



For Immediate Release
October 3, 2023

State House
Boston, MA 02133
Tel. (617) 722-1150

Open Meeting Law Training to be held at Edward M. Kennedy Institute

First 100 participants will have access to a replica United States Senate Seat

The Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, in partnership with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute and the Massachusetts Municipal Association, cordially invite members of the public to a highly informative and educational training session conducted by the Attorney General's Office of Open Government.

"The open meeting law is a critical tool for ensuring transparency in state and local government," said **Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell**. "My office greatly appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with Senator Collins and Representative Cabral and provide this valuable training to municipal employees and members of the public."

"Power in government comes from understanding how government works. It is civic gatherings like this that ensure we all have the knowledge to ensure government remains open, transparent, and responsive."- **Adam Hinds, Chief Executive Officer of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute**.

"On behalf of cities and towns across the Commonwealth, we are proud to partner on this important training," said **Adam Chapdelaine, the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association**. "This event presents a valuable and relevant educational opportunity for the thousands of dedicated local government employees in Massachusetts."

"Although methods of communication change and expand over time, the Open Meeting Law continues to protect the public's right to access information and to participate in the decision-making functions of our government. It is important for everyone involved to understand their responsibilities. As the House and Senate Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on State Administration, and members of the Open Meeting Law Advisory Commission, we hope we can all learn something valuable from this training session - and that the conversation will help our committee spearhead the efforts to update the OML moving forward," said **Senator Nick Collins and Representative Antonio Cabral**.

The training session will take place on Wednesday, October 11th, 2023, at the EMK Institute. Doors will open at 5:30PM and begin promptly at 6:00PM. All are welcome.

###