

201—10.4(17A) Oral presentations. When requested by the persons or groups enumerated in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1) “b,” an opportunity for an oral presentation shall be scheduled. The request must be received at the department office within 20 days of the publication of the notice of intended action and must identify the proposed rule subject to the request by ARC number and by the specific citation to the proposed rule upon which presentations are to be made. A separate request shall be made for proposed rule(s) under each notice.

10.4(1) Notice. When so requested under the provisions of this rule or in the director’s discretion, the director shall schedule an opportunity for oral presentations by publishing a notice of the opportunity in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, which shall refer to the ARC number and citation of the proposed rule, and which shall give the public not less than 20 days’ notice of the date, time and place of the meeting. Additional notice shall be mailed to all persons who have requested the opportunity for an oral presentation and to the news media when requested.

10.4(2) Conduct of meetings. The director or designee shall serve as the presiding officer at the meetings. At the commencement of the meeting, any person wishing to make an oral presentation shall advise the presiding officer of the person’s name, address and affiliation.

a. At the commencement of the meeting the presiding officer shall give a brief synopsis of the proposed rule, a statement of the statutory authority and the reasons for the proposed rule. The presiding officer may limit individual presentations to five minutes each.

b. The presiding officer may open the floor to questions or general discussion to facilitate the exchange of information, but is not required to do so.

c. Persons who disrupt or obstruct the meeting either by their behavior or by the use of a camera or recording device beyond what is reasonably required to operate the camera or recording device shall be requested to cease such behavior or to cease using the camera or device. The presiding officer shall exclude any person who fails to comply with the request.

d. The presiding officer shall, when practical, receive all relevant physical and documentary evidence presented by witnesses. All such evidence becomes the property of the department.

e. A record shall be prepared consisting of the minutes or verbatim record, and all evidence submitted. The presiding officer shall then prepare a summary of the content of all comments received at the meeting. The summary, and when practical the entire record, shall be forwarded to the director for further consideration.