

Framework for Accountable Decision Making

There are **three** things to look for in any **DECISION** that affects you...

1. *THE REASONS*

“**REASONS**” help explain or provide basis for the decision.

2. *THE PROCESS*

“**PROCESS**” helps explain how the decision is made, the steps and action taken, people involved in making the decision.

3. *YOUR ROLE*

“**ROLE**” helps explain the part you play in the decision.

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In a democracy, we should expect and require that all decisions are guided by the following criteria:

- ✓ **Legitimate Reasons:** The decisions are based on policies, standards, rules that are fairly applied
- ✓ **Transparency:** The process used to make the decision is visible to all.
- ✓ **Opportunities for participation:** There is a role in the decision making process for the individual affected by the decision.

These principles can be used as criteria for accountable decision making in a democracy.