



PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY (PROPOSED REVISION)

I. Purpose

The French Quarter Management District (“FQMD”) values public participation and encourages community input at its public meetings. This policy is adopted in accordance with Louisiana Open Meetings Law (La. R.S. 42:11–28) to ensure public comment is conducted in a fair, orderly, and efficient manner.

II. Applicability

This policy applies to all meetings of the FQMD Board of Commissioners and its committees, unless otherwise required by law.

III. Methods of Public Comment

A. In-Person Comment

Individuals may provide comment during designated public comment periods and must follow all meeting procedures as directed by the Chair.

B. Written Comment

Written comments may be submitted via the designated FQMD public comment email or other officially designated method. Written comments must:

- Be received no later than three (3) hours prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting to be included in the official record for that meeting; and
- Include the name and address of the submitter; and
- Include agenda date and agenda item number to which public comment relates.

IV. Single Method of Comment

Each individual may provide either written comment or in-person comment on a given agenda item.

If an individual submits both written and in-person public comment, the Chair shall determine which method will be recognized for purposes of the meeting. Any duplicate submission may be included in the record but will not be read aloud.

V. Time Limits and Speaker Management

- Individual speakers shall be limited to two (2) minutes per agenda item, unless otherwise adjusted by the Chair.
- Public comment on any single agenda item or topic shall be limited to a maximum of one (1) hour total, unless extended at the discretion of the Chair.



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The Chair shall:

- Close public comment once the allotted time has expired. The Chair has the discretion to extend the public comment period if it is determined that more information is required for FQMD's full consideration.

VI. Order and Decorum

To maintain a productive meeting environment:

- Comments must be directed to the Board as a whole;
- Comments should be respectful, civil, and relevant to agenda items;
- Comment should not include profanity, threats, or disruptive behavior;
- Disruptive, threatening, or unlawful conduct is prohibited;
- The Chair may rule comments out of order or terminate a speaker's time for failure to comply with this policy.

VII. Written Comments – Reading into the Record

Written comments received in accordance with this policy shall be included in the official meeting record. The Chair or designee may read written comments aloud during the meeting.

Duplicate / Form Comments:

When multiple written comments are identical in content:

- The comment may be read aloud once in full;
- The names of all submitters may be read into the record; and
- All submissions shall be retained in full as part of the official record.

VIII. Public Record

All written comments accepted under this policy shall be maintained as part of the official public record in accordance with Louisiana Public Records Law.

IX. Chair Authority

The Chair (or presiding officer) shall have authority to enforce this policy, maintain order, and interpret these provisions consistent with applicable law.

X. Policy Review and Amendment

This policy may be amended by the Board of Commissioners as necessary to ensure compliance with applicable law and best practices.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
FRENCH QUARTER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT -
ADOPTION OF REVISED PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY**

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Commissioners

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French Quarter
Business League

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Pendleton,
Louisiana
Restaurant
Association, Inc.

Christine Bondio,
French Quarter
Business
Association

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Frank Zumbo,
Greater New
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Lodging
Association, Inc.

Glade Bilby,
French Quarter
Citizens, Inc.

Heidi Raines,
New Orleans City
Council District
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Jane Cooper,
Vieux Carre
Property Owners,
Residents and
Associates, Inc.

Joey DiFatta,
Mayoral
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Residential

Mamie
Gasparez,
Vieux Carre
Commission

Steve Caputo,
New Orleans &
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Sue Klein,
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Street, Inc..

WHEREAS, the French Quarter Management District ("FQMD") conducts its meetings in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law (La. R.S. 42:11-28);

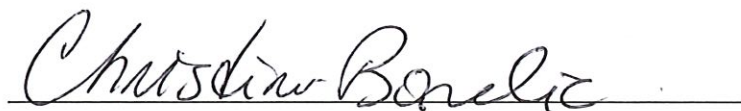
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed a revised Public Comment Policy, developed in consultation with legal counsel, to ensure public comment is received in a fair, orderly, and efficient manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Revised Public Comment Policy, as presented, to govern public comment procedures for all meetings of the French Quarter Management District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this policy supersedes all prior versions and shall remain in effect unless amended by future Board action;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair and Executive Director are authorized to implement and administer this policy in accordance with applicable law.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 30th day of March 2026.



Christine Bondio, FQMD Board Chair



Sue Klein, FQMD Board Secretary