

Policy: Open Meetings Law (OML) Compliance  
Responsible for Policy: College President

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Policy Statement

The Open Meetings Law (OML) applies to any official convening of any of the College's public bodies with two or more members that requires a quorum to conduct public business and that is performing a governmental function. Finger Lakes Community College boards, committees, subcommittees, organizations and agencies may be subject to the OML. College judicial proceedings, the deliberations of political committees, and matters made confidential by federal or state law are exempt from the OML.

An executive session may only be called for one or more of the following purposes: to discuss matters that could imperil the public safety if disclosed; to discuss any matter which could disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer; to discuss information relating to the current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which

acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities by the public body but not which would substantially affect the value thereof.

Records that are to be the subject of discussion at the public meeting must be made available to the public for a reasonable fee, or by posting them online prior to the meeting. Agencies are not required to present at a public meeting shall be posted on the website to the extent practicable as long as there is a basis for conducting an executive session, records shall be made available to the public in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Law.

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Review dates/action taken (requires Board of Trustees approval):

May 2010: original approval

March 2013: revisions approved by the Board of Trustees

Fall 2014: no revisions

Fall 2019: no substantive changes (legal review of policy conducted)

Procedure:

Fall 2014: no revisions

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