

# Trust

## Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

### PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

<b>PURPOSE</b>	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.
<b>WHEN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Trust bylaws and charters call for a public comment period during all regular meetings of the full board of trustees. Full board meetings usually are held in late January, May, September, and November.</li> <li>▪ A public comment period may be available during Trust committee meetings based upon recommendations by staff or trustees.</li> <li>▪ Meeting schedules, information and agendas are posted on the Trust’s website: <a href="https://alaskamentalhealthtrust.org">https://alaskamentalhealthtrust.org</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>PROTOCOL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Individuals are invited to speak for up to three minutes.</li> <li>▪ 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.</li> <li>▪ Participants addressing issues relating to Trust beneficiaries will have priority order.</li> <li>▪ 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.</li> </ul>

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

<b>How can I provide comments?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ IN PERSON – please sign up for public comment using the clipboard provided by Trust staff during the Trustee meeting. The Chair will call your name to a microphone.</li> <li>▪ VIA TELECONFERENCE – please call the meeting teleconference number on a telephone hard line and identify yourself when the Chair asks.</li> <li>▪ IN WRITING – written comments may be sent via email: <a href="mailto:public.comment@mhtrust.org">public.comment@mhtrust.org</a>, or mail: 3745 Community Park Loop Suite 200, Anchorage AK 99508. Written comments will be provided to trustees at the next scheduled meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>What is the call-in number?</b>	Complete meeting information is posted on the Trust’s website in the Upcoming Events section. Open the appropriate meeting to find the meeting agenda, call-in information, and any meeting documents.
<b>What is the process for commenting on Trust land projects?</b>	Trust land is managed by the Trust Land Office (TLO) on behalf of the Trust Authority, and written comment is sought on a per-project basis. Before each project, the TLO consults with the board of trustees and issues a best interest decision and public notice with instructions for submitting public comment. The notice is posted on the <a href="#">Trust Land Office website</a> , through the <a href="#">State of Alaska Online Public Notices</a> , and in local newspapers. Following the comment period, the TLO may affirm, revise or rescind the best interest decision regarding the project.
<b>For additional information:</b>	Please reach out to Allison Biastock, Chief Communications Officer, at 907-334-2531 or <a href="mailto:allison.biastock@alaska.gov">allison.biastock@alaska.gov</a> if you have additional questions.