

New York Coalition for Open Government

Thursday September 8, 2022, 6:30 PM

Via Zoom

Email paulwolf2@gmail.com for the meeting link

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AGENDA

- 1) Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2022
- 2) Treasurer's Report – 73 members (from 25 counties), \$4,362.24
- 3) 2022 Calendar
- 4) Open Meetings Law Committee Minutes
Report by Committee Chair Joe Kissel
 - A) Gathering information on Report Regarding Private Caucus Meetings Held By Governmental Bodies At The Local Level
 - B) The Committee recommends that the Board support legislation introduced by Senator Kaplan and Assembly Member Frontus, which mandates that public bodies as best as practicable livestream their meetings, post video recordings of the meetings on their website and maintain the recordings for 5 years.
 - C) Gathering information for a report reviewing towns across the state as far as whether meeting documents and minutes are being posted online.
- 5) Freedom of Information Law Committee Minutes
Report by Committee Chair Maria Tisby
 - A) The Committee had an involved discussion regarding how government officials use non disclosure agreements to keep information from the public.

6) Public Relations/Education Group

Report by Chair Michelle Allen

- A) Working on a revised mission/purpose statement, which will be discussed further at the next meeting.
 - B) Discussed drafting a synopsis of the Coalition's legislative priorities. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.
 - C) The proposed nonpartisan policy was discussed and tabled for further discussion.
 - D) The idea of forming Regional Advisory Councils was discussed and tabled for further discussion.
- 7) Group letter to Governor regarding state agencies completing an annual transparency report.
- 8) Should we Purchase a Coalition Zoom account?
- 9) National Freedom of Information Coalition Virtual Summit October 18-20.
- 10) Cory Morris has filed a FOIL lawsuit against the town of Vestal.
- 11) New Business

12) Next Meetings

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

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

Public Relations Education Group October 6th, 3:00?

Coalition Board Meeting October 13th, 6:30 pm