

# School Board Nominating Commission Of Anne Arundel County

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## **SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATING COMMISSION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY ANNOUNCES REVISED PUBLIC HEARING FORMAT FOR MAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

The School Board Nominating Commission (SBNC) of Anne Arundel County is pleased to announce its next set of public hearings set for May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings will be held at the Anne Arundel Community College – Arnold West Campus CADE Room 219 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Both hearings will be videotaped and replayed at a later date on AACPS-TV, with dates and times to be released. Please check <http://aacps.org/sbnc> for up-to-date information on broadcasts.

The SBNC has also approved and released the revised format guidelines for the upcoming **May 5<sup>th</sup>** hearing which will include section 1) designated applicant support testimony and section 2) general public testimony. It is the Commission's intent that by providing sufficient prior notice of the following revised format for the May 5<sup>th</sup> hearing that we are affording the general public, and the applicants, time to plan accordingly. The Commission strongly encourages members of the public to write or e-mail the Commission expressing both support for and opposition to applicants as a viable and equally weighted alternative to public testimony. Lastly, the Commission will not be engaging in a question and answer session with any of the witnesses or members of the general public at the hearing.

**Section I - Applicant Support Testimony** - Each Applicant may have two (2) designated members of the public to testify on their behalf and each witness will be afforded three (3) minutes to speak. Applicants must provide the Commission with the names of their two designated witnesses at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing. There are no restrictions on who may testify on an applicant's behalf. However, applicants are strongly encouraged to select individuals who will be able to convey their support in a concise, coherent, and substantive manner. The individuals may also submit written testimony for the record as a supplement to their oral testimony.

**Section II - General Public Testimony** - The Commission will receive testimony from the members of the general public. Those individuals desiring to provide public testimony will be asked to sign a “speakers list” designated by applicant upon arrival at the hearing and will be afforded three (3) minutes to speak. Speakers will be selected to testify on a rotating basis selecting by 3 speakers from each applicant list. Members of the general public are also encouraged to submit written testimony for the record as well. The Commission has set aside a three-hour block of time to receive testimony and will use its discretion if additional time is warranted or necessary for full public participation.

Applicants will be afforded the ability to submit for the record a written statement that clarifies, refutes, or augments any public testimony received at the hearing. The record will be left open until May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The May 12<sup>th</sup> hearing will be a business and procedural meeting which is open to the public but testimony will not be accepted.

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