

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING POLICY

This policy applies to all meetings and workshops where the Board of Commissioners is in charge.

All such meetings and workshops will be advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Act, Section 703.

The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners will maintain proper decorum at all meetings using Robert's Rules of Order. The Chair may delegate to the other Board members or the Chief Clerk authority to conduct meetings or workshops as appropriate. The Chair or his designated representative shall rule upon setting the agenda, maintaining security, recognizing speakers and resolving all disputes on rules of order. The Solicitor will serve as parliamentarian in advising the Chair or his representative on interpreting rules of order.

Attendance by the public is welcomed and encouraged.

The public may address the Board solely during the public comment portion of the agenda. Persons desiring to speak shall wait until recognized by the Chair. Comment by the public shall not be repetitive and shall be germane to current business of the County.

Anyone who addresses the Board shall identify themselves, provide their address and if they represent an organization/group/business, so state for the record.

All comments shall be directed to the Chair. Personal attacks or remarks are inappropriate and will be ruled out of order.

Statements shall be limited to three (3) minutes. Additional time will be at the sole discretion of the Chair.

Written comments may be presented to the Board. Written comments should be printed and double spaced for clarity. Any written comments shall also have person's identity, provide their address, and if they represent an organization/group/business, so state for the record.

The primary purpose of all meetings and workshops is to conduct County business in an open, courteous manner. Order will be maintained with this purpose in mind. If in the judgment of the Chair or his representative an attendee is out of order, the Chair is empowered to use reasonable measures to maintain order including requesting security to remove disruptive individuals from the room.