

1                   **OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT REQUIREMENTS**

2   2022 GENERAL SESSION

3   STATE OF UTAH

4                           **Chief Sponsor: Brady Brammer**

5                           Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9                   This bill modifies the Open and Public Meetings Act relating to open meeting  
10 requirements.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12                   This bill:

13                   ▶ requires a public body holding an open meeting to allow a reasonable opportunity  
14 for the public to provide verbal comment at the meeting.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16                   None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18                   None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21                   **52-4-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 263 and renumbered and  
22 amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 14

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24 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

25                   Section 1. Section **52-4-201** is amended to read:

26                   **52-4-201. Meetings open to the public -- Exceptions.**

27                   (1) A meeting is open to the public unless closed under Sections **52-4-204, 52-4-205,**



28 and 52-4-206.

29 (2) (a) A meeting that is open to the public includes a workshop or an executive  
30 session of a public body in which a quorum is present, unless closed in accordance with this  
31 chapter.

32 (b) A workshop or an executive session of a public body in which a quorum is present  
33 that is held on the same day as a regularly scheduled public meeting of the public body may  
34 only be held at the location where the public body is holding the regularly scheduled public  
35 meeting unless:

36 (i) the workshop or executive session is held at the location where the public body  
37 holds its regularly scheduled public meetings but, for that day, the regularly scheduled public  
38 meeting is being held at different location;

39 (ii) any of the meetings held on the same day is a site visit or a traveling tour and, in  
40 accordance with this chapter, public notice is given;

41 (iii) the workshop or executive session is an electronic meeting conducted according to  
42 the requirements of Section 52-4-207; or

43 (iv) it is not practicable to conduct the workshop or executive session at the regular  
44 location of the public body's open meetings due to an emergency or extraordinary  
45 circumstances.

46 (3) A public body holding a meeting that is open to the public shall allow a reasonable  
47 opportunity for the public to provide verbal comment during the meeting.