

Guidelines for Public Hearings

Identification: Anyone wishing to attend a Susquehanna River Basin Commission (Commission) public hearing must show photo identification when signing in at the registration area. Anyone not having or refusing to show photo identification will not be allowed into the public hearing room. Acceptable forms of photo identification include driver's license, employee identification, passport, or other documents containing the individual's picture and name.

Conduct: Individuals present at the hearing are expected to follow these guidelines and not engage in behavior that is meant to disrupt the proceeding or threaten, harass or intimidate others.

Signs, Placards, Banners, and Other Display Media: No signs, placards, banners or other display media will be permitted in the public hearing room, or the lobby area at or near the Commission registration table. If the facility where the public hearing is being conducted has additional restrictions on the use or location of such media, the public will be informed and must comply with the facility's requirements.

Exception: Anyone wishing to display signs, placards, banners or other display media to support their public testimony may be permitted on a case-by-case basis. Anyone wishing to include such visual displays must bring this to Commission's attention when signing in at the registration table and must show the item(s) to be displayed during their public testimony.

Video and Audio Recording: Members of the news media may take video and audio recording devices or equipment and cameras into the public hearing room. Media will be required to sign in at the registration table and show proper press credentials. Members of the media not having proper press credentials will be considered members of the public. Interviews requested by members of the press with proper press identification will take place or be recorded outside of the public hearing room at a convenient time.

Members of the public are permitted to possess and use small hand-held recording devices or cameras in the hearing room, provided the same remain in their possession and do not disturb the hearing or anyone attending the hearing.

Time Allowed for Testimony: The presiding officer at the public hearing reserves the right to limit the length of oral testimony. Each person registered to testify will be afforded a set period of time to testify, as prescribed by the presiding officer and as time permits.

Supplemental Rules: The presiding officer reserves the right to supplement the foregoing rules of conduct, upon announcement at the public hearing, to conform to applicable facility rules or to otherwise maintain the health and safety of all attendees.