

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Policy: Public Participation Policy

Effective Date: September 7, 2010

Approved: 

1. Purpose

This policy is adopted pursuant to § 2-3-103, M.C.A., which provides that each agency shall develop procedures for permitting and encouraging the public to participate in agency decisions that are of significant interest to the public.

2. Statement of Policy

The Commissioner of Higher Education (CHE) hereby adopts a policy of encouraging the public to participate in agency decisions that are of significant interest to the public. To this end, the CHE adopts the following provisions:

3. Public Meetings

The following meetings will be open to the public:

- a. Board of Regents and Board of Regents Committee Meetings
- b. Campus Advisory Meetings
- c. Inter-Unit Benefits Committee Meetings
- d. Perkins State Plan Advisory Committee Meetings
- e. Two-Year Council Meetings
- f. Governor's Scholarship Advisory Council Meetings
- g. FESP Advisory Council Meetings
- h. Student Loan Advisory Council

The public will be notified by posting public meeting agendas, including times, dates and locations of meetings, on the BOR/CHE web site (<http://www.mus.edu>). Regular BOR meetings will be noticed at least 7 days prior to the meeting. Additions to the agenda of regular meetings and the agendas for special meetings will be noticed no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. A name and phone number will be posted for those who need further information, disability accommodations or general information about agenda topics.

4. Press Notification

It is the policy of the OCHE that local newspapers and TV stations will be notified by e-mail of Board of Regents meeting agendas and Board of Regents Committee meeting agendas. Public meetings will be posted on the CHE web site (<http://www.mus.edu>) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.