



MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD

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TO: Commissioners Schlossberg, Brown, Carlson, Barofsky and McRae
FROM: Frank Lawson, General Manager
DATE: September 29, 2021
SUBJECT: Proposed Update to Board Policy GP10 – Public Input
OBJECTIVE: Approval of Resolution No. 2112

Issue/Discussion

The Board's Governance Process Policy GP10 highlights the Board's commitment to provide opportunity for members of the public to express their views and opinions.

The policy as written, does not specify a length of time by which each comment period will conclude. The current language states that speakers generally have three minutes to speak, however the policy does not indicate how the presiding officer will address situations that might cause the Board to deviate from its usual protocol.

In the interest of establishing clear expectations while balancing the public's desire to address their elected officials, and the Board's need to manage meetings efficiently and effectively, a proposed policy amendment is presented for your consideration.

Recommendation/Requested Board Action

Approve Resolution No. 2112, Update to Board Policy GP10 Public Input, or provide direction for recommended revisions.

Attachment: Proposed Amendments to Board Policy GP10 – Public Input

**RESOLUTION NO. 2112
OCTOBER 2021**

**EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD
UPDATE TO BOARD POLICY GP10 – PUBLIC INPUT**

WHEREAS, the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) maintains a Board Policy Manual that contains governing policies for the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners periodically reviews said policies and identifies required modifications or amendments to those policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners periodically determines that new policy is required to adequately document the work or intention of the Board with regard to governance, Board-staff linkage, strategic direction or executive limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed an amendment to Board Policy GP10, Public Input, and has determined that the amendment is appropriate and necessary to properly balance the public’s need to address Commissioners, while also allowing the Board to manage meetings in an efficient manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Eugene Water & Electric Board hereby approves the amended Board Policy GP10 – Public Input.

DATED this 5th day of October 2021.

THE CITY OF EUGENE, OREGON
Acting by and through the
Eugene Water & Electric Board

President

I, ANNE M. KAH the duly appointed, qualified, and acting Assistant Secretary of the Eugene Water & Electric Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board at its October 5, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Assistant Secretary