

**SOUTH DAKOTA ADVISORY TASK FORCE COMMITTEE
ON OPEN MEETINGS LAWS**

PROPOSED AGENDA

September 24, 2026

1:00 p.m. Central Time/ 12:00 p.m. Mountain Time

George S. Mickelson Criminal Justice Training Center
1302 East SD Highway 1889 – 2nd Floor
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

If you wish to join this meeting by **Microsoft Teams**, please join meeting at:

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CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

1. Introduction for online participants and Roll Call – Reminder: For the benefit of listeners who are remote, please state your name before you speak. – *Beverly Katz, Assistant Attorney General*
 - * *Michael Smith* – Clay County State’s Attorney
 - * *Austin Hoffman* – McPherson County State’s Attorney
 - * *Karla Engle* – Chief Legal Counsel for the Department of Transportation
 - * *Kirsten Jasper* – Chief Legal Counsel for the Department of Revenue
 - * *Tracey Kelley* – Custer County State’s Attorney
 - * *Dylan Kirchmeier* – Roberts County State’s Attorney
 - * *Dave Bordewyk* – South Dakota News Media Association
 - * *Steve Willard* – South Dakota Broadcasters Association
 - * *Shane Roth* – DeSmet School District Board President and Associated School Boards of South Dakota President
 - * *Garret Bischoff* – Huron School District Board Vice-President and Associated School Boards of South Dakota Immediate Past President
 - * *Honorable Geoffrey Gray-Lobe* – Clay County Commissioner
 - * *Honorable Cole Heisey* – Minnehaha County Commissioner
 - * *Kellen Willert* – City Attorney for the City of Belle Fourche, Municipal League representative
 - * *Terry Sletten* – SDATAT Executive Director
 - * *Jim Urban* – SDATAT Board of Director Member
2. Public Comment period as per SDCL § 1-25-1 – Public comments will be limited to 10 minutes per person – *Chair Michael Smith*

3. Additions or Changes to the Proposed Agenda; Motion for Proposed Agenda to become a Final Agenda – *Chair Michael Smith*
4. Provide information on pre-legislative process – *Beverly Katz*
5. Proposed Revisions
 - A. **No. 11:** SDCL § 1-25-8. A Revision of law for the Open Meetings Commission to consist of three state’s attorneys or deputies, one municipal attorney, and one school district attorney.
 - B. **No. 11 A:** SDCL § 1-25-8. A Revision of law for the Open Meetings Commission to consist of two state’s attorneys or deputies, one municipal attorney, one school district attorney, and one township attorney.
6. Other task force member proposals
7. Discussion regarding future meeting
8. Adjournment

All items are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Central Time/ 12:00 p.m. Mountain Time. Scheduled items may be delayed at the discretion of the Chair of the Advisory Task Force Committee on Open Meetings Laws.

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No. 11

1 ENTITLED, An Act to expand the types of members to the Open Meeting
2 Commission consisting of a municipal attorney and a school district attorney
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 1-25-8 be AMENDED as follows:**

5 **1-25-8.** The South Dakota Open Meeting Commission is comprised of

6 (1) ~~five~~ **three** state's attorneys or deputy state's attorneys,

7 (2) **one municipal attorney, and**

8 (3) **one school district attorney**

9 appointed by the attorney general. Each commissioner serves at the pleasure
10 of the attorney general. The members of the commission shall choose a chair
11 of the commission annually by majority vote.

No. 11 A

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1-25-8. The South Dakota Open Meeting Commission is comprised of

(1) ~~five~~ two state's attorneys or deputy state's attorneys.

(2) one municipal attorney.

(3) one school district attorney, and

(4) one township attorney

appointed by the attorney general. Each commissioner serves at the pleasure of the attorney general. The members of the commission shall choose a chair of the commission annually by majority vote.