

## Executive or Closed Sessions

Executive Sessions: Before convening in executive session, the presiding officer shall publicly announce the purpose of the executive session and the estimated time when the session will be concluded. According to the Open Meetings Act (RCW 42.30.110), the announced purpose of the executive session must be one of the statutorily identified purposes for which an executive session may be held.

- Consideration of the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate** either by lease or purchase. *Rationale:* This applies when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. The final action of purchasing or leasing real estate shall be taken in open session.
- Consideration of a minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease.** *Rationale:* Applies when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of a decreased sale price. The final action of selling or leasing real estate shall be taken in open session.
- Review of negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts.** *Rationale:* Applies if public knowledge regarding such considerations would cause a likelihood of increased contract costs.
- Receive and evaluate complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.** *Note:* If such officer or employee requests, the complaint or charge may be heard in a public hearing or open public meeting.
- Evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for employment.** *Note:* Final action to hire, and set the salary of an individual employee or employee group shall take place in an open public meeting.
- Review the performance of an employee.** *Note:* Final action discharging or disciplining an employee shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.
- Evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office.** *Note:* Any candidate interviews and final action appointing a candidate to fill a vacant elective office shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.
- Discuss with legal counsel representing the district matters relating to agency enforcement actions.**
- Discuss with legal counsel representing the district litigation or potential litigation** to which the district or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party. *Rationale:* This applies when public knowledge regarding such discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the district.

Closed Sessions: In accordance with RCW 42.30.140, the Open Public Meeting Law shall not apply to:

- (2) **Quasi-judicial hearings**, that portion of the meeting that relates to a quasi-judicial matter involving names parties as distinguished from a matter having general effect on the public or an a class or group.
- (3) **Meeting governed by Chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act, or**
- (4) (a) **Collective bargaining sessions** with employee organizations including grievance meetings, interpreting application of a labor agreement, (b) **planning or adopting the strategy or position of the governing body.**

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Board President

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Secretary to the Board

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