

## Tennessee Open Meetings Act

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The Tennessee Open Meetings Act (hereinafter "TOMA") is found at T.C.A. § 8-44-101, *et seq.* The TOMA prohibits multiple members of a governing body from meeting privately to deliberate towards or make decisions on public business. Subject to limited exceptions, almost every meeting of a municipality's governing body, boards and commissions is going to be subject to the TOMA.

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