

On Aug 29, 2020, at 9:09 AM, Mike Walls <wtitruck3@gmail.com> wrote:

Amy, I am very interested in knowing why there is no second opportunity for public comment on the agenda this month.

This is the second month that this is happened. TIA, Mike

From: Amy DuBois <adubois@MathewsCountyVa.gov>

Date: August 29, 2020 at 11:31:30 AM EDT

To: Mike Walls <wtitruck3@gmail.com>

Subject: **Re: Public comment.**

Hi Mike,

We actually don't have a requirement for any but absolutely do so in preCOVID times to allow for as much public participation as possible. Since we've attempted in person meetings last month and this, we are doing so with an abundance of caution including trying to keep a streamlined agenda while still catching up from the many months we could only conduct essential business. I'm sure when we are all able to get to whatever our "new normal" will be, we can again have a more robust agenda, including two opportunities for public comment.

For this meeting, we allowed 90 minutes and did it up front so that anyone who does not wish to sit through the whole meetings proceedings can depart when they'd like for safety reasons and not have to wait until the end of the meeting to share thoughts and ideas. We are also trying our best to move to a system where we can consistently offer participation online - both video and online calls. That's very tricky at the HS but we are working on it for near future. Since it is inconsistent, we need to make sure we are in a larger venue that allows maximum in person participation through December.

*Thanks for reaching out. Be safe,
Amy*

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Sent from my iPad/iPhone forgive the brevity

State law requires that the BOS provide members of the general public with the opportunity for public comment during a regular meeting at least quarterly. Va. Code 15.2-1416(D)

