

PUBLIC COMMENT AT MEETINGS OF THE VERMONT STATE COLLEGES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Background

Vermont's Open Meeting law (Title I, Chapter 5, 1 V.S.A. § 310, *et seq.*) provides that:

At an open meeting, the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to express its opinion on matters considered by the public body during the meeting, as long as order is maintained. Public comment shall be subject to reasonable rules established by the chairperson.

1 V.S.A. § 312(h).

A Guide to Open Meetings by Vermont Secretary of State (revised January 2019), states at page 12:

[T]he board chair may establish reasonable rules to maintain order, and reasonable limitations on the amount of time for each speaker are not unusual or improper.

individual agenda items during the meeting or move the public comment to another part of the agenda.

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