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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

## OPEN MEETING LAW TASK FORCE

DATE:

November 9, 2010

TIME:

2:00 p.m.

LOCATIONS:

Office of the Attorney General

Mock Courtroom 100 N. Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701

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Office of the Attorney General

**Grant Sawyer Building** 

555 W. Washington Ave., Suite 3900

Room 3315

Las Vegas, NV 89101

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to order and roll call of members of the Open Meeting Law Task Force.
- 2. Review and approval of minutes from August 16, 2010.\*
- Legislative Agenda\*:
  - a. Proposed concepts for amending the Open Meeting law: (each of the following proposed amendments is further described in Supporting documents.\*
    - 1. Create administrative subpoena power or amend limitations periods to allow extension where a public body has not been responsive to a request for documents or information.

- 2. Require public acknowledgement of OML violation by public body.
- 3. Require public body to take corrective action: "cure" (based on Section 11 of the AG's Manual).
- 4. Clarify and redefine "public body," "committees and subcommittees"; NRS 241.020(3).
- 5. Create "civil infraction" for violation of OML, accompanying fee schedule, and appeal process.
- b. Further discussion and/or action on additional concepts being considered for adoption as proposed amendments, clarifications to the OML:
  - 1. Public body agendas must denote action items by placing the term "for possible action" next to the appropriate item.
  - 2. A public body may not take agenda items out of order unless the agenda states that items may be taken out of order.
  - 3. A public body may combine two agenda items for consideration.
  - 4. A public body may "pull" an item or delay discussion on an agenda item at any time.
  - 5. "Time, place or manner" restrictions on public comment must be reasonable and must be clearly stated on the agenda. Public comment can't be restricted based on content.
- c. Further discussion and/or action on definitions considered for adoption as proposed amendments.
  - 1. Deliberation: Currently the OML does not define "deliberation": the Nevada Supreme court supplied a definition in *Dewey v. City of Reno Redevelopment Authority*: "to examine, weigh and reflect upon the reasons for or against the choice ... thus connoting not only collective discussion, but the collective acquisition or the exchange of facts preliminary to the ultimate decision."
  - 2. "Gathering" of public body members which would be legally sufficient to constitute a meeting.
  - 3. "Present" in the context of a public meeting for the purpose of conducting public business, whether by electronic means or physically present.
  - 4. Attorney General's administrative agenda:\*
    - a. Review of proposed periodic OML training requirement for members of public body.
    - b. Discussion/action regarding proposal to make all AG OML dispositions available online. (reference: OML minutes of April 29, 2010, p.10).
  - 5. Discussion/suggestions for future agenda items.\*

- 6. Comments from the public please limit comments to 5 minutes.
- 7. Adjourn.\*

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