

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-54

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING UPDATED GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT DURING
PUBLIC MEETINGS AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2023-33**

WHEREAS, Jellico Utilities Authority (JUA) is an energy authority constituted pursuant to Tennessee Code Title 7, Chapter 36; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tennessee Code Ann. § 8-44-112, the Jellico Utilities Authority Board shall reserve a period for public comment at each public meeting to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on any matter germane to the operations of the utility; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to consolidate and simplify the rules for public participation to ensure clarity and efficiency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY JELICO UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD, the following:

- I. JUA shall take all practicable steps to reserve a period for public comment at its public meetings.
- II. The "Public Comment Period" shall be conducted under the following guidelines:
 - A. The maximum number of individuals who may speak during the Public Comment Period shall be limited to five (5) individuals in total.
 - B. The length of time each individual may speak is three (3) minutes.
 - C. Speakers shall address all comments to the Chairperson and maintain an orderly and peaceable manner.
 - D. The Chairperson shall take all practicable steps to ensure that opposing viewpoints are represented fairly.
 - E. These guidelines shall be enforced fairly within the sole discretion of the Chairperson.
- III. Each individual requesting to speak shall sign up in advance of the meeting in order to be recognized by the Chairperson, in the manner prescribed by the President & CEO on the sign-in sheet located on JUA's website, also provided at the meeting.
- IV. The "Public Notice" for a meeting shall include the following:

Individuals who wish to make a public comment shall sign in before the meeting in order to be recognized by the Chairperson.
- V. This resolution shall not apply to a meeting to conduct a disciplinary hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution No. 2026-54 hereby supersedes and replaces Resolution No. 2023-33 in its entirety. The President & CEO be, and hereby is, authorized to take any and all actions and execute and deliver such documents as he may deem necessary, appropriate or convenient to effectuate the foregoing resolution including, without limitation, causing to be prepared and filed such reports, documents, or other information as may be required under applicable law.

APPROVED in open meeting on the 28th day of April 2026.

Attest:


Recording Secretary

JELICO UTILITIES AUTHORITY


Chairperson