

New York Coalition for Open Government

Thursday July 13, 2023, 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 June 8, 2023 **PG 3-4**
- 2) Treasurer's Report – 73 total paid members (from 29 counties) **PG 5**
\$4,958.56 as of 6/30/2023
- 3) 2023 Calendar **PG 6-8**
- 4) Open Meetings Law Committee **PG 9**
 - A) Report regarding live streaming of meetings, press conference held Thursday June 15th.
 - B) Report to support amending the Open Meetings Law to mandate that public comments occur at meetings to be released in July.
 - C) Next report seeking to have advisory committees covered by the Open Meetings Law, which is the case in 31 states.
- 5) Freedom of Information Law Committee **PG 10**
 - A) Starting FOIL project regarding state agencies tracking FOIL requests.
- 6) Public Relations/Education Committee Did Not Meet in July
 - A) We now have a private Facebook Group for paid members only
- 7) NY Committee on Open Government meeting July 11th, We have been invited to

submit ideas for the Committee's 2023 Annual Report. Submitted letter proposing the following:

A) Constitutional Amendment, B) Mandatory Attorney Fees, C) Mandate Live Streaming, D) Enforcement Powers by Restructuring the Committee or by a Hearing Officer System, E) Require State Agencies to Track FOIL requests F) Mandatory Training **See Pg 11-16**

8) New Business

9) Next Meetings

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

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

Zoom Social, July 27th 6:30 pm

Public Relations August 3rd at 3:00 pm

Coalition Board Meeting August 10th, 6:30 pm