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House Bill 2840 – Public Comment and Testimony at Board Meetings

Effective August 26, 2019, every person who wishes to address the Board on an Agenda item will be permitted to do so before the Board’s consideration of the item. The following rules will apply:

1. “Public Comment: Agenda Items” will be included on the Agenda of all meetings, including regular and special meetings of the Board, as well as workshops.
2. “Public Comment: Agenda Items” will be reserved for speakers wishing to address the Board concerning open meeting Agenda items only.
3. Any person wishing to address the Board concerning an item on the Agenda for an open meeting must register with the District Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the Board meeting. Speakers may register by contacting the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent at 936-328-2100, emailing klowe@livingstonisd.com during normal business hours. When registering, speakers must identify the name of the person wishing to address the Board, the Agenda item to be addressed, and a brief summary of the substance of the anticipated remarks, limited to no more than three sentences.
4. During the “Public Comment: Agenda Items” portion of the meeting, speakers will be called to the podium by the Board Presiding Officer in order of receipt of registration.
5. Each speaker will be limited to [three] minutes total to address the Board, regardless of the number of Agenda items registered to address.
6. Non-English speakers who need a translator will be limited to [six] minutes total to address the Board, regardless of the number of Agenda items registered to address. [must be double the time offered to English speakers]

7. Speakers are asked to be considerate of the time allotted for the conduct of public business and limit redundant or repetitive remarks.
8. Speakers will not be permitted to criticize Livingston ISD employees when addressing the Board on an Agenda item.
9. The Livingston ISD Board of Trustees will no longer offer a public comment or open forum for presentation on non-agenda items.