

§ 25-41-3--DEFINITION OF PUBLIC BODY AND MEETING

For purposes of this chapter, the following words shall have the meaning ascribed herein, to wit:

- (a) “Public body” means any executive or administrative board, commission, authority, council, department, agency, bureau or any other policy-making entity, or committee thereof, of the State of Mississippi, or any political subdivision or municipal corporation of the state, whether such entity be created by statute or executive order, which is supported wholly or in part by public funds or expends public funds, and any standing, interim or special committee of the Mississippi Legislature. There shall be exempted from the provisions of this chapter:
 - (i) The judiciary, including all jury deliberations;
 - (ii) Public and private hospital staffs, public and private hospital boards and committees thereof;
 - (iii) Law enforcement officials;
 - (iv) The military;
 - (v) The State Probation and Parole Board;
 - (vi) The Workers' Compensation Commission;
 - (vii) Legislative subcommittees and legislative conference committees;
 - (viii) The arbitration council established in Section 69-3-19;
 - (ix) License revocation, suspension and disciplinary proceedings held by the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners; and
 - (x) Hearings and meetings of the Board of Tax Appeals and of the hearing officers and the board of review of the Department of Revenue as provided in Section 27-77-15.
- (b) “Meeting” means an assemblage of members of a public body at which official acts may be taken upon a matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power; “meeting” also means any such assemblage through the use of video or teleconference devices.