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Acting Chair Simis failed to ask for public comments for the Directors' comments. The agenda states:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public may address comments to the Board concerning each agenda item. The timing of public comment shall be at the discretion of the Chair.

My hand was raised on the remote platform before Director Scattini finished speaking, thus I (and perhaps others) were deprived of providing comments on the Directors' reports and contributing to the Directors' and public's understanding of contentious long-term issues. While no vote was involved, the WRA is asked to "cure and correct" its seemingly blatant disregard for providing all of the opportunities for public input and engagement the law requires. At especially a time it -- per its own Directors' comments -- faces a trust issue and seeks stakeholder engagement, disregard for the public is self-administered poison.

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