



# Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama

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## Public Comments Policy

Policy No.: 12-2025-1

On December 5, 2025, the Board created a policy for the Public Comments section of the Board meetings.

The following are required:

1. The speaker is to speak directly to the Board President
2. If the public comment item is directly related to an item on the agenda, the presenter has **10 minutes** to speak, if not, **5 minutes**. If more time is needed, a speaker can always petition the board for more time with a Board vote during their comments.
3. The Board appreciates any presenter sending an outline/bullet points if possible so members can be more prepared for the presentation at the meeting.
4. Requests Outside Standard Criteria: Licensees may petition the Board to address topics outside these criteria. Approval requires a **majority Board vote**, and if granted, the item will appear on the following month's agenda. Time is limited to **10 minutes**.
5. Legal Matters: Licensees may not address the Board regarding pending or potential legal matters or lawsuits.
6. Fair Hearing Considerations: Licensees must avoid statements that could compromise the Board's ability to fairly hear any case. Doing so may require the recusal of active Board members and the engagement of non-prejudiced former members to hear the case.

Dr. Gray made the motion to approve the Public Comments Policy. Dr. Talbot seconded the motion. The Roll Call vote was unanimous of all members in attendance.

\*As a reminder, all requests to present Public Comments must be received by Dr. Finn (marybeth@dentalboard.org) seven (7) days prior to the board meeting.

Board Minutes: December 5, 2025