

THE PAD-CO CCB BOARD BRIEF

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CCB Public Board Input – PAIN OR GAIN?

Recently passed Colorado SB 16-038 - CRS 25.5-10-209 (b)(b) STATES "public comment MUST BE REASONABLY PERMITTED during the MEETING TO ACCOMMODATE COMMUNITY NEEDS."

A group of PAD-CO parents and others suggests the following:

- The board meetings should allow the public to feel comfortable being present and in offering comment. There is still a fear of retaliation and some members of the community may not provide information because of an unwelcoming environment.
- Multiple methods of input should be considered including written statements (to be read aloud) or comments made by phone.
- Consider comments after every item on the agenda, or at the beginning and end of the meeting.
- Move more toward an interactive process versus a presentation or statement that receives no reaction or a negative reaction.
- Community members should be seen as a resource and the Board should gain much if open to the interaction and discussion.
- Consider adding time to the beginning of the meeting for the purpose of hearing the public comment
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How about making public input an opportunity for all. Do you agree? Let us know -

Checklist for Exemplary CCB Board Membership.

- Require periodic staff presentation of all abuse/neglect incidents, complaints, difficult unresolved issues and similar.**
- Find out exactly where the money goes. Do a "checkbook" of all payments and receipts for at least one month.**
- Talk with random families - not those on the board - for their thoughts.**
- Recommend and elect to the board "naysayers" - folks with different and perhaps disagreeable viewpoints.**
- Require external audits of other sources of income such as Mill Levy funds.**
- Make your CCB totally transparent. What is being hidden and why?**