the public portion of the meetings of the Wells County Public Library Board. The Library Board welcomes public comments at the meetings.

The following guidelines will be followed to facilitate orderly discussion of agenda items:

Please notify either the library director or the library board president at least 96 hours in advance of the meeting if you would like to be placed on the agenda.

Audience call may be held at the discretion of the presiding officer or by a majority vote of the board members present. Audience call, if allowed, may be at either the beginning or the ending of the meeting. At this time, audience members who have not made a request to be placed on the agenda may comment on ongoing library issues.

Library board members will listen to comments, but will not respond to or take action based on the comments until further discussion has taken place.

When addressing the board, please:

- Wait to be recognized by the presiding officer.
- State your name, address and the topic you would like to address.
- Note that speaking time and the number of people speaking on the same issue may be limited based on time constraints. This determination will be made by the presiding officer.
- Conduct yourself in a civil manner at all times.
- Avoid personnel and personal patron issues as these matters will not be addressed during open sessions.

During other portions of the board meeting, please refrain from comment unless asked to comment. Board members are always interested to hear from constituents, but the meeting agenda is usually full and does not allow time for a continuous open forum.

In the event a meeting is allowed and must be conducted virtually, information will be posted on social media and the library's website indicating the process for joining the meeting at least 24 hours in advance.