

Board of Visitors Meeting Rules

Board of Visitors Meetings are open to the public unless meeting in closed session.

Attending Guests

Reservations are not required to attend a Board meeting; however, seating is limited.

- Attending guests may not engage in conduct that is disruptive; see *Guidance for Assessing When Behavior is Disruptive to University Operations* on the University Policy website: <https://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/space-utilization-and-scheduling/>.
- All guests must be seated; occupancy is limited to the number of chairs provided in the meeting space. Occupancy is determined based on the configuration of the room and applicable fire codes.
- Standing room is not provided
- Guests may not stand while the meeting is in progress unless they are addressed by or addressing the Board, unless a medical condition necessitates an individual to remain standing.
- Signs and banners are permitted so long as they do not exceed 11 x 17 and do not obstruct the view or participation of other guests or members of the Board.
- No items, except personal items (e.g., handbags and briefcases) may be placed on the floor of the meeting area, placed on display, or affixed to the wall without prior approval from the Board of Visitors or as is required to present information to the Board as part of the schedule agenda.
- The University may reserve seats for individuals invited by the Board. Unused reserved seats will be released if/when they become available.
- In accordance with University Policy 1408 Concealment of Identity, individuals who wear a mask, hood, or other device whereby a substantial portion of their face is hidden or covered so as to conceal their identity, must present an Identification Document when requested by an Authorized University Employee or otherwise establish their identity to the satisfaction of the Authorized University Employee.
- Gatherings outside of Board of Visitors meeting spaces may not create noise that interferes with the meeting; individuals may be asked to move or suspend their activities.

Regarding meeting decorum during Board of Visitors meetings:

- Only those individuals identified on Board Meeting Agendas or called upon by the Board are permitted to speak during meetings.
- When an oral public comment period is provided, members of the audience may address the Board per the procedures established for the public comment period (e.g., speakers may be required to register in advance)