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CAREER CENTER**

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN JOINT
OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING

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903. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. Purpose
65 P.S. 271 et seq

The Joint Operating Committee recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in Joint Operating Committee meetings.

2. Authority

65 P.S. 710.1(A)

The Joint Operating Committee shall establish guidelines to govern public participation in Joint Operating Committee meetings necessary to conduct its meeting and to maintain order.

In order to permit fair and orderly expression of public comment, the Joint Operating Committee shall provide an opportunity at each open meeting of the Joint Operating Committee for residents and taxpayers of sending districts to comment on matters of concern, official action or deliberation before the Joint Operating Committee prior to official action by the Joint Operating Committee.

The Joint Operating Committee shall require that all public comments be made at the beginning of each meeting.

If the Joint Operating Committee determines there is not sufficient time at a meeting for public comments, the comment period may be deferred to the next regular meeting or to a special meeting occurring before the next regular meeting.

3. Delegation of
Responsibility
Pol. 006

The presiding officer at each public Joint Operating Committee meeting shall follow Joint Operating Committee policy for the conduct of public meetings. Where his/her ruling is disputed, it may be overruled by a majority of those Joint Operating Committee, they shall be dealt with in accordance with those policies and procedures.

4. Guidelines

Whenever issue identified by the participant are subject to remediation under policies and procedures of the Joint Operating Committee, they shall be dealt with in accordance with those policies and procedures.