Public participation means the presentation or discussion of information, raising of questions, or other manner of involvement in a meeting of the Commission by one or more members of the public in a manner that contributes to the disposition of Commission business.

§ 560.3 Open meetings.
(a) Except as otherwise provided in this part, every portion of every meeting of the Commission shall be open to public observation.
(b) Meetings of the Commission, or portions thereof, shall be open to public participation only when an announcement to that effect is issued under §560.4(b)(4) of this part. Public participation shall be conducted in an orderly, nondisruptive manner and in accordance with such procedures as the chairperson of the meeting may establish. Public participation may be terminated at any time for any reason.
(c) When holding open meetings, the Commission shall make a diligent effort to provide ample space, sufficient visibility, and adequate acoustics to accommodate the public attendance anticipated for the meeting.
(d) Members of the public may record open meetings of the Commission by means of any mechanical or electronic device, unless the chairperson of the meeting determines that such recording would disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting.

§ 560.4 Notice of meetings.
(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Commission shall make a public announcement at least 7 days prior to a meeting.
(b) The public announcement shall include:
(1) The time and place of the meeting;
(2) The subject matter of the meeting;
(3) Whether the meeting is to be open, closed, or portions thereof closed;
(4) Whether public participation will be allowed; and
(5) The name and telephone number of the person who will respond to requests for information about the meeting.

§ 560.5 Closed meetings.
(a) A meeting or portions thereof may be closed, and information pertaining to such meeting or portions