

PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

- A. Prior to the TIFA Management (the "Members") taking official action on a proposition or matter, members of the public shall be provided with a reasonable opportunity to be heard on such proposition or matter. The opportunity to be heard need not occur at the same meeting at which the District Board takes official action on a proposition or matter if the opportunity to be heard occurs at a meeting that is a part of the decision-making process and is within a reasonable proximity in time before the Board takes the official action.

- B. This policy does not prohibit the Managers from maintaining orderly conduct or proper decorum during any public meeting. The opportunity to be heard is subject to the policies adopted by the TIFA Managers, as provided herein.

- C. Members of the public shall each be limited to three (3) minutes in which to address the Board regarding a particular proposition or matter.

- D. As determined appropriate by the presiding officer of the Members, individuals desiring to address the TIFA Management on a particular proposition or matter shall sign a public comment sheet providing his or her name, address, the proposition or matter in which they wish to be heard, the individual's position on the proposition or matter (for, against, or neutral).

- E. Additional policies governing the reasonable opportunity to be heard at a Managers meeting:

1. Any person desiring to address the Members by oral communication shall first secure permission of the presiding officer of the Board, and prior to proceeding with any comment shall state his or her name and address for the public record.
2. All remarks or comments shall be addressed to the Members as a body and not to any particular member thereof or to any member of staff. All remarks or comments shall be relevant to the proposition or matter under consideration by the Board, and shall be limited to actions within the authority and jurisdiction of the Board.
3. No person, other than members of management, TIFA staff and the individual having the floor and addressing the Members during public comment, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or indirectly through members of the TIFA Management.
4. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to prohibit the presiding officer of the Board from maintaining decorum and orderly conduct during a public meeting.

F. The requirements of this policy above do not apply to:

1. An official act that must be taken to deal with an emergency situation affecting the public health, welfare or safety, if compliance with the requirements of this policy would cause an unreasonable delay in the ability of the Board to act.
2. An official act involving no more than a ministerial act, including, but not limited to, the approval of minutes, staff reporting of informational items requiring no action including responses to the Board questions or tasking.
3. A meeting that is exempt from the requirements of Section 286.011, Florida Statutes.
4. A meeting during which the Board is acting in a quasi-judicial capacity. However, this exemption does not affect the right of any person to be heard as otherwise provided by law.
5. Any other exception provided for in Section 286.0114(3), Florida Statutes, or as specifically provided by law.