

## **Connect Transit**

### **Public Comment Policy**

1. A public comment period not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes will be held at the beginning of each regularly-scheduled Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System (DBA Connect Transit) Board of Trustees meeting.
2. Anyone desiring to address the Board of Trustees must complete and submit a public comment card available at the scheduled Board of Trustees meeting site up to fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the meeting. The person must include his or her name, contact information and comment subject matter.
3. There shall be a maximum of five (5) speakers in any public comment period. In the event more than five (5) public comment cards are submitted, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall randomly select the five (5) speakers. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. A speaker cannot give his or her allotted minutes to another speaker to increase that person's allotted time.
4. Speakers will be acknowledged by the Chairman and shall address the Board of Trustees. Speakers will begin their statement by first stating their name and address for the record.
5. Statements must be related to transit system business.
6. Statements are to be directed to the Board of Trustees as a whole and not to individual Trustees. Public comment is not intended to require Trustees or staff to provide any answer to the speaker. Discussions between speakers and members of the audience will not be allowed.
7. All speakers are required to speak in a civil tone and refrain from using vulgar, abusive or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board of Trustees. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from addressing the Board of Trustees and expulsion of the speaker from the meeting.
8. After the speaker has made his or her statement, he or she shall be seated with no further debate, dialogue or comment.
9. The Board of Trustees may, at the sole discretion of its members, vote to suspend these rules to allow more speakers or longer comment periods.

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