

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 2161

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; amending 25 O.S. 2021, Section 304, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 369, O.S.L. 2025 (25 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 304), which relates to definitions; modifying definition; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2021, Section 304, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 369, O.S.L. 2025 (25 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 304), is amended to read as follows:

Section 304. As used in the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act:

1. "Public body" means the governing bodies of all municipalities located within this state, boards of county commissioners of the counties in this state, boards of public and higher education in this state and all boards, bureaus, commissions, agencies, trusteeships, authorities, councils, committees, public trusts or any entity created by a public trust including any committee or subcommittee composed of any of the members of a public 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:

- 7 a. the state judiciary,
- 8 b. the Council on Judicial Complaints when conducting,
9 discussing, or deliberating any matter relating to a
10 complaint received or filed with the Council,
- 11 c. the Legislature,
- 12 d. administrative staffs of public bodies including, but
13 not limited to, faculty meetings and athletic staff
14 meetings of institutions of higher education when
15 those staffs are not meeting with the public body, or
16 entry-year assistance committees,
- 17 e. multidisciplinary teams provided for in Section 1-9-
18 102 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes, in Section
19 10-115 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, and in
20 subsection C of Section 1-502.2 of Title 63 of the
21 Oklahoma Statutes or any school board meeting for the
22 sole purpose of considering recommendations of a
23 multidisciplinary team and deciding the placement of
24 any child who is the subject of the recommendations,

- 1 f. meetings conducted by stewards designated by the
2 Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission pursuant to Section
3 203.4 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma Statutes when the
4 stewards are officiating at races or otherwise
5 enforcing rules of the Commission,
- 6 g. the board of directors of a Federally Qualified Health
7 Center or the postadjudication review boards provided
8 for in Sections 1116.2 and 1116.3 of Title 10 of the
9 Oklahoma Statutes, or
- 10 h. boards of county commissioners for the purposes set
11 forth in subsections C, D, and E of Section 326 of
12 Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

13 2. "Meeting" means the conduct of business of a public body by
14 a majority of its members being personally together or, as
15 authorized by Section 307.1 of this title, together pursuant to a
16 videoconference. Any task force, working group, advisory group,
17 study group, committee, subcommittee, or other group which is
18 convened or created by a public body to discuss and deliberate, for
19 the purpose of making recommendations to the public body, regardless
20 of the number of members present, shall constitute a meeting of the
21 public body. Meeting shall not include informal gatherings of a
22 majority of the members of the public body when no business of the
23 public body is discussed;

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

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

5 5. "Emergency meeting" means any meeting called for the purpose
6 of dealing with an emergency. For purposes of the Oklahoma Open
7 Meeting Act, an emergency is defined as a situation involving injury
8 to persons or injury and damage to public or personal property or
9 immediate financial loss when the time requirements for public
10 notice of a special meeting would make such procedure impractical
11 and increase the likelihood of injury or damage or immediate
12 financial loss;

13 6. "Continued or reconvened meeting" means a meeting which is
14 assembled for the purpose of finishing business appearing on an
15 agenda of a previous meeting. For the purposes of the Oklahoma Open
16 Meeting Act, only matters on the agenda of the previous meeting at
17 which the announcement of the continuance is made may be discussed
18 at a continued or reconvened meeting;

19 7. "Videoconference" means a conference among members of a
20 public body remote from one another who are linked by interactive
21 telecommunication devices or technology, or technology permitting
22 both visual and auditory communication between and among members of
23 the public body or between and among members of the public body and
24 members of the public. During any videoconference, both the visual

1 and auditory communications functions shall attempt to be utilized;
2 and

3 8. "Teleconference" means a conference among members of a
4 public body remote from one another who are linked by
5 telecommunication devices or technology permitting auditory
6 communication between and among members of the public body or
7 between and among members of the public body and members of the
8 public.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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