

**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, 441.31](#)