



Legislation Text

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**Title:**  
**Public Appearance**

**Action:**  
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**Receive comments from members of the public desiring to speak on items not appearing on the agenda**

**Staff Contact:** Kristine M. Smith, Clerk to the Board

**Presentation:** No

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Public Appearance is the period during the Board's regular meeting that members of the public are provided the opportunity to speak on matters not appearing on the agenda.

Members of the public who appear during the public appearance portion of a regular meeting may discuss any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners except for the following types of matters:

- a) a matter which appears on the agenda of that meeting of the Board;
- b) a matter which concerns the candidacy of any person for public office, including the candidacy of the person appearing before the Board;
- c) a request that the Board consider funding a certain program or activity, either from the current budget, or by inclusion in a future budget (such funding requests would be made at the Board's annual budget public hearing).

The time limit for speaking is three (3) minutes unless there are four (4) or more speakers who wish to speak concerning the same matter, in which case, all persons wishing to speak on the same matter will be considered a group and given a total of ten (10) minutes. The group (four (4) or more speakers) would divide the ten (10) minutes among themselves. The Board reserves the right to alter these rules on a case by case basis as necessary for the efficient and effective conduct of business.

Members of the Board will not engage in dialogue with public appearance speakers. Comments will be received and followed up on as applicable by County staff and/or members of the Board.

Handouts and/or tokens shall be given to the Clerk for distribution to Board members at the conclusion of the meeting.

Members of the public can also access and view the meeting on the Government Channel or online at: <https://watch.mecknc.gov>.

Members of the public may register to speak in advance online at: <https://mecknc.seamlessdocs.com/sf/clerk>. Members of the public wishing to address the Board during this portion of the meeting must appear in person if the Board is meeting in person. If you do not have internet access, you may call 980-314-2912 to register.

Deadline to Register: Speakers requesting to address the Board of County Commissioners can register online up to 3:00 p.m. EST the day of the meeting. After 3:00pm you must register in person at the meeting location. You can register in person up to the time Public Appearance comes up on the agenda.

Anyone needing special accommodations to attend or view this meeting and/or if this information is needed in an alternative format, please contact the Clerk to the Board at (980) 314-2939 or by E-mail at [Clerk@MeckNC.gov](mailto:Clerk@MeckNC.gov). We request at least 48 hours' notice prior to the meeting to make the appropriate arrangements.

**PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:**

N/A

**POLICY IMPACT:**

N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A