

Rules of Conduct & Decorum for MTA Board & Committee Meetings

The following Rules of Conduct and Decorum apply to members of the public who speak at or attend MTA Board and Committee meetings virtually or in-person. If a member of the public violates these rules, the MTA may prevent the violator from continuing to speak, remove them from the premises, prohibit their future attendance, or restrict the camera or microphone of a virtual attendee.

1. Each person who wishes to speak shall register in advance, state their name and any organization they represent, and identify the topics or action items in the meeting work plan or materials on which they will speak.
2. Each speaker shall adhere to the time allotted to speakers at that meeting. Time may not be transferred from one speaker to another.
3. Remarks must be related to action items or subjects identified for substantive discussion in the meeting work plan or materials for that meeting.
4. Speakers shall address their remarks only to the chairperson of the meeting and shall not make personal, impertinent, insulting, or slanderous statements about any member of the MTA Board or staff, or about other members of the public.
5. Each person who wishes to attend an MTA Board or Committee meeting in person must sign-in in the lobby of the building and pass through security to be permitted entry.
6. Members of the public who attend a meeting in person may bring in water or other nonalcoholic beverages for personal consumption.
7. Members of the public must stay within the area designated for the public and may not enter any area reserved for MTA Board Members and staff.
8. Members of the public may not use profane or vulgar language, make any threats, or engage in other behavior that could disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting or threaten safety.
9. Members of the public may not display materials promoting or opposing any political party or any candidate for or incumbent of federal, state, judicial, or local government offices while speaking.
10. Members of the public, including public speakers, may not display or distribute banners, signs, or flyers within the meeting room.