

# Welcome to the Bloomingfoods Board Meeting!

As member-owners, we are grateful for your interest in the Co-op. We also welcome non-member-owners who have prior approval from the board. As a guest, please respect the following when joining us:

- Provide your name and member number during introductions, so we have accurate minutes and can access your contact info for responding.
- To be efficient in our monthly meeting, the Board follows a carefully prepared agenda. Please be respectful of the Board's process and not interrupt during discussions and voting.
- Every agenda includes time for your questions and comments. We ask that you limit your comments to two minutes, especially when many comments are being heard. If you feel that two minutes is not enough, ask a director to place it on the agenda for the following month to assure we allow the appropriate time to hear your comments.
- Return any shared documents before you leave.
- Some of the information discussed at Board meetings is related to confidential information. We reserve these conversations for Executive Session, and will request that guests excuse themselves during this agenda item.

In most cases the Board will not immediately comment for two main reasons.

- Many comments/questions the board receives are operational - directly relating to activities at the stores. These issues must be directed to the GM by our Policies\*. The GM or appropriate staff will respond to your comments after giving them honest consideration.
- Some questions/comments are for the Board. We also appreciate time to consider, research, and discuss your comments as needed. We want to provide thoughtful responses with the attention they deserve which may include discussion at the following meeting.

By voicing your thoughts, it's clear that you care. Thanks! As owner-members, directors, management and/or staff, we are all striving for a strong Bloomingfoods that meets the needs of the community and leads the way in healthful and local food systems. This is more than is asked of other groceries, but together we can understand those needs, and improve our community.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

\*The Policy register is available in print at the Board meetings.

Links to our Bylaws, Policies, Meeting Schedules, Minutes, and an overview of Policy Governance can be found at [www.bloomingfoods.coop/board](http://www.bloomingfoods.coop/board)