

Haywood County Election Public Comment Policy

- (a) The period for public comment will be listed as the first item on the agenda since the new law states that the purpose of the period is to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on matters that are germane to items on the agenda and on any matter that is germane to the jurisdiction of the Haywood County Election Commission.
- (b) The Commission shall allow a maximum of 6 people to speak during the public comment period. The Election Commission will take all practicable steps to ensure that opposing viewpoints are represented fairly including giving each view point an equal number of speakers, if any.
- (c) The Commission will provide each person with a maximum of 3 minutes to speak during the public comment period.
- (d) The Commission will utilize a physical sign-up sheet to be made available before the meeting, beginning 2 days prior to the meeting until 4:30 p.m. the day of the meeting, for any person who wants to provide comments to the Election Commission. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Election Commission Office and will include the name, address, topic on the agenda the speaker wishes to address, and whether the speaker is for or against the agenda item, if applicable.
- (e) Once recognized, speakers should state their name and the agenda topic first.
- (f) Comments should be addressed to the Election Commission as a body, not to individuals.
- (g) Out of order or disruptive speakers will not be tolerated and may be asked to leave the building.

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