

Public Participation Policy

The rights of the public to participate in public meetings or to comment upon matters being conducted by the Lancaster County Convention Center Authority Board are subject to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law and to such procedures and regulations as the Board shall from time to time approve.

This Authority believes that the right of the public to be present at our meetings and to witness the deliberation, policy formulation and decision making is vital to the enhancement and proper functioning of the democratic process and that secrecy in public affairs undermines the faith of the public in government and the public's effectiveness in fulfilling its role in a democratic society.

The Pennsylvania Sunshine Law provides that residents of Lancaster County shall be provided a reasonable opportunity at each of the Authority's public meetings to comment on matters of concern, official action or deliberation which are or may be before the Authority Board prior to the Board's taking official action.

It is the desire of this Board both to lawfully comply with the Sunshine Law and to effectively and efficiently fulfill its duties to conduct the business of this Authority. To that end, starting with today's meeting, the Authority will hold public comment on an item-by-item basis during the course of the Authority's consideration and action upon the Authority's agenda items. Individual public comment on each agenda item shall relate to the agenda item under consideration and be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. The Authority Chairman will declare, for each agenda item, when the floor is open for such public comment.

The Authority will also provide a general public comment period at the conclusion of each public meeting, immediately prior to adjournment.

In the event any person, pursuant to Section 710.1(c) of the Sunshine Law, raises an objection at any time to a perceived violation of the Sunshine Law at an Authority meeting, that person shall state the objection and the legal basis for the objection for the record. The Authority Chairman may consider the objection and the stated basis therefore, and act upon the objection, or defer action pending review.

The Authority shall make its best efforts to post its monthly meeting agenda on its website by 12 o'clock Noon on the day proceeding any regular Authority meeting.