

New York Coalition for Open Government

Thursday September 14, 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 August 10, 2023 **PG 3-5**

- 2) Treasurer's Report – 91 total paid members (from 31 counties) **PG 6**
\$5,258.56 as of 8/31/2023

- 3) 2023 Calendar **PG 7-9**

- 4) Designate the following people as Committee Co-Chairs:
Annmarie Reeb – Freedom of Information Law
Robyn Gray – Open Meetings Law
Ken Guarino – Public Relations

- 5) Open Meetings Law Committee **PG 10-11**
 - A) Report to support amending the Open Meetings Law to mandate that public comments occur at meetings to be released on September 14th at 11:00 am.
 - B) Next report seeking to have advisory committees covered by the Open Meetings Law, which is the case in 31 states.
 - C) Committee recommends doing a training on executive sessions Thursday October 12th, 6:30 pm, which will require rescheduling our Board meeting. Committee discussed utilizing a panel for the training.

6) Freedom of Information Law Committee

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- A) FOIL project regarding state agencies tracking FOIL requests ongoing.
- B) Article 78 training set for September 21st at 12:00, via Zoom, attorney Mike Higgins will be the presenter

7) Public Relations/Education Committee

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- A) Committee is working on an open government booklet that can be distributed to the public electronically and physically. The document will provide a brief overview of FOIL and the OML, which will be helpful to the public.
- B) Axel is working on a new Coalition website.
- C) The Committee is working on a lobbying plan for getting our legislative bills passed in Albany.
- D) Albany in person meeting Saturday November 18th, 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm, Hampton Inn Hotel
- E) Committee recommends that the Board support the establishment of a process to provide titles to our members, when appropriate which will be subject to Board approval

8) National Freedom of Information Coalition Online Conference October 3-5, 2023. You can register at www.nfoic.org, \$30 or \$25 if a Coalition Member.

9) New Business

10) Next Meetings

Public Comment Report Press Conference, September 14th, at 11:00 am

Article 78 Training, September 21st 12:00

Open Meetings Law Committee September 21st, at 6:30 pm

Freedom of Information Law Committee September 28th, at 6:30 pm

Public Relations October 5th at 6:30 pm

Coalition Board Meeting October 12th, 6:30 pm

Executive Session Training October 12th at ?