

LOTT Board Policy No. 19

Public Comment

The LOTT Board of Directors values the public's input and sets aside time to receive public comment during Board business meetings. To provide opportunity for public comment and ensure orderly conduct of meetings, LOTT intends to establish a limited public forum which will provide time on its agenda to hear comment from the public on matters concerning LOTT's business.

For purposes of this policy, "public comment" refers to any comments made by the public in a LOTT Board meeting, public meeting, public hearing, social media page, or any other method or venue where LOTT receives comments from the public.

The LOTT Clean Water Alliance has a specific mission relating to cleaning and restoring water for our community. In order to further this mission, all public comments must relate to the business of LOTT or issues being considered on the meeting agenda.

Additionally, inappropriate and prohibited content will not be allowed during public comment. The following are considered inappropriate and prohibited content:

- Promoting or advertising commercial service, entities, or products;
- Supporting or opposing political candidates or ballot propositions;
- Violent, threatening, or obscene language, content, or behavior;
- Encouraging illegal activity;
- Promoting, fostering, or perpetuating harassment or discrimination on the basis of creed, color, age, religion, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or protected status;
- Content that may potentially compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems;
- Violating legal ownership or copyrights;
- Sexual content; or
- Content that interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting.

Furthermore, due to time constraints, each speaker shall limit their comments to a maximum of three (3) minutes. Time allotted for public comment will generally be limited to 30 minutes in total.

The presiding officer may limit or stop any public comment that does not abide by the rules in this policy, and may mute remote speakers violating these rules

If, for any reason, a member of the public is unable to speak during the meeting, they may submit their comments in writing. These comments will become part of the meeting record and, if related to meetings of the Board, will be distributed to all LOTT Board members as soon as practical.