PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES FOR BOARD OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETINGS

All meetings of the Montgomery County Industrial Development (“MCIDA”) are open to the public and public comment is welcome as it pertains to MCIDA business. Public comment is accepted for each agenda item (“motion”) being considered by the Board, and a general public comment period is also offered toward the beginning of each meeting.

In the interest of completing MCIDA business in a timely manner and hearing all public comment as it relates to MCIDA business, the following guidelines are in place for public comment periods:

Guidelines - All Comment Periods
- All speakers should sign into the meeting on the sheet available in the back of the room or, if the meeting is virtual, announce their name and address at the start of the meeting.
- Speakers should identify themselves by name, address and municipality.
- Those seeking to speak during the time set aside for public comments on items appearing on the agenda must state the specific agenda items they wish to address.
- All public comments must be relevant, or “germane,” to MCIDA business. Under the law, this means that the subject matter of all comments must be limited to items or issues which are currently before the Board for consideration, or which may come before the Board for consideration at a future meeting. Whether a matter is germane to MCIDA business is a determination to be made by the MCIDA Solicitor.
- Time limits will be monitored and MCIDA staff will respectfully request speakers to conclude their comments if the speaker goes beyond the time allotted.
- The Board is not required to respond to public comments during the course of the meeting, so the public is reminded that it is not an opportunity for dialogue or Q&A.
- The Board Chair may direct appropriate MCIDA staff to follow up on any questions or additional comments after the meeting.
- Disruptive behavior, including (but not limited to) yelling from the seats, arguing whether a matter is germane to MCIDA business once the Solicitor has made a determination on such, or refusing to yield the floor once time has elapsed and being requested to sit down, shall be grounds for removal from the meeting (or being muted if the speaker is virtual) without further admonishment or warning.

Individual Agenda Items – 4 minute time limit
- All comments must be limited to the subject of the matter the Board will be voting upon
- Speakers may present once during the individual agenda item period.
- Further comments or questions about an agenda item should be directed to the Board Secretary when the meeting adjourns

General Public Comment Period – 4 minute time limit
- All general public comments must be limited to matters germane to MCIDA business before the Board, as defined above
- Speakers may present once for the general comment period