

## **Valleywise Health Administrative Policy & Procedure**

**Effective Date:** 08/07

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**Policy #: 99300 G – Conduct**

**Policy Title: Call to the Public: Addressing the Board of Directors at a Meeting**

**Scope:**  **District Governance (G)**  
 **System-Wide (S)**  
 **Division (D)**  
 **Multi-Division (MD)**  
 **Department (T)**  
 **Multi-Department (MT)**  
 **FQHC (F)**

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### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to maintain the proper level of decorum during the meeting. The policy applies to all members of the public who wish to address the Board of Directors (Board).

### **Policy:**

1. Individuals that wish to address the Board on District business or on any published agenda item must complete and submit a signed Request to Speak form.
2. Only persons recognized by the Chairman will be permitted to address the Board.
3. All remarks will be made from the podium or designated location and be addressed to the Board as a body, not to any individual Board member.
4. Rudeness, vulgarity or remarks disrespecting the personal dignity of any individual will not be permitted.
5. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, any action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to responding to criticism, directing staff to review the matter or adding the item to a future agenda.

6. No person will engage in disorderly conduct such as handclapping, stamping of feet, whistling, using profane language, shouting or other similar demonstrations which may disrupt the Board meeting.
7. All members of the public will remain silent during a Board meeting. If, after receiving a warning from the Chairman, a person persists in disturbing the meeting, the Chairman may order that person to leave the meeting. If the person does not remove himself or herself, the Chairman will order the Security Officer to remove the person from the meeting.

**Procedure:**

Any individual or group desiring to address the Board at a Board meeting must comply with the following procedure:

1. The individual or group must complete and submit a Request to Speak form before the Board Chairman makes a Call to the Public at the beginning of the meeting. Forms are available at the meeting, as well as on the Valleywise Health website. Any form submitted through the website needs to be submitted at least two (2) hours prior to the start of the meeting. Any written materials for the Board must be included with the form. The completed form must include:
  - a. The name of the individual or representative of the group
  - b. A description, with specificity, of the matter to be addressed. If the matter is on the Board's current agenda, include the agenda item number.
2. Individual's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. Speakers should stay on the subject.
3. A maximum of ten (10) minutes will be set aside for each agenda item on which public comment has been requested.
4. The Board will make reasonable attempts to hear any differing viewpoints.
5. No individual will be permitted to relinquish her/his time to another person.
6. Individuals may not address staff or other members of the public.

**Reference:** Form #45556 - Board of Directors Request to Speak Form and Procedure

**Valleywise Health Policy & Procedure - Approval Sheet**  
(Before submitting, fill out COMPLETELY.)

**POLICY RESPONSIBLE PARTY:** Maricopa County Special Health Care District  
Board of Directors

**DEVELOPMENT TEAM(S):** Clerk's Office

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**e-Signers:** Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer and Clerk of the Board

**Place an X on the right side of applicable description:**

**New -**

**Retire -**

**Reviewed -**

**Revised with Minor Changes - X**

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