

Governing Bodies Subject to Public Meetings Law

What governing bodies are subject to Public Meetings Law?

A governing body, per ORS 192.610(5), is:



Two or more members of a public body



With authority to make decisions for or recommendations to a public body on policy or administration

The governing bodies subject to Public Meetings Law, per OAR 199-050-0010(1), are:



Decision-Making Bodies

- Make decisions on policy or administration
- Including exercising governmental power and acting on behalf of the public body



Advisory Bodies

- Formed by public body
- To make recommendations to public body on policy or administration

What bodies are NOT subject to Public Meetings Law?

The bodies NOT subject to Public Meetings Law, per OAR 199-050-0010(2), are:



Fact Gathering Bodies

- Purpose is to gather and provide factual information
- Cannot make decisions or recommendations



Bodies Advising Individual Public Officials

- Appointed by an individual public official
- Can only make recommendations to that public official



Certain Multi-Jurisdiction Bodies

- Multi-jurisdictional bodies
- Oregon members do not make up a majority of the governing body's voting members