

Working with Councils, Boards and Commissions

Discover the keys to effective governing bodies

When: July 27, 8:30-3:15

Where: Virtual, via Zoom

Do you work with elected or appointed governing bodies? Gain a clearer understanding of the pressures, legal constraints, and demands facing members of councils, boards, and commissions. Learn the structures and processes necessary in these governing bodies, and strategies for maintaining good communication and minimizing the challenges that can arise in the staff/ board relationship. Discover how you can help boards and commissions be more effective in their official capacities, and to make for a smoother, more productive organization. This program costs \$225.

By the end of this class, you should be able to:

- 1. Have a basic understanding of government structures and the legislative process
- 2. Understand the open meetings law and where to find resources and information pertaining to the law
- 3. Understand and be able to use basic motions in parliamentary procedure
- 4. Understand the role of the public, members of the body, and staff/support
- Utilize strategies to overcome barriers working with board, commission, and councils

Agenda for the day: Introductions-Government structures- How a bill becomes a law/legislative process- Overview of open meetings- Roles of Officers- Parliamentary Procedure-Role of Public-Strategies for working with members- Adjourn

Counts as a Public Policy elective in the Certified Public Manager Program®

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