

# Open Meetings Act



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- Reference Alaska Statute 44.62.310
- Alaska's Open Meeting Law by Gordon Tans,



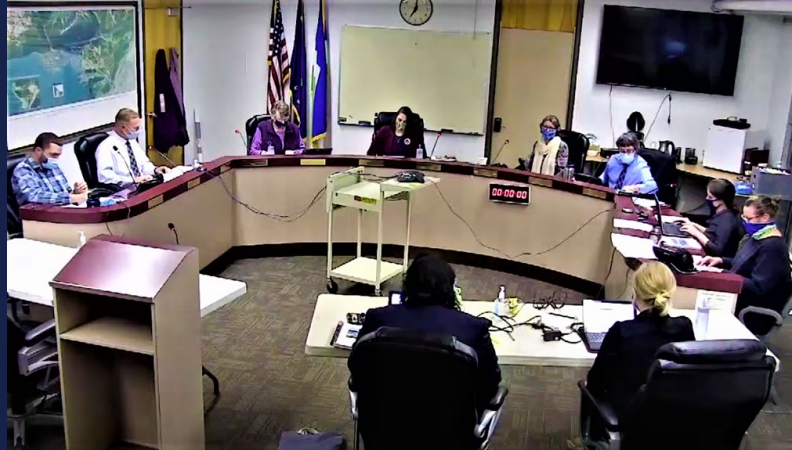
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# Who does it apply to?

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# What is Public? Meetings and decisions must be done publicly!

- Work sessions
- Committee meetings
- Regular meetings
- Emergency meetings
- Special meetings
- Open forums



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# What is a Meeting?

## Policy/Decision Making Bodies

- 4 members or a majority of the body.
- Any gathering where public business is considered.
- Teleconference meeting are allowed.



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# What is a Meeting?

## Advisory Only Body

- Only gives advice & recommendations.
- Prearranged meetings to discuss matters the body is empowered to act upon with two (2) or more members.
- No exceptions for members to meet to consider business of the body.



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## Role of the Chair

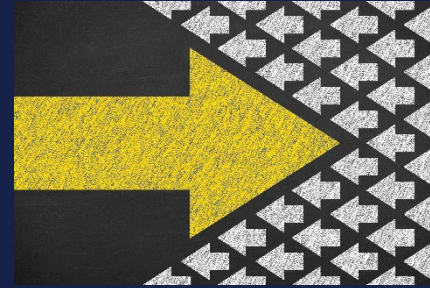


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# Ethics of the Body

- Ex Parte Contact
- Conflicts of Interest: *direct & financial*
- How to correct Ex Parte



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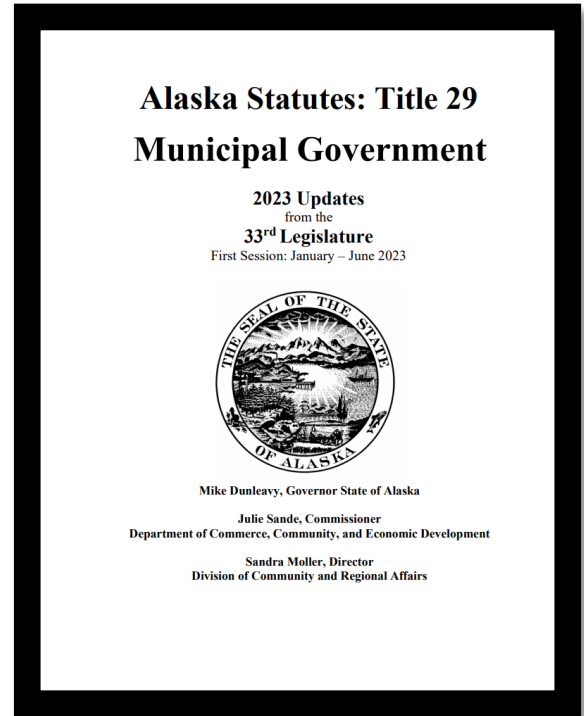
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# Ethics by Alaska Statute

## Alaska Statute References

- Improper Gifts (AS 39.52.130)
- Improper Use/Disclosure of Information (AS 39.52.140)
- Nepotism and/or Cronyism (AS 39.90.020)
- Conflict of Interest (AS 29.20.010)



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# Parts of a Meeting – Executive Session



Reference Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c)



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# Meeting Notifications

Reference Alaska Statute 44.62.310(e)



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