

New York State Camp Safety Advisory Council

Guidelines for Observers

The Camp Safety Advisory Council welcomes interested observers at its meetings of the whole body, which are public meetings. However, in order to make these meetings as productive as possible for all concerned, the Council has established certain ground rules so as not to disrupt the business of the meetings.

1. All Press inquiries concerning Council or Department activities should be directed to the Director of Public Affairs at (518) 474-7354.
2. The Chairperson may decline to admit observers and others while a meeting is in progress and may excuse observers from Executive Sessions held to discuss:
 - matters specifically exempt from disclosure under Federal or State Law;
 - matters that would imperil the public safety if disclosed;
 - matters that may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer
 - information relating to investigations of criminal offense which, if disclosed, would imperil effective law enforcement;
 - discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation;
 - collective negotiations pursuant to the Civil Service Law;
 - the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a person or corporation;
 - the proposed acquisition, sale, lease or exchange of real property or securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.
3. Any interruption of the meeting for the taking of photographs by the news media will require approval of the Chairperson before the start of the meeting.
4. Observers will be accommodated within the physical limitations of the meeting room.
5. Discussion during the meeting is limited to only the Council members (who may request information or reports from staff to the Council), unless prior approval to participate in a discussion has been granted by the Chairperson.
6. The Department Liaison and the Council Chairperson may be contacted by observers. Generally before or after the meeting, for clarification of agenda items or discussion, interviews, general information on the Council, etc.

Copies of the Meeting Minutes are available upon request.