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Dear John:

There is no requirement that the Board of Library Trustees receive public comments at board meetings. Even if members of the public are present and ask to address the Board, the Board may refuse to hear them.

The Board should not permit one member of the public to speak and refuse to hear another individual.

If the Board decides that it would rather not take public comments then, of course, no item on the agenda should be listed for that purpose.

Finally, if the Board does decide to take public comments it may impose time limits. There is no hard and fast rule as to what that time limit should be but limiting each speaker to five minutes would be appropriate.

Very truly yours,

BOOTH & LITTLE

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