

Agenda Item: 8.

Review and Recommendation on Amendment to District Policy 4.8 Board Meetings – Right to Speak – Director Patrick Leahy

There will not be a separate memorandum for this item. Director Leahy's recommendation to amend District Policy 4.8 is posted to the website.

**4.8 Board Meetings - Right to Speak.** The following rules and regulations shall govern the conduct and privilege to speak of persons attending open meetings of the District:

- A. Prior to the convening of the meeting, the General Manager shall post an agenda at the door of the meeting room.
- B. A Request to Address the Board sheet shall be posted with the agenda and citizens wishing to speak at the meeting shall so indicate on this sheet and specify the agenda item or items on which they desire to be heard.
- C. During the consideration of each agenda item the Chairperson shall call upon citizens who have indicated a desire to be heard on such item, in the order in which the Chairperson shall determine. The Chairperson, in his or her discretion, may also allow other citizens to be heard after all those who have given prior indication of a desire to speak have been heard on such item.
- D. Every citizen speaking at the meeting shall begin his or her remarks by stating his or her name and postal address.
- E. All citizens' remarks shall be directed to the Chairperson who shall determine by whom any appropriate response shall be made.
- F. The Chairperson may limit or allot the time allowed for the remarks of citizens called upon to be heard, and may rule any such citizen out of order for exceeding such limitation, or for remarks which are repetitious or irrelevant.
- G. Prior to adjournment of each monthly General Board meeting, the Chairperson will allow time for individual citizens to comment on any subject germane to the statutory purposes of the District, other than subjects on the adopted agenda that were opened to public comment during a prior part of the meeting. Public records or other information desired by a member of the public should be requested from the District in advance of the meeting date.

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