

Annual Utah Open and Public Meetings Act training

Utah State Tax Commission
2021 Update
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OPMA In a nutshell

- ▶ A quorum of a public body gathered to discuss or act upon a subject over which it has jurisdiction or advisory power must do so in a public meeting for which proper notice, including a reasonably specific agenda, is given and an audio recording is made
- ▶ Following the public meeting, the public body must make the audio recording and a set of pending minutes available for public review
- ▶ A public body may close its meeting to discuss, but not act upon, seven statutorily specified topics
- ▶ Some public bodies are required to close meetings for specific purposes

2020 Changes

- ▶ HB295: Adds a mandatory closed meeting
- ▶ SB121: Adds a mandatory closed meeting
- ▶ HB5002: Adds provisions for electronic meetings without an anchor location

2021 Changes

- ▶ HB27: Updates code references due to renumbering public notice website statute
- ▶ HB293: Harmonizes pending open meeting minutes posting requirements
- ▶ HB297: Adds a mandatory closed meeting
- ▶ SB72: Authorizes vote in closed meeting to end closed meeting and return to open meeting
- ▶ SB99: Renames a report that must be reviewed in a closed meeting
- ▶ SB125: Clarifies electronic meeting procedures
- ▶ SB182: Updates code references due to combining Department of Administrative Services, Department of Human Resource Management and Department of Technology Services into Department of Government Operations