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**Proposed Alternative Amendments to Board Rules Re Public Comment Period**

Amend Section E.3 as follows:

3. Time for Public Comment

a. As set forth in Article IV.A.1.f, there shall be a period for public comment, subject to the following procedures.

i. The public comment period shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes. However, any member may make a motion to extend the public comment period, provided the total does not exceed 50 minutes. The motion must be made before the public comment period starts and must pass by a simple majority vote of members present and voting.

ii. The President shall establish the amount of time allocated per speaker, which shall neither exceed three (3) minutes nor be less than one and one half (1½) minutes per speaker. Given the time limits set forth in section i, there is no guarantee that all members of the public who have signed up to speak will have the opportunity to do so. In the event that the public comment period is extended beyond thirty (30) minutes, the time allocated per speaker shall be no more than two (2) minutes.

iii. Speakers shall indicate their wish to speak during the public comment period by notifying the Board Office no later than 4:00 PM prior to the start of the meeting, indicating their name and Board district. The Board Office shall construct a speakers' list accordingly. Speakers may address any topic which has not been subject to a prior public hearing of either the Board or a Board committee.

iv. Speakers shall be heard in the order listed on the speakers' list.

b. The President may keep good order and decorum in any manner authorized by Robert's Rules of Order, and, for the avoidance of doubt, may shorten or cancel the speaking time of any speaker during the public comment period if deemed in the President's sole discretion to be disruptive or unruly. Personal attacks against Board members will be considered disruptive conduct and will not be permitted, whether or not the speaker states the name of the Board member.

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