



Open Meeting Law Certification

Effective July 1, 2010, responsibility for the state-wide enforcement of the Open Meeting Laws, relative to local, county, regional, and state public bodies has been centralized in the office of the [Attorney General](#).

The Open Meeting Law supports the principle that the democratic process depends on the public having knowledge about the considerations underlying governmental action. The Open Meeting Law requires that most meetings of governmental bodies to be held in public.

There are some exceptions, which are designed to ensure that, public officials are not "unduly hampered" by having every discussion among public officials open to the public. As a result, the Open Meeting Law provides for particular circumstances under which a meeting may be held in executive, or closed, session

To complete this certification visit the [Attorney General's Division of Open Government](#) page (<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/complete-public-body-member-certification>).

All advisory body members are required to review the materials, sign the certification form on the last page of the guide and submit a copy of your signed form to the Office of the City Clerk.