

Open Meeting Laws Subject to Temporary Suspension

Effective March 16, 2020, and subject to the following conditions, the following statutory provisions are temporarily suspended to the extent necessary to allow telephonic or videoconference meetings and to avoid congregate settings in physical locations:

- those that require a quorum or a presiding officer to be physically present at the specified location of the meeting; provided, however, that a quorum still must participate in the telephonic or videoconference meeting
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.122(b)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.127(a-3), (b)-(c), (e), (h)-(i)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.130(c)-(d), (i)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 322.003(d), (e)(2)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 845.007(f)(2)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 855.007(f)(2)
 - TEX. CIV. PRAC. & REM. CODE § 74.102(f)
 - TEX. INS. CODE § 2151.057(d)(1)
 - TEX. LOCAL GOV'T CODE § 379B.0085(a)

- those that require physical posting of a notice; provided, however, that the online notice must include a toll-free dial-in number or a free-of-charge videoconference link, along with an electronic copy of any agenda packet
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.043(b)(2)-(3)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 551.049-551.051

- those that require the telephonic or videoconference meeting to be audible to members of the public who are physically present at the specified location of the meeting; provided, however, that the dial-in number or videoconference link provided in the notice must make the meeting audible to members of the public and allow for their two-way communication; and further provided that a recording of the meeting must be made available to the public
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.121(f)(1)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.122(d)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.125(e)-(f)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.126(d)(1)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.127(f), (j)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.130(e)-(f)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.131(e)(1)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 322.003(e)(3)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 436.054(e)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 845.007(f)(3)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 855.007(f)(3)
 - TEX. AGRIC. CODE § 41.061(c)-(d)
 - TEX. AGRIC. CODE § 41.1565(c)-(d)

- TEX. AGRIC. CODE § 41.205(d)–(e)
 - TEX. AGRIC. CODE § 62.0021(c)–(d)
 - TEX. EDUC. CODE § 66.08(h)(2)(B)
 - TEX. FAM. CODE § 264.504(e)
 - TEX. FIN. CODE § 11.106(c)(4)–(5)
 - TEX. FIN. CODE § 154.355(d)(2)–(3)
 - TEX. INS. CODE § 462.059(a)(1), (c)
 - TEX. INS. CODE § 463.059(d)
 - TEX. INS. CODE § 2151.057(e)
 - TEX. INS. CODE § 2210.1051(b)(2)–(3)
 - TEX. INS. CODE § 2211.0521(b)(2)–(3)
 - TEX. LOCAL GOV'T CODE § 379B.0085(b)(2)–(3)
 - TEX. SPEC. LOC. DIST. CODE § 9601.056(c)
 - TEX. TRANSP. CODE § 173.106(e)–(f)
 - TEX. TRANSP. CODE § 366.262(c)–(d)
 - TEX. TRANSP. CODE § 370.262(c)–(d)
- those that may be interpreted to require face-to-face interaction between members of the public and public officials; provided, however, that governmental bodies must offer alternative methods of communicating with their public officials.
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.007(b)
 - TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.125(b)(1), (d)

These suspensions are in effect until terminated by the Office of the Governor, or until the March 13, 2020 disaster declaration is lifted or expires.