



# **GRINNELL PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT WAPPINGERS FALLS NY**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY**

The Board values and welcomes civil, respectful statements and clear, concise communications that inform its deliberations

The purpose of Grinnell Public Library District board meetings is to conduct the business of the Library and, as required by Open Meetings Law, are open for observation by the public. They are not public hearings about library affairs. Under Open Meetings Law, a provision for public comment/participation is not required, however the GPLD Board regularly sets aside a period for communication from visitors in the agenda.

In the interests of time and the effective conduct of business, individual public comment may be limited at the discretion of the presiding officer of the meeting so that all members of the public attending a board meeting will have an equal opportunity to speak when time allows. Speakers in the public comment period of the agenda may be limited to three (3) minutes or less at the discretion of the presiding officer. The presiding officer of the Board reserves the right to forego or close a public comment period.

Board members are not required to respond to questions or statements made during the public expression portion of the meeting.

Approved by Board of Trustees August 17, 2022