



Open Meetings Act

State of Michigan Act 267 of 1976

Definitions and Requirements Quick Reference

Public Body	Any state or local legislative or governing body, including a board, commission, committee, subcommittee, authority or council, empowered to exercise governmental or proprietary authority or function.
Meeting	The convening of a public body at which a quorum is present for the purpose of deliberating toward or rendering a decision on a public policy.
Closed Session	A meeting or part of a meeting of a public body, which is closed to the public.
Decision	A determination, action or vote on a motion, proposal, recommendation, resolution or ordinance, on which a vote by members of a public body is required and by which a public body effectuates or formulate public policy.
Person	An individual, corporation, partnership, organization or association. This does not include an individual serving a sentence of imprisonment in a state or county correctional facility in his state or any other state, or in a federal correctional facility.

Requirements for Meeting

- ❖ All meetings of a public body shall be open to the public and shall be held in a place available to the general public. A person may tape record, video tape, broadcast live, and telecast live the proceedings. A public body may establish reasonable rules and regulation in order to minimize the possibility of disrupting the meeting.
- ❖ All decisions of public body shall be made at a meeting open to the public.
- ❖ All deliberations of a public body constituting a quorum of its members shall take place at a meeting open to the public, except for closed sessions.
- ❖ A person shall be permitted to address a meeting of the public body under rules established by a public body; a person shall not be excluded from a public meeting except for breach of the peace at the meeting.
- ❖ The Act does not apply to a meeting, which is a social or chance gathering or conference not designed to avoid the Act.
- ❖ Notice of regular meetings shall be posted within ten (10) days after the first meeting in each calendar or fiscal year.
- ❖ Notice of special meetings shall be posted at least 18 hours before the meeting. (Special requirements for notice of zoning and budget committee meetings may also apply.)
- ❖ Minutes must be taken.