

# NORTHERN TIER CAREER CENTER

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN  
JOINT OPERATING  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ADOPTED: August 23, 2012

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	<p style="text-align: center;">903. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETINGS</p> <p>1. Purpose 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. The Joint Operating Committee also recognizes its responsibility for proper governance of the center and the need to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner.</p> <p>2. Authority SC 1850.1 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 710  65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 710.1  65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 710.1  3. Delegation of Responsibility SC 407 Pol. 006  4. Guidelines Whenever issues 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, procedures and the organizational structure of the center.</p>
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The Joint Operating Committee requires that public participants be residents or taxpayers of participating school districts or anyone having registered a legitimate interest in a contemplated action of the Joint Operating Committee.

Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation if applicable.

No participant may speak more than once on the same topic, unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.

All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Joint Operating Committee members individually.

The presiding officer may:

1. Interrupt or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant.
2. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum.
3. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers to remove a disorderly person when his/her conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting.
4. Call a recess or adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting.
5. Waive these rules with the approval of the Joint Operating Committee.

Electronic recording devices and cameras, in addition to those used as official recording devices, shall be permitted at public meetings under guidelines established by the Joint Operating Committee.

No placards or banners will be permitted within the meeting room.

The meeting agenda and all pertinent documents shall be available to the press and public at the meetings.

	<p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 407, 1850.1</p> <p>Sunshine Act – 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 701 et seq.</p> <p>Joint Operating Committee Policy – 006</p>
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