

**RESOLUTION 2024-1**  
**Rules Governing Public Participation**  
**in Meetings of the**  
**Board of Trustees for the**  
**Rupert J. Smith Law Library of St. Lucie County**

**WHEREAS** Fla. Stat. Sec. 286.0114 recognizes that members of the public have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at meetings of public boards, including the Board of Trustees for the Rupert J. Smith Law Library of St. Lucie County; and

**WHEREAS** the aforesaid statute provides that such right of public participation may be subjected to certain rules or policies so as to prevent undue disruption of board deliberations which might otherwise occur through unrestricted exercise of any such public participation; and

**WHEREAS** the Trustees of the Rupert J. Smith Law is desirous of advancing the right of public participation in a manner permitting members of the public to express their views without disrupting deliberations of the Board of the Trustees, by adoption of reasonable rules and regulations regulating the aforesaid participation,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. the Agenda for each meeting of the Board shall provide that, upon opening of the meeting, there shall be public comment. Such commentary shall be limited by the Board Chair to no more than five minutes for each member of the public who is present at the meeting and who wishes to speak;
2. members of the public wishing to speak regarding a particular agenda topic may, additionally, request from the Secretary of the Board, in advance of the meeting, a form so as to inform the Board of a desire to be heard, on which the public member shall express opposition or neutrality on a proposition, and indicating whether there is designation of a representative to speak for him or her or his or her group on any such proposition if he or she so chooses. Such form, when completed, shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Board in advance of the meeting. The Board Chair shall recognize the public member at the outset of deliberation on that particular

agenda item. Comment by the public member through this means shall be limited to a total of three minutes in length.

ADOPTED by the Trustees of the Rupert J. Smith Law Library this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 2024.



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Board Chair



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Board Secretary