



State of New Hampshire Guardian ad Litem Board

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Public Participation Guidelines **Adopted 11/16/12**

The following procedures and rules will govern public participation at Board meetings.

- A segment of each meeting will be set aside early in the meeting for citizens to address the Board under the agenda item listed as “Public Participation”.
- Any individual desiring to speak shall sign up giving his/her name, and the group, if any, that s/he represents. The chairman will recognize each speaker in order.
- Each speaker will be allotted 5 minutes. Each meeting will have a total of no more than 20 minutes for public comment. Written remarks are encouraged.
- The Public Participation is a time for individuals to speak and the Board to listen. It is not a time for questions and answers or for open dialogue.
- Speakers may present concerns or suggestions regarding the Board’s process, procedures and programs. However, in public session, the Board cannot hear personal complaints of Guardians ad Litem nor will they hear complaints against individuals connected with Guardians ad Litem. Complaints are handled through the complaint process (outlined separately).
- The Board has the authority to halt remarks of any individual when they do not adhere to the guidelines established herein.