

THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT

TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 551

THE BASICS

- Open to the public
- Notice of meetings is required
- Quorum required to conduct business
- Minutes & recordings of meetings required
- Can meet in closed session if statutorily permitted
- All decisions must be made in public

EXCEPTIONS THAT MAY APPLY TO MEETINGS OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

- Texas Government Code §551.076: Security Personnel and Devices/Security Audits
- Texas Government Code §418.183(f): Information relating to
 - Physically or mentally disabled persons whose information is maintained for emergency/disaster planning
 - Staffing requirements, tactical plans, and compilations of contact information kept to respond to acts of terrorism, and criminal activity
 - Risk or vulnerability assessments
 - Critical infrastructure and security systems