

# LWV of East Alabama — Observer Corps Report

Agency: Auburn Board of Education

Date: April 10, 2018 (second Tuesday at 6pm)

Meeting Location: Auburn Junior High School (405 S. Dean Rd.)

Type of meeting: Regular

Staff present: Yes City Manager Others: Full range of Admin staff, plus all Teachers-of-the-Year winners

Media coverage? Yes

# of Audience Members: over 20

Facilities ALL OK

FEATURE EVALUATED	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Did meeting start on time?	X		
Were all members present?	X		
Were members attentive?	X		
Did the members appear to have done their "homework"?	X		
Were members courteous to each other and the public?	X		
Was the agenda online at least 24 hrs before?			NO. Board does not publish in advance
Did agenda items clearly describe what was to be discussed?	X		Agenda posted on video screen at meeting only
Was there adequate opportunity for public input?	X		Time was allotted; only one person took opportunity to speak
Was there the appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?	X		Appearance given that each and every item had been thoroughly reviewed and decided prior to meeting. Prior to vote, Board President raised the "Question;" No Board member ever made any comments
Was background information available to public?		X	

## Were any issues on the agenda relevant to any LWV state or local positions or programs?

Latest published Agenda is for the March 20, 2018, meeting. According to staff member I talked with Board does not publish Agenda nor the Packet in advance of meeting. See above comment re posting Agenda. Only Agenda and approved Minutes are published; e.g., bids only contain brief description of work, amount, and name of successful bidder. Strategic plan(s) on other sites. Other select documents may be available on other web sites and upon request.

## Do you recommend local League action on any of these issues? Yes

- Need to discuss with Staff and/or Superintendent their understanding of the Sunshine Act and its applicability to the Board's responsibilities to the public.
- Board's actions run contrary to the actions taken by the Auburn City Council and other organizations visited to date in terms of making agenda and supporting documentation available to the public in advance of meetings.

Observer: BOU

Date Submitted: April 13, 2018

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