



## COMMISSION POLICY – PUBLIC MEETINGS

### **Purpose**

To define the requirements for conducting open, public meetings of the NG9-1-1 Interoperability Oversight Commission to provide the opportunity for the public to provide input and comment about matters that may come before the Commission.

### **Authority**

Article 6, Paragraph A of the Bylaws of the NG9-1-1 Interoperability Oversight Commission (NIOC) requires the Commission to meet at least once per calendar quarter, and

Article 12, Paragraph F of the Bylaws of the NG9-1-1 Interoperability Oversight Commission (NIOC) stipulates that the revenues and expenditures of the Commission shall be generally open and available to the public, and

Article 10, Paragraph A of the Bylaws of the NG9-1-1 Interoperability Oversight Commission (NIOC) provides that the rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern this Commission in all cases in which they are consistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order which the Commission or the Association may adopt.

### **Policy**

It is the finding of the Commission that:

1. The Commission desires to provide the opportunity for the public to provide input and comment about matters that may come before it.
2. The Commission desires to consider the opinion of its stakeholders and other members of the public who may be impacted by its decisions.
3. An opportunity to provide input on items that are on the Commission's agenda or that may come before the Commission at some future date are desirable.
4. In the interest of efficiency, it is desirable to limit public comments to a specific time.

Therefore, it shall be the policy of the Commission in accordance with its By-Laws, that:

1. At the first meeting of each quarter, two periods for public comment shall be reserved on the Agenda:
  - a. The first period, reserved for Comments on items appearing on the current meeting Agenda, shall immediately follow Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting.
  - b. The second period, reserved for Comments on items not appearing on the current meeting Agenda, shall immediately follow Commission Member Announcements/Concerns.
2. During both periods, a time limit of three (3) minutes shall be provided to each speaker.
3. Each Comment period shall be a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes for each Comment period, as referenced in Items 1.a and 1.b. above.
4. The Commission may extend the time periods allocated in #2 and #3 above by a majority vote.