



Rules for Public Participation in NJTF CAN Open Public Meetings

Pursuant to N.J. Stat. § 10:4-12(a), “The right to attend a public meeting does not necessarily include a right to comment or participate. Most public bodies in New Jersey may decide for themselves whether to allow public participation and may impose rules limiting or regulating participation.” As the NJTF CAN is open to and welcomes participation from the public, the following rules will apply to all NJTF CAN and related subcommittee meetings for public attendee participation.

In-Person Meetings

- All public attendees must sign-in with their name and contact information upon arrival.
- Public attendees may not speak during the course of the meeting without permission of the Chair
- Public attendees may not interrupt members or invited guests during the meeting.
- Although not required, any member of the public wishing to speak on a matter on the NJTF CAN agenda, or a matter under the NJTF CAN jurisdiction, may sign up in advance of the start of the public meeting to be included in the public participation portion of the agenda. Members of the public that have signed up in advance will be given priority speaking order during this portion of the agenda.
- A Public Participation period may be provided at the end of the meeting, should any member of the public want to participate. All statements, questions, and comments shall be made during this time.
- A Public Participant’s comments shall not exceed three (3) minutes.
- Any violations of the NJTF CAN rules may subject a participant to removal from the meeting.

Virtual Meetings

- All guests must register to attend 48 hours prior to the meeting. This will allow for contact information to be obtained and for a link to be provided to those that wish to participate.
- Public attendees may not speak during the course of the meeting without permission of the Chair.
- Public attendees may not interrupt members or invited guests during the meeting.
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- A Public Participant’s comments shall not exceed three (3) minutes.
- Public attendees must remain muted until the Public Participation period begins, unless given permission by the Chair.
- Any violations of the NJTF CAN rules may subject a participant to removal from the meeting.