

Procedure for Public Comment

TRORC Board and Committee Meetings

All TRORC Board and Committee meetings are subject to Vermont's Open Meeting Law: 1 VSA §310-314. As stated in 1 VSA §312 (h):

At an open meeting the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to express its opinion on matters considered by the public body during the meeting as long as order is maintained. Public comment shall be subject to reasonable rules established by the chairperson.

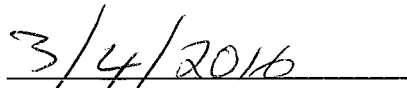
In accordance with the above statute, TRORC has established the following guidelines:

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1. All meetings shall be accessible to persons with disabilities under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Accommodations are available upon request to persons with disabilities who require alternately formatted materials or auxiliary aids to ensure effective communication. Please allow at least five business days to arrange for accommodations. Requests for accommodation should be sent to the TRORC Executive Director.
2. Members of the public will identify themselves during the Introductions portion of the agenda by stating their name and identify the topic upon which they wish to comment.
3. The Chair will rule if the topic pertains to an item warned on the meeting agenda and will take such public comments after the approval of agenda or later in the meeting, at the discretion of the Chair.
4. Each member of the public may be given a maximum of three minutes to state their comments on an agenda item.
5. In the event a member of the public would like to bring to the Board or Committee's attention a matter that is not included on the meeting's agenda, the meeting Chair will afford the speaker a maximum of three minutes to state their comments directly after the Approval of Agenda.
 - a. Following the comment, Board and Committee members may ask clarifying questions, but as the matter has not been warned, there will be no discussion.
 - b. The Board or Committee Chair may choose to add the matter to a future agenda for consideration.

Adopted by the TRORC Board of Commissioners


TRORC Chair


Date