

Protocol for Meetings of the Board of Elections and Registrations for Carroll County

- Board meetings are public meetings and not meetings of the public; however, any Carroll County citizen may request the opportunity to communicate with the Board; and be recognized to speak regarding appropriate issues, on the decision of the chairman. Persons desiring to communicate with the Board representing another citizen or group of citizens shall submit a written request to the Elections Supervisor stating their name, home address, telephone number and the topic about which they wish to speak and the group they represent, if applicable, no later than 3 working days prior to the next scheduled Board meeting. Other Carroll County citizens as individuals, not part of a group, wishing to address the Board must provide their name, address, telephone number and subject to the Elections Supervisor by 12 noon of the meeting day. Individuals and/or groups who have addressed the Board previously may be denied the opportunity to address the Board again on the same topic.
- The Board will usually not respond to comments or questions posed by citizens during the Board meeting, but will take those comments and questions under advisement. When appropriate, the comments and questions shall be referred to an executive session for consideration and a later response. The Board vests in its chairperson or other presiding officer authority to determine whether it is in the interest of the board to allow any individual or group to make an oral presentation before the Board. Persons who are granted the opportunity to speak will be recognized by the chairperson at the appropriate time during the meeting. Speakers will be limited to three minutes. If there are numerous requests to address the Board the Chairperson may select representatives to speak on each side of the issue. The Board also vests in its chairperson or other presiding officer, authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who does not adhere to the guidelines established by the Board.