



University District Public Development Authority Board Meeting Public Decorum Rules

University District Public Development Authority (UDPDA) Board meetings adhere to the following public decorum rules. These rules will be observed during UDPDA board meetings, including open forum, public comment period on allowed agenda items, and board deliberations. These rules are derived from the City of Spokane City Council Rules.

- No clapping, cheering, booing, or public outbursts.
- Three-minute time limit for comments made during open forum and public testimony on allowed legislative agenda items.
- No person shall be permitted to speak at open forum more often than once per month. In addition, cell phones should be silenced when entering the meeting.

Further, keep the following Rules in mind:

Rule 1: Open Forum

- The open forum is a limited public forum; all matters discussed in the open forum shall relate to the affairs of the UDPDA. No person shall be permitted to speak regarding items on the current or advance agendas. Individuals speaking during the open forum shall address their comments to the UDPDA Chair and shall not use profanity, engage in obscene speech, or make personal comments or verbal insults about any individual.
- To encourage wider participation in open forum and a broad array of public comment and varied points of view, no person shall be permitted to speak at open forum more often than once per month. However, there is no limit on the number of items on which a member of the public may testify before the UDPDA Board.

Rule 2: Public Testimony Regarding Agenda Items – Time Limits

- The UDPDA Board shall take public testimony on all matters included on its public agenda except those items listed in the next bullet. **Public testimony shall be limited to the final UDPDA Board action.** Public testimony shall be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless, at his or her discretion, the UDPDA Chair determines that, because of the number of speakers signed up to testify, less time will need to be allocated per speaker in order to accommodate all of the speakers. The Chair may allow additional time if the speaker is asked to respond to questions from the UDPDA Board.
- No public testimony shall be taken on parliamentary or administrative matters of the UDPDA Board.
- The time taken for staff or UDPDA Board member questions and responses thereto shall be in addition to the time allotted for any individual testimony.