

Open Meetings

It is declared to be a matter of statewide concern and the policy of this state that the formation of public policy is public business and may not be conducted in secret.



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What Meetings Are Covered?



"Meeting" means any kind of gathering, convened to discuss public business, in person, by telephone, electronically, or by other means of communication.

A meeting must be open if two or more members of the General Assembly are present and

- Public business is discussed; or
- Formal action is taken.

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When Must Notice Be Given?



Notice must be given for any meeting at which:

- The adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action occurs; or
- A majority or quorum of the body is in attendance, or is expected to be in attendance.

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Are There Any Exceptions?

A state public body can go into executive session upon a vote of two-thirds of its members to discuss certain topics, such as:

- Purchase or sale of property;
- Discussions with attorneys on matters that are the subject of pending or imminent court action or to receive legal advice on specific legal questions;
- Matters required to be kept confidential by state or federal law;
- Security arrangements.



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What If The Open Meetings Law Is Not Followed?

Any formal action taken at a meeting that does not comply with the statute is invalid.



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