

Northern Marianas College  
Board Of Regents Policy

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Board Operations</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE:</b>	<b>August 09, 2013</b>
<b>SECTION:</b>	<b>1021</b>	<b>POLICY NAME:</b>	<b>Citizen Participation in Board of Regents Meetings</b>
<b>WSCUC Standard/Policy:</b>	<b>Standard III CFR's 3.6; 3.7; 39</b>		
<p>Northern Marianas College was created by the citizens of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and receives advice and support from them. As their appointed representatives, it is desirable that the Board of Regents, as it deliberates and forms policy, be continually aware of the needs, interests and concerns of the people of the CNMI and that all possible channels of communication be kept open for that purpose.</p> <p>I. It is also essential, however, that the Board meetings be conducted in an orderly, efficient and business-like manner and in a way that is conducive to carrying on the business of the College.</p> <p>II. To this end, it is the policy of this Board that the citizens of the CNMI may have the opportunity to be heard during, or at the close of, each regular Board meeting or to request a topic to be placed on a future agenda under the following plan:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A. A tentative agenda of topics to be discussed at each regular board meeting shall be prepared one week in advance of said meeting and shall be available to the press and to other interested persons upon request through the President's office.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">B. The order of business of a regular meeting held each quarter will include an opportunity, up to half an hour total time for the public to address the Board on any topic included on the agenda.</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">1. Those who do desire to speak shall submit their requests to the President's office immediately prior to the opening of the Board meeting. Such requests shall indicate the subject of the topic to be discussed and the presenter's name and address.</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">2. The Board of Regents reserves the right to fix such time limits on presentations as it deems appropriate to the occasion and may limit the number of spokespersons who appear before it in opposition to or in support of a given issue.</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">3. An appropriate Board committee and/or the President shall be given an opportunity to examine and to evaluate all concerns presented and to recommend action before the Board makes a decision.</p> <p>III. Unless invited or having prior authorization to speak, citizens are requested to refrain from such participation until the close of the meeting.</p>			
<b>HISTORY:</b>	Replaces Board Policy No. 1027 (September 2003)		