

Trust

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES	
PURPOSE	The public comment period allows individuals to inform and advise the Alaska Mental Health Trust Board of Trustees about issues relating to Trust beneficiaries, grants, lands, assets, or other Trust business. It is not a hearing.
WHEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public comment periods are provided during all regular meetings of the full board of trustees. Full board meetings usually are held in late January, May, September, and November. ▪ A public comment period may be available during other trustee meetings based upon recommendations by staff or trustees. ▪ Meeting schedules, agenda, materials, and participation information are posted on the Trust’s website: https://alaskamentalhealthtrust.org.
PROTOCOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals wishing to provide public comment are encouraged to sign up in advance. ▪ Individuals are invited to speak for up to three minutes. ▪ A speaker may be granted the latitude to speak longer than the 3-minute time limit only by the Chair or by a motion adopted by the Full Board of Trustees. ▪ Speakers must be respectful of the board of trustees and all meeting attendees and are not permitted to criticize or attack others. The Chair maintains the right to stop public comments that contain inappropriate or inflammatory language or behavior. ▪ If after 10 minutes no one has called in to provide public comment, the meeting will resume.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS	
How can I provide comments during the meeting?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sign up in advance by emailing public.comment@mhtrust.org by 5 p.m. the night before the meeting. ▪ Indicate if you will be commenting in-person or remotely and include your full name, telephone number, organization (if applicable), and the topic of your public comment. ▪ While pre-registration is not required, public comment will begin with those who have pre-registered. ▪ If you are participating remotely, please ensure you are connected to the meeting at the beginning of the public comment period and ready to speak when the Chair calls your name.
What if I cannot provide comment during the meeting?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If you are unable to attend the public comment period, or if public comment concludes before you have a chance to provide public comment, written comments may be sent at any time via email or mail: ▪ Email: public.comment@mhtrust.org ▪ Mail: 3745 Community Park Loop Suite 200, Anchorage AK 99508
What is the process for commenting on Trust land projects?	Trust land is managed by the Trust Land Office (TLO) on behalf of the Trust Authority, and written public comment is sought on a per-project basis. Public notices with instructions for submitting public comment are posted on the Trust Land Office website , through the State of Alaska Online Public Notices , and in local newspapers. Following the comment period, the TLO may affirm, revise or rescind the best interest decision regarding the project.
For additional information:	Allison Biastock, Chief Communications Officer 907-334-2531 or allison.biastock@alaska.gov