

## **Executive Sessions**

Generally, the state open meeting law (sometimes referred to as the “sunshine” law) requires that all meetings, with a few limited exceptions, be open to any person who desires to attend. Meetings that can be closed to the public are outlined in the statutes as executive sessions; some of the major points are listed below.

### **Executive Sessions:**

- Closed to the general public
- Can only be for seven specified reasons:
  - Personnel matters
  - Records exempt from public inspection
  - Legal advice from public body’s attorney
  - Discussion regarding pending litigation
  - Negotiations with labor unions
  - Negotiations with a tribal council
  - Real estate transactions
- Only those persons necessary for the discussion may be present in Executive Session
- Discussion must be kept confidential
- No final action allowed