

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

The board may only enter into an executive session from an open meeting for the transaction of public business by the following procedure:

1. Any board member may request, but is not required, by motion a closed determination upon the issue of whether or not to declare an executive session. Such motion, by majority vote, shall require the meeting to be closed for a preliminary determination of the necessity for an executive session. At this point the meeting is to be temporarily closed and the room cleared.
2. If, after a discussion of the reasons for going into an executive session, a motion is made, seconded and approved by at least three-fifths of the members present, the president may briefly reopen the meeting and announce publicly that the board is going into executive session and give the reasons.
3. The meeting is then closed and in executive session. No other business shall be transacted until the discussion of the nature of the matter requiring executive session has been completed and a vote has been taken on the issue.

Nothing shall be construed to require that any meeting be closed to the public, nor shall any executive session be used to circumvent or defeat the purposes of the Open Meetings Law.

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