

The Food Co-op Board of Directors
Member Participation in Board Meetings
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Consensus Decision 2008-10-07:

In order to encourage member-owner participation in board meetings and ensure that member-owners' concerns receive the formal and respectful attention of the Board, the following procedure for member-owner comments at board meetings is adopted:

1. Time shall be allocated at the beginning of the board's meetings for member-owners' comments on any topic not on the board's agenda that evening.
2. Time shall be allocated immediately prior to board vote on that agenda item for owner-member comments on that particular item.
3. The board may ask questions and request staff input at any time in response to member-owner comments.
4. The chair of the meeting shall rule on the appropriateness of member-owner comments as agenda items are reached and shall rule on a specific individual or group time limit for member-owner comment.