

Open Meetings Act (OMA) Policy

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The Open Meetings Act (OMA) is a state law that requires that meetings of public bodies be open to the public except in certain specific, limited situations where the law authorizes the public body to close a meeting. OMA also provides that the public must be given advance notice of the time, place and subject matter of the meetings of public bodies. This is to ensure that the public has access to information about government and its decision-making process.

Meetings of the Stickney-Forest View Public Library District shall be noticed and held in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq. The designated Open Meetings Officer of the Stickney-Forest View Public Library District is Leighton Shell. For questions, please contact Leighton Shell at shell@sfvpld.org.

A schedule of regular Library meetings shall be posted at the beginning of each fiscal year and shall state the regular dates, times, and places of such meetings. This schedule shall be posted on the Library's website, as well as in the Library.

Library meeting agendas will be distributed to the Library Board members and posted for the public at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting or as otherwise required by the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Agendas shall be posted on the Library's website, as well as in the Library.

The Stickney-Forest View Public Library District cooperates with representatives of print and broadcast media and with other members of the public who wish to make either video or audio recordings of public meetings so long as said recordings neither disrupt a meeting, nor violate the rights of the members of the Library Board, witnesses, or the public. The President of the Library Board of Trustees may impose additional rules or limitations on recording as necessary to preserve the decorum of the meeting and avoid disruption of the meeting.

Minutes of Library Board meetings will be made available for public inspection and posted on the Library's website within seven calendar days after the minutes are approved by the Library Board. Typically, the minutes are approved at the next board meeting. In accordance with the OMA, any minutes of meetings open to the public posted on the Library's website shall remain posted on the website for at least sixty days after their initial posting.

Pursuant to Public Act 97-0609 (Illinois Compiled Statute 5 ILCS 120/7.3), which is part of the Open Meetings Act, the Total Compensation Package Chart for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) employees that have a total compensation package that exceeds \$75,000 per year must be made available to the public.

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