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## Public Comment

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Hi Everyone,

Adrienne and I have an agenda planning meeting with Lauren this Friday and wanted to get your input before that meeting.

After hearing from several members of the board and reflecting on their suggestions, I will reinstate public comments on zoom with certain stipulations. All participants on zoom will be muted at all times unless recognized to speak. Anyone unmuting themselves, speaking outside of public comment or speaking in a rude or disrespectful manner will immediately be muted and/or removed from the meeting. Although board meetings are held in public, they are not public meetings.

I want to remind all of you that public comment is not designed to be a discussion. It is intended to be an avenue for members of the public to be heard. No board member should ever respond to any public comment that is made. To that end, I would like to make Public Comment into "Public Comment/Answers from Previous Meeting" so if there is something we need to look into, we will have the perfect spot to respond at a future meeting.

Instead of two public comment periods, I would like to have just one just before New Business. That way if the public wants to comment on any business we will be discussing, they will have the opportunity to do so. I was thinking of up to 20 minutes, but that could be extended if the board thought it necessary.

I appreciate each of the board members that came to me privately to voice their opinions and I would ask that in the future everyone do the same. You receive the agenda with more than enough time to express your concerns prior to the meeting. There should be no surprises at our meetings. We can make changes to an agenda up to 24 hours in advance if it's crucial, but we try not to change any action item without 48 hours notice.

I am completely open to hearing from any of you at any time, which is why I gave you my cell number and you already have my e-mail. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any concerns or opinions, I promise, I will listen. We need to come back together and focus on the business at hand rather than individual agendas. I KNOW that we each have the best interest of our students at heart, let's start there and see what we can accomplish together!

I know that I told Kate I would put a discussion about Public Comment on the next agenda, but if no one has a problem with what I've suggested above, I think we can leave it off and focus on other board business.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Thanks,  
Deb