

**REQUEST ADOPTION OF A MOTION TO AMEND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCEDURAL RULES FOR MEETINGS, specifically, RULE SIX: AGENDA,
PREPARATION OF AND PUBLIC COMMENT. (Abdur-Rahman)**

By inserting four (4) new paragraphs AFTER paragraph three, under the “Public Comment” section of the Rule, with the insertion in red italics below, *to wit*:

Public Comment

During the Public Comment portion of a Board Meeting, citizens may voice County-related requests, concerns, opinions, etc.

At the Regular Meeting, speakers will be heard prior to the zoning portion of the agenda; at the Recess Meeting, prior to the County Manager’s Unfinished Business.

Before speaking, each participant must fill out a speaker card, located at the Assembly Hall entrance and podium. All speaker cards must be submitted to the Clerk’s staff, prior to the commencement of public comment, who will accept them on a first-come, first-served basis. The meeting will be aired live on all official Fulton County Government media platforms as designated by the Fulton County Department of External Affairs. Residents wishing to submit public comment to the Board in writing can do so by submitting their comments in all forms deemed allowable by the Fulton County Department of External Affairs. To be read into the record, comments must be received by 5PM Tuesday, prior to the meeting in the form outlined. All virtual public comments and requests to speak in person must be submitted before the clerk sounds the start of the meeting.

- Speakers who cannot be present at Assembly Hall, may speak live from other County facilities made available, such as the North Fulton Service Center or the South Fulton Service Center.
- Comments via e-mail shall be provided electronically to the BOC and their staff before the meeting begins and all comments shall be included as part of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting.
- Comments via e-mail that are the same in nature or pertain to the same BOC Agenda Item number shall be categorized by County staff ahead of the meeting. To expedite time, for e-mailed public comments that are the same in nature or pertain to the same BOC Agenda Item number or subject matter/topic, the Clerk or other assigned staff shall read the Agenda Item number and topic, and then read the list of public commenters’ names and locations (if given) that are in support of the Item; then read the list of public commenters’ names and locations (if given) who oppose the Agenda item. This rule shall apply to all forms of pre-written/pre-recorded public comment.

Public Comment will occur prior to the business portion of the BOC meeting and will be strictly limited to 30 minutes. In-person comments will be made first, followed by written/mailed comments. Regardless of the form of the public comment (spoken/written) the time limit will be two (2) minutes, and no time shall be yielded to other speakers.

In the event the 30 minute time limit is reached prior to public comments being completed, public comment will be suspended and the business portion of the BOC meeting will commence. Public comment will resume at the end of the meeting. Similarly, written comments (that were timely submitted) not previously read, may be read at the end of the meeting.

Speaker cards will provide three (3) options for those individuals that were not able to comment during the 30 minute public comment time limit:

- Speak at the end of the meeting;
- Be placed at the front of the line for public comment at the next meeting; or
- Provide written comment that will be read at the end of the BOC meeting

In the event that none of these three options are selected, the individual will forfeit their right to public comment for that day.

NOTE: If the subject matter involves an issue to be resolved, the citizen should first contact the County Manager's Office, which will ensure that the relevant Department Heads and other individuals are contacted to rectify the matter. If the issue cannot be resolved through the County Manager's efforts, the citizen may then contact a Commissioner so that the matter can be placed on a Board Meeting agenda. The Commissioner should then inform the Clerk by memorandum stating the subject to be discussed and the citizen who will speak. The address and phone number of the citizen should be conveyed. Any supporting material germane to the issue should also be submitted.