

New York Coalition for Open Government

Thursday October 13, 2022, 6:30 PM

Via Zoom

Email paulwolf2@gmail.com for the meeting link

Public Comments Are Welcome At Any Time During Our Meetings. Don't Be Shy To Ask A Question Or To Make A Point!

AGENDA

- 1) Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2022 **PG 3-5**
- 2) Treasurer's Report – 74 members (from 25 counties), \$4,402.24 **PG 6**
- 3) 2022 Calendar **PG 7-8**
- 4) Open Meetings Law Committee Minutes **PG 9-12**
Report by Committee Chair Joe Kissel
 - A) Gathering information on Report Regarding Private Caucus Meetings Held By Governmental Bodies At The Local Level
 - B) Gathering information for a report reviewing towns across the state as far as whether meeting documents and minutes are being posted online.
 - C) Recommend Board send letter to the Town of Islip regarding their deletion of public comments from meeting video
 - D) Recommend Board send letter to St. Lawrence School Board for their failure to hold a required public hearing and regarding the sign up process they use for public comment
- 5) Freedom of Information Law Committee Minutes **PG 13-14**
Report by Committee Chair Maria Tisby
 - A) Committee recommends that the Board support the New York State Attorney General forming a mediation program to address Freedom of Information Law appeals.

6) Public Relations/Education Group

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Report by Chair Michelle Allen

- A) The group approved a mission statement.
- B) The group once again requests that the Coalition's legislative priorities be posted on the Coalition's website, sent to other organizations like Reinvent Albany, the Committee on Open Government and to targeted legislators.
- C) The proposed nonpartisan policy was discussed and tabled for further discussion, as Paul will work on a revised policy.
- D) The idea of forming Regional Advisory Councils was discussed and Paul will reach out to specific individuals to see if anyone is interested in heading up a Regional Advisory Council as a pilot project effort.

7) National Freedom of Information Coalition Virtual Summit October 18-20.

8) New Business

9) Next Meetings

Open Meetings Law Committee October 20th, at 4:00 pm

Freedom of Information Law Committee October 27, at 1:00 pm

Public Relations Education Group November 3rd at 3:00pm

Coalition Board Meeting November 10th, 6:30 pm