

Sec. 6. 241.020 1. Except as otherwise provided by specific statute, all meetings of public bodies must be open and public, and all persons must be permitted to attend any meeting of these public bodies. A meeting that is closed pursuant to a specific statute may only be closed to the extent specified in the statute allowing the meeting to be closed. All other portions of the meeting must be open and public, and the public body must comply with all other provisions of this chapter to the extent not specifically precluded by the specific statute. Public officers and employees responsible for these meetings shall make reasonable efforts to assist and accommodate persons with physical disabilities desiring to attend.

- (a) *Public meetings should be held in facilities that are reasonably large enough to accommodate anticipated attendance by members of the public.*
- (b) *If all persons desiring to attend a meeting are not permitted to attend because of the size of the facility or facilities, no violation of this chapter may be found if the public body has made reasonable efforts to accommodate the anticipated attendance.*

Commented [GDO1]: This is the language that I think could imply that a public body is in violation if any member of the public is unable to attend.

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