

# ACLU of RI Public Speech Rules Report

Public Body	Total Time for Comments	Time Limit for Individual Public Comments	Advance Notice Required	Limits on Content of Comments	Availability of Public Comment Rules	Point During Meeting When Public Comment Occurs	Decorum Language	Miscellaneous	Sample Agenda
<b>Warwick City Council</b>	30 minutes (can be extended with a unanimous vote of the council).  Council meets twice a month, but general public comment is only heard once a month.	5 minutes (but if more than six speakers are signed up, it will be reflective so as to not exceed 30 minutes).	Yes. Must sign in prior to start of meeting.  <i>WarwickPost: Sign-up sheet @ podium during committees. President gives 'last call' @ start of public comments.</i>	Issues directly affecting Warwick City government.  (This language was previously interpreted in an inappropriately narrow manner; see <a href="#">Cote v. Travis.</a> )	Yes. "The President shall enforce order and decorum among persons outside the rail and any person addressing the City Council."	Yes. Included on agenda. (City Council Rules state 15 minutes for public comment, but agendas state 30 minutes.)	Prior to start of Consent Agenda		<a href="https://www.warwickri.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif1391/ff_agendas/09-18-2023_regular_business_regular_public_hearing_meeting_draft.pdf">https://www.warwickri.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif1391/ff_agendas/09-18-2023_regular_business_regular_public_hearing_meeting_draft.pdf</a>
<b>Warwick School Committee</b>	30 minutes (the Chair may extend in limited circumstances).	2 minutes	None specified	One comment per person	No	Middle of meeting	Yes. Comments shall not contain "inappropriate or salacious" remarks.	The Chair may suspend public comment if they deem necessary.	<a href="https://opengov.sos.ri.gov/Common/DownloadMeetingFiles?FilePath=\Notices\4224\2023\465169.pdf">https://opengov.sos.ri.gov/Common/DownloadMeetingFiles?FilePath=\Notices\4224\2023\465169.pdf</a>