

Open Meeting

Assignment Overview

There are many forms of democracy in the world. The open meeting is just one avenue of democracy. This assignment asks the students to observe democracy at the local level. Listed below are just a few examples of meetings that the student may attend. Please ask before attending a meeting not listed here. The student will need the question portion of the assignment.

Kyrene School District Governing Board

Regular meetings of the Governing Board are held at 7 p.m. in the Governing Board Room at the Ben Furlong Education Center, 8700 S. Kyrene Road, Tempe, usually on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Phoenix City Council

The formal Council meetings are conducted at 3 p.m. each Wednesday in the City Council Chambers, 200 West Jefferson Street

Tempe Elementary School District Governing Board

Regular meetings are scheduled at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month all year at the Sanchez Administration Center, 3205 S. Rural Road, Tempe

[Dates of Tempe Elementary Board Meetings](#)

Tempe Union High School District

The Governing Board holds business meetings the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Residents of the district and parents of students attending high school in the district may address concerns to the Governing Board about an agenda item or a problem directly concerning their student at the time during the meeting reserved for Public Comment.

[Dates of the TUHSD Governing Board Meetings](#)

Tempe City Council

Regular meetings are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. at Tempe City Hall, 31 East Fifth Street, Tempe. [Dates of Tempe City Council Meetings](#)

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Open Meeting Questions

1. Name of Organization:
2. Date and Time of Meeting:
3. Number of members on board/panel:_____ number present:_____.
4. Who do members represent (districts, at-large, etc):
5. How are members selected (election, appointment, other):
6. Who ran the meeting officially:_____;unofficially:_____.
7. How was meeting organized (**attach copy of agenda**); how long did it last?
8. What agenda items received the most attention; why?
9. What agenda items received the least attention; why?
10. How many "public citizens" attended the meeting?
Did they represent any organizations or groups?
If so , what:
- Did they address the board/panel?
If so, did their comments affect any decisions made by the board/panel?
11. Was media present at the meeting?
If so, what media groups were present:
12. What do you think was the most important action taken by the board/panel at the meeting;why?
13. What was your overall impression of the meeting (well or poorly organized, good or bad decision making, etc)?