



Public Comment Guidelines

Verbal Public Comment

The Oregon Public Defense Commission welcomes public comment. There is a limited amount of time to provide verbal public comment during each Commission meeting, with each commentator allowed up to three minutes of time. However, the time limit per person for public comment may be limited by the Chair if time constraints require.

If you are interested in providing virtual verbal public comment to the OPDC, please submit your request using our [online form](#) no later than 5:00pm PT two (2) business days prior to the meeting. The form will be available and linked under the applicable meeting on our Commission meeting webpage and on the meeting agenda following public notification of the meeting, and until the deadline for submission. Please include your full name, organization/entity name, email, and phone number with your request.

Upon receipt of your completed request, you will be provided a link to join the meeting as a panelist for the public comment portion of the meeting. After you provide your verbal comments, you will be moved to attendee status to continue viewing the meeting if you choose.

A person speaking during the designated portion of the agenda for public comment may offer input regarding general matters of concern regarding the commission's statutory duties under ORS 151.216, its policies, procedures, standards and guidelines regarding the provision of public defense, and/or objective criticism of Commission operations.

The Commission will not hear comments regarding any individual public defense provider, Commission member, or employee of the Commission. If you have a complaint regarding a public defense provider or Commission member, you may submit your complaint in writing to info@opdc.state.or.us to be addressed. If you have a complaint regarding an employee of the Commission, you may submit your complaint in writing to human.resources.notification@opds.state.or.us to be addressed.

Written Public Comment

The Oregon Public Defense Commission also welcomes written public comment that is related to its statutory duties under ORS 151.216, its policies,

procedures, standards and guidelines regarding the provision of public defense, and/or objective criticism of Commission operations. The Commission will not accept written comments regarding any individual public defense provider, Commission member, or employee of the Commission. If you have a complaint regarding a public defense provider or Commission member, you may submit your complaint in writing to info@opdc.state.or.us to be addressed. If you have a complaint regarding an employee of the Commission, you may submit your complaint in writing to human.resources.notification@opds.state.or.us to be addressed.

If you wish to provide written public comment, please submit your request using our [online form](#). The form will be available and linked under the applicable meeting on our Commission meeting webpage and on the meeting agenda following public notification of the meeting, and until the deadline for submission. Please include your full name, organization/entity name, email, and phone number.

Written comment regarding action items shall be submitted no later than two (2) business days prior to the meeting. All written comment received by the close of business two (2) business days in advance of the meeting will be provided to Voting and Non-voting Members and posted to the public on the OPDC website prior to the meeting. If you would like to provide attachments to accompany your written comment, please email them to info@opdc.state.or.us. Please include your name and a reference to your written comment in your email.

Written comment on agenda topics can also be submitted up to two (2) business days after the meeting. Any written comment that is received after meeting and within two (2) business days from the posted meeting time will be provided to Voting and Non-voting Members, posted to the public on the OPDC website as soon as practicable, and will be included in the material for the subsequent OPDC regular meeting. To submit written public comment after the meeting, please email info@opdc.state.or.us. Please include your full name, organization/entity name, email, and phone number.