



The Community Advisory Board and Arizona Open Meeting Law (OML)

Community Advisory Boards (CABs) fall under OML jurisdiction and must follow the requirements of the OML as entities created by state law.



Why do we have an OML?

- ☑ **To protect the public.**
- ☑ **To protect public officials.**
- ☑ **Maintain integrity of government.**
- ☑ **Inform the public.**
- ☑ **Build trust between government and the public.**





“All meetings of any public body shall be public meetings and all persons so desiring shall be permitted to attend and listen to the deliberations and proceedings.” A.R.S § 38-431.01(A).

“It is the public policy of this state that meetings of public bodies be conducted openly and that notices and agendas be provided for such meetings which contain such information as is reasonably necessary to inform the public of the matters to be discussed or decided.”

A.R.S. § 38-431.09.

- **A.R.S § 38-431.01(H)**
- A public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action”

What constitutes a meeting?

- Having a quorum (majority).**
- Discussing, proposing or taking legal action, including deliberations.**



Please remember...

A gathering of a quorum can take several forms:



CAB members cannot use e-mail, faxes or phones among a quorum to discuss business, deliberate on board business, take legal action, or propose legal action.

Business discussions must happen at a Public Meeting.

For further questions

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