

# Do board meetings have to be open to the public?

**Resource Type:** Articles

**Topic:** General

In some states there are laws known as “Sunshine laws” that require groups to open their meetings to the public, however, these laws generally only apply to governmental or quasi-governmental groups. Unless the nonprofit is a governmental entity, there is no obligation to open board meetings to the public. (“Governmental entities” would include school boards, state educational organizations, such as a state university, and quasi-governmental groups such as public libraries.)