

Guidelines for Public Comment During Advisory Committee Meetings

Public participation in state government greatly enhances our ability to provide exceptional service to all Oregonians. Forming advisory committees is one way the Oregon Department of State Lands engages stakeholders on important topics.

The below guidelines were created to help members of the public know what to expect when providing comments during DSL advisory committee meetings.

Important note! Not all advisory committee meetings include time for public comment. Be sure to check the specific meeting agenda for public comment details.

General Guidelines

- ***Please introduce yourself!*** State your name, any organization you're representing, and where you live.
- ***Focus on topics being discussed during the meeting.*** Comments should be relevant to items the advisory committee is discussing that day. Most DSL public engagement processes include a public hearing or meeting, comment period, or other opportunity for general input on a topic or decision.
- ***Stick to the time limit.*** The standard time limit is three minutes per individual. Respecting the set time limit ensures advisory committees hear from a variety of people. "Yielding" time to other commenters is not typically allowed.
- ***Submit lengthy comments or detailed information in writing.*** Focus on key points during your spoken comments and provide additional written comments.

Please note: State Land Board meetings have specific testimony guidelines. Review those guidelines [here](#).