Ensures the public a seat at the table.

- Promotes an open consensus building model of decision making.

Purpose of Open Meeting Act
What is a "state body"?

The Act applies to state bodies.

- A body created by statute.
- Five types.
Improvisation Advisory Bodies: Rule of Two

- Body member
- Created by official action of state body or state
- Three (3) or more members
- Working groups, etc.
- Subcommittees, task forces, advisory committees

Advisory body created by state body

What is a „state body?“
Act applies upon appointment.

New members of state bodies.

What is a "state body"?
Informatio 8athering to Final Reoomendation.

- Includes all phases of decision-making from
  - Working Group.
  - Gathering of a majority of members of the

What is a meeting?
Applies to subcommittees. Rule of two.

Intermediary.

Among a quorum of members or through an
communications outside of a public meeting.
Members of the working group must avoid serial

Serial Communications: Prohibition
Prohibition applies to ALL forms of serial communications: Prohibition.
Staff briefing exception

- Staff may not share communications from a group member with any other working group members.
- Staff may brief or respond to questions from individual working group members.
- Staff member working with any other working group member.
What is "not" a meeting?

- Communication with one other person (as long as not used to circumvent serial meeting requirement).

- Rule of two.
• Social events.
• Open meetings of other public bodies.
• Conferences open to the public.

What is "not a meeting?"
committee members attended only as observers.

But only if working group members who are not

Working Group

Working Group is not a meeting of the entire

An open meeting of a standing committee of the

What is "not" a meeting?
Rights of the Public

- Reasonable time limits.
- No identification required.

Right to Participate at Public Meetings
Some records may be exempt from disclosure.

Best practice is to post public meeting records on website before meeting, but not required.

Right to Access Public Meeting Records

Rights of the Public