



# State of West Virginia

## *Board of Medicine*

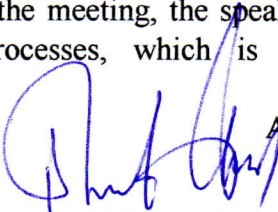
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### **Procedure for Making Public Comments at Meetings of the Board**

Anyone wishing to address the Board is welcome to do so in accord with this policy. In order to maintain order and decorum at meetings, and to conform with applicable law, the following procedure is to be followed at all Board and Committee meetings:

1. All persons wishing to address the Board must indicate so by signing the sign-up sheet before the meeting begins. At such a time that the Chair deems appropriate, speakers will be called upon in the order in which their names appear on the sign-up sheet.
2. Each speaker will be allotted five minutes. However, if the number of persons who sign-up to address the Board is greater than five persons, the Chair may identify a uniform time between one and five minutes to be allotted to each commenter.
3. Persons seeking to provide written material may place copies of the submission on the sign-up table.
4. At the conclusion of the presentation, the speaker will be permitted to respond to any questions posed by Board members.
5. The public comment period is not intended to foster a debate with the speaker at the meeting, or to develop into deliberations upon a matter outside of the meeting agenda. The Chair will take the speaker's remarks under advisement, and may refer the matter to the appropriate Committee for further review.
6. If any speaker compromises the orderly conduct of the meeting, the Chair may direct the removal of the speaker from the room. If the speaker fails to comply or continues to compromise the orderly conduct of the meeting, the speaker may be arrested for willfully disrupting governmental processes, which is a misdemeanor. (See attachment A)

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**W. Va. Code §61-6-19. Willful disruption of governmental processes; offenses occurring at State Capitol Complex; penalties.**

(a) If any person willfully interrupts or molests the orderly and peaceful process of any department, division, agency or branch of state government or of its political subdivisions, he or she is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$100, or confined in jail not more than six months, or both fined and confined: Provided, That any assembly in a peaceable, lawful and orderly manner for a redress of grievances shall not be a violation of this section.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to bring upon the State Capitol Complex any weapon as defined in section two, article seven of this chapter: Provided, That a person who holds a valid, current concealed weapons permit issued by a sheriff of this state or the appropriate authority of another jurisdiction may keep a firearm in his or her motor vehicle upon the State Capitol Complex if the vehicle is locked and the weapon is out of normal view. It is unlawful for any person to willfully deface any trees, wall, floor, stairs, ceiling, column, statue, monument, structure, surface, artwork or adornment in the State Capitol Complex. It is unlawful for any person or persons to willfully block or otherwise willfully obstruct any public access, stair or elevator in the State Capitol Complex after being asked by a law-enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity to desist: Provided, That, in order to preserve the constitutional right of the people to assemble, it is not willful blocking or willful obstruction for persons gathered in a group or crowd if the persons move to the side or part to allow other persons to pass by the group or crowd to gain ingress or egress: Provided, however, That this subsection does not apply to a law-enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity.

Any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$100 or confined in jail not more than six months, or both.