



In order to ensure a fair opportunity for public comment and to allow the Mesa County Libraries Board of Trustees to expedite its scheduled business, the following procedure for public comment is in effect.

- A public comment period will be provided at all regularly scheduled library board meetings. Board President may invite the audience to speak during special and committee meetings as well.
- Citizens of the Mesa County Public Library District may address the board only during the time specified for public comment unless otherwise allowed by motion and approval of a majority of the trustees.
- Each speaker is limited to three minutes unless otherwise authorized by motion and approval of a majority of the trustees.
- Total public comment time allotted will be no longer than 30 minutes of the Library Board meeting. The Board President may extend this time allotted depending on the number of speakers left after 30 minutes.
- The official body authorized by law to act on behalf of the Mesa County Public Library District is the Board of Trustees, not individual trustees, administrative staff, or employees. Accordingly,
 - Speakers will address comments to the board and not to individual trustees, administrators, or staff;
 - Trustees will listen to public comments and consider the comments during their deliberations as a board if the topic is included on the meeting's agenda or the board decides to add the topic to a future agenda;
 - Trustees will not answer questions or engage in debate during the public comment period;
 - Speakers may be directed to staff or other sources for responses to questions raised during the public comment period.

REVIEWED AND ADOPTED ON September 26, 2024.

Alice Dow – MCPLD Board President

Mary Watson – MCPLD Board Secretary

