

PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES

1. Persons wishing to present information to the Board must sign up in person at the table by the door. There will be three separate sheets for the proposed rule: one for proponents, one for opponents, and one for persons wishing to speak “neither for nor against.”
2. After brief opening comments by the Board’s Chair and/or staff director, persons will be called to speak in the order that they signed up on their respective sheet. One proponent will lead off and be followed by one opponent. Speakers will then rotate from one proponent to one opponent for the rest of the time.
3. Each person will be allowed to speak for up to a total of five minutes. If Board members have questions for the speaker, time for questions will not count against that speaker’s five minutes. No person will be allowed to speak a second time until after everyone wishing to testify has had that opportunity.
4. Persons not present when called to speak will have their names moved to the end of their respective list. Persons may not relinquish their time to individuals of their choice.
5. Persons who are unable to attend, do not get a chance to speak, are uncomfortable speaking in public, and others who think of additional information they would like to provide to the Board may submit written comments by 5:00 PM, Friday, October 16, 2009, to:

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The Board thanks everyone who participates in this rulemaking proceeding and wants everyone to know that the members will start reviewing the hearing record at their next meeting, scheduled for November 6, 2009.