

Public Comment Policy

The Board of Directors of the Erie County Land Bank recognizes its obligation under the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act (65 Pa. C.S. 701, et seq.) to allow public comments on matters under deliberation at each public Board Meeting and welcomes and encourages such public comment. The Board also recognizes its responsibility for proper governance of the Erie County Land Bank and the need to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner. Accordingly, the Board hereby adopts this Policy to govern public participation at its meetings.

1. Each meeting of the Erie Land Bank Board of Directors shall provide an opportunity for residents, taxpayers, and other interested parties to comment on matters of concern, official actions, or deliberations which are or may be before the Board.
2. Those who wish to provide public comment shall be limited to five (5) minutes.
3. Individuals seeking to speak must be recognized by the Chair. Before providing comment, the individual shall provide their name, address, and group affiliation (if any).
4. Presenting comment in the form of questions shall be avoided since the purpose of the Public Comment Period is to receive comment, not to engage in question and answer sessions, or to engage in public debate or argument with either members of the Board of Directors, Land Bank staff or other persons attending the meeting. No such questions shall be answered without permission of the Chair.
5. Comment that makes personal attack on anyone shall not be allowed.
6. The Chair shall have full charge and control of the Public Comment Period and enforcement of the provisions of this policy.

These policies apply only to the public comment portion of the meeting and do not necessarily apply to the remaining agenda items.