

**Public Participation in Board Meetings**

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Meetings of the Rome City Schools Board of Education shall be open to the public. The Board shall hold Executive Sessions as identified in Rome City Schools Board Policy **BCBK**.

The Rome City Schools' Board of Education recognizes the need for communicating with citizens in an effort to become more aware of matters of community interest concerning the schools and to permit the Board to explain general policies governing the operation of the schools. To provide for this communication process and to insure Board meetings will be conducted in an orderly and efficient manner, any citizen or groups of citizens may request in writing to be placed on the agenda of the Board. This request should be addressed to the Chairperson of the Rome City Schools Board of Education by 12 Noon the day immediately preceding the regularly scheduled Board meeting and state the nature of the matter to be presented. If the matter is applicable for Board consideration, the Chairperson at his/her discretion may approve the request, allot a reasonable time for presentation, and also limit citizens' speeches.

Matters being presented should relate only to those over which the Board has direct jurisdiction. Areas of local involvement must follow due process procedures at the school level and Superintendent level.

Board action on citizens' requests, if needed, may be made only after individuals or groups have made their statements and concluded their participation in the meeting.

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Rome City Schools

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**State Reference      Description**

O.C.G.A 16-11-0034 [Preventing or disrupting a meeting of General Assembly or other meetings of members](#)

O.C.G.A 16-11-0035 [Removal from campus or facility of unit of university system or school; failure to leave](#)

O.C.G.A 50-14-0001 [Open Meetings Act; notice; minutes; telecommunication conferences](#)

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.