



Participating in a Voting Meeting

The Public's Voice Matters

What Are CPUC Voting Meetings?

At the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Voting Meeting five Commissioners discuss and vote on proposed policies and rules.

Each meeting starts with a public comment period. Generally, the Commissioners listen and do not respond to public comments. **You can address any topic over which the CPUC has jurisdiction, except the following:**

- Informal Complaints that are handled by the CPUC's Consumer Affairs Branch.
- Transportation company licensing matters for which there have been hearings.
- Items on the Closed Session section of the Voting Meeting agenda.
- Proceedings to which you are a party.
- Other adjudicatory matters, such as Formal Complaints.

What Are the Rules for Making Comments at Voting Meetings?

Rules are used to facilitate the Public Comment Session, which assure as many people as possible can speak within the limited timeframe in an organized manner. Some of the most important rules are:

- 1 You must sign up the day of the meeting at the CPUC Public Advisor's table before the meeting begins.
- 2 If you sign up in advance online (<https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/requesttocomment/>), please check in at the Public Advisor's table before the meeting begins so we know you have arrived.
- 3 Individuals who sign up by the start of the meeting may have up to three minutes to speak. The time may be shortened if there are many speakers signed up.
- 4 People arriving after the meeting starts but before the Public Comment Session ends are given only one minute to speak.
- 5 No speakers will be accommodated after the Public Comment Session has closed.
- 6 Individuals with a shared position are encouraged to select a spokesperson for their group.
- 7 Speakers may provide written comments for distribution to the Commissioners and/or Executive Director.
- 8 Except for representatives of public officials, written comments from people who cannot attend cannot be read at the meeting, but can be given to the Public Advisor for distribution.
- 9 Attendees cannot distribute written materials inside the meeting room.
- 10 The CPUC and state police retain the right to remove disruptive attendees from the meeting.
- 11 The CPUC reserves the right to override the above rules in the case of an emergency or unforeseen circumstance.





Will Decision-Makers Listen to My Comments?

Yes! Public participation is an important part of the CPUC decision-making process. Public comments, whether verbal or written, are made available to CPUC decision-makers to consider.



Where Can I Follow What the CPUC Will Be Voting On and Sign Up to Speak?

To find more information on CPUC Voting Meetings or sign up to speak for the next meeting, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/CommissionMeetings.

The meeting agenda and all related documents are published 10 days before the meeting. Remote access via phone and webcast is provided for those unable to attend in person.



If I Cannot Attend a Voting Meeting, Can I Still Make a Comment?

Yes! It is not necessary to attend a Voting Meeting in person to make comments.

- You can make comments on CPUC proceedings on the Docket Card at www.cpuc.ca.gov/Docket, where you can also read the comments of others.
- You can contact us at:



EMAIL: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov



CALL: 866-849-8390 or 415-703-2074
TTY 866-836-7825



WRITE: CPUC Public Advisor's Office
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Accessibility



If you need an interpreter or other special accommodations,

contact the Public Advisor's Office at least three business days before the meeting. Reasonable accommodations are provided free of charge. You may also be given additional time to speak to account for the time needed to provide the accommodation at the podium.

If you're unable to attend a meeting, you can listen to it via the telephone or via webcast.

