

New York Coalition for Open Government

Thursday December 8, 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 November 10, 2022 **PG 3-5**

2) Treasurer's Report – 81 members (from 26 counties), \$4,406.05 **PG 6**

3) Board Elections – Our 12 board positions are for 2 year staggered terms. Six seats are up in January 2023. The following board members terms expire in January: Paul Wolf, Steve Lyle, Suzanne Kelly, Alberta Roman, Mary Lou Cebula and Joe Kissel. All board members except Joe Kissel have expressed an interest in continuing to serve.

If you are interested in being on the board, please send an email to paulwolf2@gmail.com expressing your interest with information about your background. The Executive Committee of the board will consider the applicants and make a recommendation to the board at the January meeting. The Coalition board makes the decision on filling board seats.

At the January meeting the board will also address the appointment of the following officer positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Our current officers are:

President – Paul Wolf

Vice President – Joe Kissel

Treasurer – Janet Vito

Secretary – Alberta Roman

All of the current officers have expressed interest in continuing to serve except for Joe Kissel. If you are interested in serving as an officer please send an email expressing your interest with a copy of your resume to paulwolf2@gmail.com .

3) Budget Letter to Governor Hochul **PG 7-10**

4) UB Civil Rights and Transparency Clinic Letter to Committee on Open Gov. **11-12**

5) 2023 Calendar

PG 13-15

6) Attorney General Mediation

7) Open Meetings Law Committee

Report by Committee Chair Joe Kissel

- A) Gathering information on Report Regarding Private Caucus Meetings Held By Governmental Bodies At The Local Level.
- B) Report reviewing towns across the state as far as whether meeting documents and minutes are being posted online.

8) Freedom of Information Law Committee Minutes

PG 16-18

Report by Committee Chair Maria Tisby

- A) Request that the Board form a litigation fund subcommittee
- B) Request that the Board send a letter to the NYC Borough Presidents Regarding the use of private emails by community board members

9) Public Relations/Education Group Minutes

PG 19-20

Report by Chair Michelle Allen

- A) Check out our List Serv (Google Group)
- B) Soliciting FOILies – examples of good and bad open government
- C) Discussed Guest Speaker for Annual Meeting in May
- D) Committee on Open Government Vacancy

10) New Business

11) Next Meetings

Open Meetings Law Committee December 15th, at 4:00 pm

Freedom of Information Law Committee December 22nd, at 1:00 pm

Public Relations Education Group January 5th, at 3:00pm

Coalition Board Meeting January 12th, 6:30 pm