

POLICY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AT MEETINGS OF THE RARO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RARO meetings are generally open to the public except when the Board is in executive session. The Board welcomes comments from the public addressed to the board during the public comment portion of each meeting. The following guidelines will be observed for public comment:

- Each individual will be allowed one opportunity to make comment per meeting.
- Prior to making comments, the individual will be recognized by the Chair of the Board, and will announce their name and address.
- Comments will be limited to three minutes. This time period may be lengthened or shortened for a meeting at the discretion of the Chair of the Board, who will announce any change at the beginning of the public comment period.
- Comments shall be addressed to the Board. The Board may not be able to respond directly to questions during public comment, but will make every effort to follow up with an individual's questions at a later time.
- Persons making comments will address the Board and not address other members of the public.
- Speakers who know others that share their views and are likely to make the same or similar points during the comment period are encouraged to consider designating a spokesperson.
- Although the RARO board will make every effort to accommodate all speakers at each meeting, the Chair may close the public comment segment of any meeting if it exceeds one hour. In that event, any person unable to make comment at that meeting will be invited to write down their name and address, and will be given priority to speak during the public comment segment of the next meeting.
- Comments should relate to the policy or operation of RARO, and unrelated personal attacks, threats, abusive language or behavior which disrupts the meeting will not be tolerated.