

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
AT LONG ISLAND POWER AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETINGS

New York's Open Meetings Law provides the public the right to attend open sessions of public bodies. Allowing public comment at those sessions is a decision of each public body.

The Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Long Island Power Authority ("LIPA" or the "Authority") values civil, respectful and open communication with stakeholders and invites the public to speak at its meetings. The Chair has discretion over the orderly conduct of Board meetings, including the time allotted for public comment. To facilitate orderly meetings, these guidelines describe the Board's general practices for public participation:

- Any member of the public wishing to address the Board should sign in at the designated table outside of the Board room before the meeting and indicate the topic they wish to speak on.
- Each speaker will be called upon at the appropriate time in the Board agenda for their topic. Comments should be limited to the item being considered by the Board. Members of the public may also address items not on the Board agenda at the conclusion of the meeting.
- Please direct all comments to the Board. Public comments are not intended as "Question and Answer" sessions or conversations with the Board or Authority staff, but rather a forum to allow stakeholders to be heard by the Trustees.
- Speakers will be asked to state their name and, if applicable, the name of any organization they are representing. If there are multiple representatives of the same organization present, the Board asks that the organization choose one representative to speak on behalf of the organization to allow other speakers the time to be heard.
- All comments are limited to three (3) minutes.<sup>1</sup> The Secretary of the Board will keep time and indicate when a speaker's time has concluded.
- Comments and materials may also be submitted to the Board at [www.lipower.org](http://www.lipower.org) under "Contact Us."
- LIPA's Board meetings are live streamed and archived at [www.lipower.org](http://www.lipower.org). Public comments made during the Board meeting are part of the official public record.
- The Authority reserves the right to inspect packages, backpacks, purses and similar containers prior to allowing members of the public to enter the Board meeting. Firearms, knives, or other weapons of any kind, and bio-waste or bio-hazards, may not be brought into the Board meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> Items on the Board's consent agenda are a single item, and speakers will have three (3) minutes for the entire consent agenda.