



Open Forum Policy for Members at Board of Directors Meetings

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Any Member of the *River Marina Estates HOA* is allowed to address any issue relating to the Community during the Open Forum session of any meeting. The Member must curtail their presentation to three minutes per topic, and cannot exceed three topics per meeting. Members are required to sign the request form provided prior to the start of the meeting, indicating their name, house number and topic or topics they want to address.

Once the meeting has been called to order, the request to speak during the open forum will be closed for that meeting. Members shall present their concerns /comments in a cordial manner and be respectful of all other Members and the Board. The Board may either take the comments under advisement, reserve comment until the agenda allows or place on the agenda at the next regular meeting for further discussion.

Background information

After reviewing the Florida Statutes, the following has been provided by the Board of Directors of *River Marina Estates HOA*.

In summary, the Florida Statute mandates basic provisions allowing Members to speak for 3 minutes on any item the Members have petitioned to be placed on the Agenda.

REFERENCE - Florida Statute 720.303 (2) (b)

Members have the right to attend all meetings of the board and to speak on any matter placed on the agenda by petition of the voting interests for at least 3 minutes. The association may adopt written reasonable rules expanding the right of members to speak and governing the frequency, duration, and other manner of member statements, which rules must be consistent with this paragraph and may include a sign-up sheet for members wishing to speak. Notwithstanding any other law, the requirement that board meetings and committee meetings be open to the members is inapplicable to meetings between the board or a committee and the association's attorney, with respect to meetings of the board held for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

