

# **New York Coalition for Open Government**

**Thursday March 10, 2022, 6:30 PM**

**Via Zoom**

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**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 February 10, 2022
- 2) Treasurer's Report – 68 members (from 23 counties), \$3,633.12
- 3) 2022 Calendar
- 4) Open Meetings Law Committee Minutes  
Report by Committee Chair Joe Kissel
  - A) Update on Annual Meeting to be held In April featuring Governor candidates  
54 People have expressed an interest in attending, Most popular time 11:00 am  
Looking at last week in April, working on format & candidate questionnaire
  - B) Ranking of Open Meetings Law reform priorities- update on legislation
    - 1) Creating an entity with enforcement powers
    - 2) Mandating public bodies to hear public comments at meetings
    - 3) Require meeting agendas and documents to be posted online at least 72 hours before a meeting

There was a three way tie for the 4th ranked priority

  - 4) Require all meetings to be live streamed
  - 4) Amend the law to require more specificity for executive session motions
  - 4) Require meeting agendas and minutes to be posted online for at least 5 years

## 5) Freedom of Information Law Committee Minutes

Report by Committee Chair Maria Tisby

- A) Sunshine Week Event March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm featuring speakers from the Connecticut Freedom of Information Coalition and Rhode Island Attorney Generals Office
- B) Report regarding use of private email accounts by county legislators & email policies regarding use of emails for public business has started
- C) New Website – Committee Recommendation for Board:
  - 1) Table moving forward with hiring 360PSG for new website
  - 2) Ask 360PSG to provide a new estimate for creating a site based on Wordpress
  - 3) Provide info regarding our existing site to people on committee with website experience

## 6) Membership Renewal

## 7) Letters/Articles

## 8) New Business

## 9) Next Meeting April 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Open Meetings Law Committee March 17, at 4:00 pm

Freedom of Information Law Committee March 24, at 1:00 pm