



**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS AND
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Videoconferencing by the Legislature

PURPOSE: To authorize the use of videoconferencing by the New York State Senate and Assembly to conduct meetings pursuant to the requirements of the Open Meetings Law.

Thursday
December 19, 2024
10:00 am
Hearing Room B
Legislative Office Building
Albany, New York 12248

ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY

Section 103-a of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, constituting the Open Meetings Law, requires any state and local public body, including the New York State Senate and Assembly, to conduct a public hearing prior to adopting a resolution authorizing the use of videoconferencing to conduct open meetings under certain circumstances.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committees staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

Attendees and participants at any legislative public hearing should be aware that these proceedings are video recorded. Their likenesses may be included in any video coverage shown on television or the internet.

In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform interested parties and organizations of the Committees' interest in hearing testimony from all sources.

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PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons invited to present testimony at the public hearing on Videoconferencing by the Legislature are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail, email, or fax it to:

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on videoconferencing by the Legislature to be conducted by the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations and the Assembly Committee on Governmental Operations on December 19, 2024.
- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 of minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

- I do not plan to attend the above hearing.
- I would like to be added to the Committee mailing list for notices and reports.
- I would like to be removed from the Committee mailing list.
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