

I. PURPOSE

This policy establishes the rules, regulations, and restrictions regarding public participation and public comment at an Athlos Academy of St. Cloud Board Meeting.

II. POLICY

A. The Governing Board of Athlos Academy of St. Cloud and each of its committees shall allow for public comment at all open meetings.

1. A general public comment period shall be a standing item on the published Board Meeting agenda.

B. The Governing Board of Athlos Academy of St. Cloud will communicate all agenda items to the public.

1. Items shall be communicated on the posted meeting agenda.

a. Each agenda item shall be listed separately on the meeting agenda.

b. Each agenda item on the posted meeting agenda will include a reasonably specific description of the item.

c. Meeting agendas shall be posted to the public in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

2. Items may be added to the agenda during an open meeting.

III. PROCEDURE

A. Members of the public wishing to speak shall indicate his/her intent in writing.

1. A Speakers Sheet shall be present and available to the public at all open meetings.

2. Members of the public wishing to speak must complete the Speakers Sheet before the meeting is called to order.

3. Members of the public wishing to speak must indicate on the Speakers Sheet what topic they will speak on.

B. Procedure for speaking during a public comment section.

Public Participation at Board Meetings

1. The Board Chair or his/her designee shall call on members of the public.
2. Each speaker shall be limited to 3 minutes, except as provided for below.
3. Any speaker making defamatory, belligerent, or accusatory comments may be denied his/her 3 minutes of speaking time.
4. The public comment period is limited to thirty minutes unless extended by the board chair.
 - a. The board chair may reduce the speaking time allotted to each speaker or refuse to grant all members of the public wishing to speak the opportunity to do so in order to comply with this provision.