



# Board of Education

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## NOTICE CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Mary Fahey Hughes, Chair**

Enclosed is a copy of the Agenda for the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Chicago High School of Agricultural Science located at 3857 W. 111<sup>th</sup> St. Attendees can enter through Door 1. Accordingly, the Board President and the Chief Executive Officer have determined that Public Participation will be a hybrid format with the option to participate in person or via an electronic platform. The public will have access to the meeting via live stream at [cpsboe.org](http://cpsboe.org) or attending in person through the registration process.

The Public Participation segment of the meeting will begin after the Special Education Advisory Committee discussion and conclude after fifteen (15) minutes or until the last speaker has presented, whichever occurs first. Each speaker will have three (3) minutes each to present their remarks. Members of the public who wish to participate in Public Participation must register in advance to speak. Advance registration will be available beginning Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. and will close on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. or until all five slots are filled. Advance registration during this period is available by the following methods:

- Online: [www.cpsboe.org](http://www.cpsboe.org) (recommended)
- Phone: (773) 553-1600

Advance registration to observe in person will also be available beginning Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. and will close on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. or until all slots are filled. Advance registration during this period is available by the following methods:

- Online: [www.cpsboe.org](http://www.cpsboe.org) (recommended)
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Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024. Written comments can be submitted by completing the [Written Comments Form](#) at [cpsboe.org](http://cpsboe.org) or via mail to 1 N Dearborn, Suite 950, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Should you have any questions, please contact the Special Education Advisory Committee via email at [boeseac@cps.edu](mailto:boeseac@cps.edu)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Narrajos".

Susan Narrajos  
Secretary

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Enclosure

**CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024  
6:00 P.M.- 7:30 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**ADJOURN**



## Guidelines for Public Participation at Meetings of the Chicago Board of Education

The following Guidelines for Public Participation are issued by the President of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board President" and "Board") in accordance with Board Rule 2-4.1. These Guidelines replace the Guidelines that were in effect August 2023.

### **Speaker Sign Up and Equity of Voice**

Members of the public, employees of the District, Local School Council members and members of other groups wishing to speak must register in advance of the day of the meeting or by such other time noted in the meeting agenda published by the Board.

Unless otherwise noted in the notice for the Agenda Review Committee "ARC" meeting, Advance Speaker Registration will open the Monday preceding the ARC meeting at 10:30 a.m. and close Tuesday at 5:00 p.m., or until all slots are filled. Advance registration during this period is available by the following methods:

- Online: [www.cpsboe.org](http://www.cpsboe.org) (recommended)
- Phone: (773) 553-1600

Unless otherwise noted in the notice for the Board meeting, Advance Speaker Registration will open the Tuesday preceding the Board meeting at 10:30 a.m. and close Wednesday at 5:00 p.m., or until all slots are filled. Advance registration during this period is available by the following methods:

Online: [www.cpsboe.org](http://www.cpsboe.org) (recommended)  
Phone: (773) 553-1600

To ensure equity of access to address the Board, an individual may not speak at two (2) consecutive Board meetings. In the event an individual registers to speak at a consecutive Board meeting, the individual will not be called to address the Board. Speakers called by the Board Secretary may not cede their time to another person. We thank you for your cooperation in helping to ensure all voices are heard at Board meetings. This requirement does not apply to Public Hearings conducted by the Board.

### **Number of Speakers**

The Board will allocate no more than 30 speaking slots to members of the general public to speak to the Board. Speakers who registered via the Advance Registration process will have the option to attend in person at the location of the Board meeting or via electronic/telephonic means. Registered speakers will receive instructions for Board meeting participation. Each speaker will be allocated up to two (2) minutes to speak.

### **Observing the Board Meeting**

Members of the public, employees of the District, Local School Council members and members of other groups may view the Board meeting via live stream by selecting "Watch live" on the Board's website at [www.cpsboe.org](http://www.cpsboe.org), or by registering in advance to observe in person to assure their seat.

Advance registration will open the Monday preceding the ARC meeting and Tuesday preceding the Board meeting at 10:30 a.m. and close Tuesday for the ARC meeting and Wednesday for the Board meeting at 5:00 p.m., or until all advance slots are filled. Advanced registration is available online at [www.cpsboe.org](http://www.cpsboe.org), by calling 773-553-1600, or in person at 1 North Dearborn, Suite 950.

There are 100 observer slots available for advance registration. If advance observer registration has filled or has closed, same-day, in-person observer registration is also available. Same-day, in-person registration begins at 10:15 a.m. the day of the ARC meeting and Board meeting in the lobby at 42 W. Madison (unless otherwise indicated). Please be aware that same-day, in-person observer registration is taken on a first come first served basis, and registrations will be taken as open seats are available.



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## **Public Officials**

City, State and Federal public officials may request speaker time by contacting the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs at IGA@cps.edu. The Board Secretary at the discretion of the President may call City, State and Federal officials to speak at any time as appropriate.

## **Interpreters**

An interpreter will be provided for those speakers who wish to make their remarks in Spanish. Speakers who wish to make their remarks in a language other than English or Spanish must notify the Board Office at least two (2) business days prior to the Board meeting to request an interpreter. While speakers may choose to address the Board in Spanish, they will need to provide a written version of their statement the day prior to the meeting if they wish to have it translated into English during the meeting. Speakers who do not provide this statement may still address the Board, but their statements will be translated and shared with Board Members at a later time.

## **Accommodations**

Individuals with a physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity who require an accommodation, auxiliary aid and/or other services to participate in a Board meeting must notify the Board Office at (773) 553-1600 at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting to request the accommodation, auxiliary aid and/or other service. Sign language interpretation is available upon request without prior notice.

## **Order of Speakers**

The Board Secretary may group speakers according to a particular topic and may call certain speakers out of numerical order so that all comments regarding a particular topic may be heard together. Speakers called by the Board Secretary may not cede their time to another person. We thank you for your cooperation in helping to ensure all voices are heard at Board meetings.

## **Speaker Remarks and Submissions**

When called by the Board Secretary, speakers will have two (2) minutes to present their remarks and materials to the Board. Speakers must end their presentation upon the request of the Board Secretary when their time is up to allow the next speaker to begin. All public presentations must be limited to issues of concern before the Board and/or related to the Chicago Public Schools. Comments of a personal nature, unrelated to the operations of Board or CPS, directed towards individual Board members, employees of the Board or any other individual are not permitted. It is the meeting chair's prerogative to limit the discussion of any speaker to allow for broad and diverse public participation.

## **Written Comments**

Registered speakers and any member of the general public may submit written comments by completing the Written Comments Form on the Board's website at [www.cpsboe.org](http://www.cpsboe.org) or US Mail to 1 N. Dearborn, Suite 950, Chicago IL 60602. Unless otherwise noted in the public notice for the Board meeting, written comments must be submitted between the posting of the Board meeting agenda and 5 p.m. the day after the Board meeting for consideration by Board members and inclusion in the meeting proceedings.

## **Behavior**

The Board values and welcomes courteous, respectful, and civil behavior from all speakers and all persons attending a Board meeting. The Board expects speakers to limit statements to those relating to the operations of the Board or CPS and refrain from comments of a personal nature, unrelated to the operations of the Board and CPS. It is the meeting chair's prerogative to limit the discussion of any speaker to allow for broad and diverse public participation. Profane language, unsolicited comments, and disruptive behavior are prohibited. Individuals who are disruptive may be given a warning and may also be removed from the



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meeting, if necessary. If any individual is removed from a meeting as a result of disruptive behavior, then the individual may forfeit their right of reentry to future Board meetings.

### **Restrictions**

Current or prospective vendors wishing to present products or services for purchase should not use the public participation portion of a Board meeting for this purpose. Hand-held posters and placards are not allowed in the Board Room.

### **Recordings**

The Board records the public participation portion of each Board meeting. The Board reserves the right to edit any and all portions of the recording from each monthly meeting. These recordings are aired on local cable channels for the convenience of the public. Members of the public can copy any portion of the public participation or business portion of the meeting from the televised broadcast or from [www.cpsboe.org](http://www.cpsboe.org).

### **Media**

An area of the Board Room will be designated for members of the media who wish to cover the Board meeting. This number will be limited in order to accommodate as many public participants as possible. Guidelines and requirements for media access to Board meetings are issued by the Office of Communications.