

OPEN MEETING LAW

ABOUT LOUISIANA'S OPEN MEETING LAW

The Louisiana Housing Corporation follows Louisiana's Open Meeting Law, found in R.S. 42:11 – R.S. 42:28*, for all of its board meetings. This law regulates meetings of public bodies.

The Open Meetings Law is meant to ensure that decisions by the government are made in an open forum. The Open Meetings Law operates in conjunction with Louisiana's Public Records Law to insure compliance with Article XII, Section 3 of the Louisiana Constitution's mandate that "No person shall be denied the right to observe the deliberations of public bodies and examine public documents, except in cases established by law." The Open Meetings Law is designed to ensure state integrity and to increase the public's trust and awareness of its governing officials.

The Legislature through R.S. 42:11 has designated the official short title as the "Open



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*Formerly R.S.42:4.1-42:13 Renumbered by the Louisiana Law Institute Pursuant to Act 861 of the 2010 Regular Session.

For more information on the Open Meeting Law, see *this document* prepared by the **Louisiana Legislative Auditor**.

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