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1 P R O C E E D I N G S
2 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Okay, good morning,
3 everyone. I'd like to welcome you to today's
4 Administrative Order, or AO, 360 stakeholder input
5 session on Chapter 58, Museum Services. Thank you for
6 taking the time to join us.
7 The purpose of this meeting is to hear
8 directly from stakeholders and members of the public
9 regarding regulatory burdens or barriers you believe
10 should be addressed as part of Alaska's AO 360 reform
11 project.
12 Your input is critical in helping us
13 shape meaningful changes that support archives,
14 libraries, and museums. And to honor your time, we
15 will end promptly on the hour.
16 These stakeholder meetings are
17 opportunities for us to listen to your perspectives
18 before any regulations are drafted, amended, or
19 repealed. This is not the formal public comment
20 process under the Administrative Procedure Act, or APA.
21 That process will begin later after draft regulations
22 have undergone legal review and have been formally
23 approved for public comment.
24 As part of our regulatory reform plan,
25 the department must create a list of all comments we

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1 receive during the stakeholder process along with
2 whether we intend to implement each recommendation that
3 stakeholders make. And if we don't adopt a
4 recommendation, we're required to explain why not. And
5 so that's why your feedback today is so valuable. It
6 will directly shape our department's analysis and
7 inform you of the next steps.
8 So here is how we will proceed today.
9 First we'll hear a short overview of the regulations
10 for this meeting, and then we'll move into the comment
11 period where you may share your input.
12 Verbal feedback will be recorded,
13 summarized, and included in the department's reform
14 plan, and written feedback will also be accepted for 30
15 days following this session. And please refer to the
16 chat for information on submitting written feedback,
17 and again a sign-up sheet to comment on today's meeting
18 once we get to that portion.
19 So with that I will now kick it over to
20 Dr. Amy Phillips-Chan, our director of Library,
21 Archives, and Museums, and she will go through Chapter
22 58 and the regulations thereof. Over to you, Amy.
23 **AMY PHILLIPS-CHAN:** All right, thanks,
24 Jake. And good morning, everyone.
25 As Jake shared, I'm Amy Phillips-Chan,

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1 and I serve as director of the Alaska State Libraries,
2 Archives, and Museums. Thank you for joining us today.
3 Today here at 11 we are looking at
4 Chapter 58 of our regulations, which is museum
5 services. So this chapter really covers the
6 collections, programs, and services as well as the
7 grants managed by the Alaska State Museum here in
8 Juneau, as well as the Sheldon Jackson museum in Sitka.
9 In the chat you'll see a link to the
10 regulations. If you've had a chance to review them
11 ahead of time or if you would like to take a look at
12 them now, please do so.
13 As you consider the regs, we encourage
14 you to think about whether these current regulations
15 create unnecessary burdens, whether they meet today's
16 needs, and what changes might better serve our Alaska
17 museums, libraries, and archives, as well as our
18 schools, students, and families here in the state.
19 So in the chat you'll see that link to
20 the regulation text as well as a survey link which goes
21 to a webpage for this particular chapter, Chapter 58,
22 Museum Services.
23 So with that I will go ahead and hand
24 this back over to Jake who is going to provide some
25 instructions on how you can provide input during

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1 today's meeting. So Jake.
2 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Thank you so much, Amy.
3 Yeah, and so as Amy noted, we are now in the public
4 comment for stakeholders portion of this meeting.
5 So as a few guidelines, if you wish to
6 speak, please make sure your name is on the sign-up
7 sheet. And, again, you'll find that in the comments --
8 or in the chat below that was pasted, and then we go to
9 the sign-up sheet and read the names of those who have
10 signed up that want to speak.
11 Additionally, you can also just click on
12 the raise hand icon on the bottom if you don't wish to
13 click on the link, and we will acknowledge you and give
14 you two minutes to give your comment as well.
15 And, of course, if you do speak, please
16 just state your name, any affiliation, and state your
17 two minutes. And we will be here to listen to you, and
18 we're not engaging in any debate or responding
19 directly, but we're just here to hear your comments
20 about these regulations.
21 So with that we will just await anyone to
22 sign up or just raise their hand, and we will just be
23 on hold until then. Thank you so much.
24 (Pause)
25 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Okay, we have Dixie

1 Clough, Museums Alaska. Dixie, if you want to unmute
2 yourself, state your name and affiliation, you'll have
3 two minutes to comment.
4 **DIXIE CLOUGH:** Okay, can you hear me?
5 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** We can hear you.
6 **DIXIE CLOUGH:** I've never used these
7 headphones for this, so apologies.
8 So there was two things that I
9 specifically wanted to mention in public comment. I
10 might also fill out the survey, but these are the two
11 things that caught my eye looking over everything.
12 And one is that in the regulations it
13 limits how much the state museum is allowed to charge
14 for pretty much everything. And it's really hard to
15 change regulations, to change statutes.
16 And as we know inflation, the cost of
17 everything is going up. So it concerns me that the
18 museum may not be able to shift their entrance fees and
19 other fees that they may need to charge for anything
20 with the changing needs of the expenses and everything.
21 So that's something that I think would be very hard to
22 change. Statutes are hard to change. So maybe
23 removing such strict rules on how much they are allowed
24 to charge would be good for the museum so that they
25 could actually get what they need.

1 And then the other thing is the
2 grant-in-aid. It is in statute that they are supposed
3 to tell people within 60 days of the application if
4 they got the funding. Currently it's not the fault of
5 the museum. I believe that there is other issues
6 happening in the state government, but I do not believe
7 that that deadline has been reached in the past few
8 years because of maybe other regulations in the state
9 government that are happening.
10 So that's also something I wanted to
11 mention is that statute of 60 days isn't being able to
12 be reached, not because of the museum, but because of
13 other things happening. So those are my comments,
14 thank you.
15 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** All right, thank you so
16 much, Dixie, we appreciate you giving your comment
17 today.
18 And as you referenced, there is a survey
19 as well. So yeah, if you would like to fill that out
20 and have anything official in writing. We also receive
21 those surveys to have the comments in writing, but
22 appreciate your comments that you just made as well,
23 thank you so much. And we'll just continue to remain
24 on hold for anyone else.
25 (Pause)

1 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Okay, we will now go ahead
2 and conclude this public stakeholder meeting for
3 Chapter 58, Museum Services on Wednesday, October 22nd.
4 If you're watching this recording and would still like
5 to submit feedback regarding these regulations, you can
6 go to our website at education.alaska.gov/aoO360 and it
7 will be submitted for the record that way.
8 Thank you for participating today, and we
9 will now close this meeting.
10 (Meeting concluded)

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