

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3063

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Open Meeting Act; amending 25
8 O.S. 2021, Section 304, which relates to definitions;
9 modifying definition; excluding organizations
10 composed of students attending certain institutions
11 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education
12 or other colleges; and providing an effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2021, Section 301, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 301. As used in the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act:

17 1. "Public body" means the governing bodies of all
18 municipalities located within this state, boards of county
19 commissioners of the counties in this state, boards of public and
20 higher education in this state and all boards, bureaus, commissions,
21 agencies, trusteeships, authorities, councils, committees, public
22 trusts or any entity created by a public trust, including any
23 committee or subcommittee composed of any of the members of a public
24 trust or other legal entity receiving funds from the Rural Economic

1 Action Plan Fund as authorized by Section 2007 of Title 62 of the
2 Oklahoma Statutes, task forces or study groups in this state
3 supported in whole or in part by public funds or entrusted with the
4 expending of public funds, or administering public property, and
5 shall include all committees or subcommittees of any public body.
6 Public body shall not include the state judiciary, the Council on
7 Judicial Complaints when conducting, discussing, or deliberating any
8 matter relating to a complaint received or filed with the Council,
9 the Legislature, organizations composed of students enrolled in any
10 institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or
11 organizations composed of students enrolled in a junior college or
12 community college, or administrative staffs of public bodies,
13 including, but not limited to, faculty meetings and athletic staff
14 meetings of institutions of higher education when those staffs are
15 not meeting with the public body, or entry-year assistance
16 committees. Furthermore, public body shall not include the
17 multidisciplinary teams provided for in Section 1-9-102 of Title 10A
18 of the Oklahoma Statutes and subsection C of Section 1-502.2 of
19 Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes or any school board meeting for
20 the sole purpose of considering recommendations of a
21 multidisciplinary team and deciding the placement of any child who
22 is the subject of the recommendations. Furthermore, public body
23 shall not include meetings conducted by stewards designated by the
24 Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission pursuant to Section 203.4 of Title

1 3A of the Oklahoma Statutes when the stewards are officiating at
2 races or otherwise enforcing rules of the Commission. Furthermore,
3 public body shall not include the board of directors of a Federally
4 Qualified Health Center;

5 2. "Meeting" means the conduct of business of a public body by
6 a majority of its members being personally together or, as
7 authorized by Section 307.1 of this title, together pursuant to a
8 videoconference. Meeting shall not include informal gatherings of a
9 majority of the members of the public body when no business of the
10 public body is discussed;

11 3. "Regularly scheduled meeting" means a meeting at which the
12 regular business of the public body is conducted;

13 4. "Special meeting" means any meeting of a public body other
14 than a regularly scheduled meeting or emergency meeting;

15 5. "Emergency meeting" means any meeting called for the purpose
16 of dealing with an emergency. For purposes of the Oklahoma Open
17 Meeting Act, an emergency is defined as a situation involving injury
18 to persons or injury and damage to public or personal property or
19 immediate financial loss when the time requirements for public
20 notice of a special meeting would make such procedure impractical
21 and increase the likelihood of injury or damage or immediate
22 financial loss;

23 6. "Continued or reconvened meeting" means a meeting which is
24 assembled for the purpose of finishing business appearing on an

1 agenda of a previous meeting. For the purposes of the Oklahoma Open
2 Meeting Act, only matters on the agenda of the previous meeting at
3 which the announcement of the continuance is made may be discussed
4 at a continued or reconvened meeting;

5 7. "Videoconference" means a conference among members of a
6 public body remote from one another who are linked by interactive
7 telecommunication devices or technology and/or technology permitting
8 both visual and auditory communication between and among members of
9 the public body and/or between and among members of the public body
10 and members of the public. During any videoconference, both the
11 visual and auditory communications functions shall attempt to be
12 utilized; and

13 8. "Teleconference" means a conference among members of a
14 public body remote from one another who are linked by
15 telecommunication devices and/or technology permitting auditory
16 communication between and among members of the public body and/or
17 between and among members of the public body and members of the
18 public.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.
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