

21.2 Definitions.

As used in [this chapter](#):

1. “*Governmental body*” means:
 - a. A board, council, commission, or other governing body expressly created by the statutes of this state or by executive order.
 - b. A board, council, commission, or other governing body of a political subdivision or tax-supported district in this state.
 - c. A multimembered body formally and directly created by one or more boards, councils, commissions, or other governing bodies subject to paragraphs “a” and “b” of [this subsection](#).
 - d. Those multimembered bodies to which the state board of regents or a president of a university has delegated the responsibility for the management and control of the intercollegiate athletic programs at the state universities.
 - e. An advisory board, advisory commission, or task force created by the governor or the general assembly to develop and make recommendations on public policy issues.
 - f. A nonprofit corporation other than a fair conducting a fair event as provided in [chapter 174](#), whose facilities or indebtedness are supported in whole or in part with property tax revenue and which is licensed to conduct pari-mutuel wagering pursuant to [chapter 99D](#) or a nonprofit corporation which is a successor to the nonprofit corporation which built the facility.
 - g. A nonprofit corporation licensed to conduct gambling games pursuant to [chapter 99F](#).
 - h. An advisory board, advisory commission, advisory committee, task force, or other body created by statute or executive order of this state or created by an executive order of a political subdivision of this state to develop and make recommendations on public policy issues.
 - i. The governing body of a drainage or levee district as provided in [chapter 468](#), including a board as defined in [section 468.3](#), regardless of how the district is organized.
 - j. An advisory board, advisory commission, advisory committee, task force, or other body created by an entity organized under [chapter 28E](#), or by the administrator or joint board specified in a [chapter 28E](#) agreement, to develop and make recommendations on public policy issues.
2. “*Meeting*” means a gathering in person or by electronic means, formal or informal, of a majority of the members of a governmental body where there is deliberation or action upon any matter within the scope of the governmental body’s policy-making duties. Meetings shall not include a gathering of members of a governmental body for purely ministerial or social purposes when there is no discussion of policy or no intent to avoid the purposes of [this chapter](#).
3. “*Open session*” means a meeting to which all members of the public have access.
 [C71, 73, 75, 77, §28A.1; C79, 81, §28A.2]
 C85, §21.2
[89 Acts, ch 73, §1](#); [90 Acts, ch 1175, §1](#); [90 Acts, ch 1271, §701](#); [91 Acts, ch 258, §26](#); [93 Acts, ch 25, §1](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1019, §1](#); [2009 Acts, ch 132, §1](#); [2009 Acts, ch 179, §31](#)
Referred to in [§9E.3, 21.11, 23.2, 331.909](#)