

RULE 1.12

1.12 Participation by members of the public in open meetings of the Collin County Bail Bond Board is welcomed and encouraged. The Collin County Bail Bond Board shall allow each member of the public who desires to address the Board regarding an item on the agenda for open meeting of the Board to address the Board regarding the item at the meeting before and/or during consideration of the item. There will also be a regularly posted agenda item entitled “Public Comments” for matter(s) which the public seeks to address and that are related to the lawful authority of the Board. As provided by TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE Section 551.007(c), the Board has adopted the following reasonable rules regarding the public’s right to address the Board:

- (a) Any member of the public who desires to address the Board shall complete and submit a “Public Comments” form to the Bail Bond Board Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting. Such form will be available online and at the posted meeting.
- (b) Comments from the public on posted agenda items shall be limited to a period not to exceed three minutes with a maximum of thirty (30) minutes on each agenda item. If more than ten people want to comment on the agenda item, the time will be divided equally. The Board has the discretion to extend such time period upon motion and majority vote. The Board also has the discretion to allow public comments from persons who may not have previously submitted a Public Comments form, upon being recognized by any member of the Board.
- (c) Comments from the public on the “Public Comments” agenda item shall be limited to a period not to exceed two minutes per speaker with a ten (10) minute total on such “Public Comments” agenda item. If more than ten people want to comment on during the “Public Comments” agenda item, the time will be divided equally. The Board has the discretion to extend such time period for each speaker and/or the total time upon motion and majority vote. The Board may not discuss nor vote on items presented by public speakers during the “Public Comments” agenda item but may respond with factual or policy information. The Board may choose to place any item(s) presented during the “Public Comments” agenda item on a future agenda.
- (d) In order to ensure that non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to address the Board, members of the public who address the Board through a translator will be given at least twice the amount of time as a member of the public who does not require the assistance of a translator.
- (e) The Board welcomes vigorous and robust discussion of and comments about its actions, and thus, will not prohibit public criticism of the Board, including any act, omission, policy, procedure, program or service. However, the Board will not tolerate nor allow (i) comments which are otherwise prohibited by law, or (ii)

conduct which is disruptive to the orderly progression of the meeting.