

**WASHINGTON STATE
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
MEETING NO. 182
October 17, 2014**

OPEN GOVERNMENT TRAINING

Background

This year, the Legislature amended the Open Public Meetings Act to include a requirement that every member of every state agency governing board be trained in the Open Public Meetings Act. (RCW 42.30.205) This includes the members of the Workforce Board. The timeframe to complete the training is within 90 days of either taking the oath of office or "otherwise assuming duties as a public official." For members who were appointed prior to the statute going into effect on July 1, 2014, that would be 90 days from September 25, 2014, which would be the November 2014 Board meeting. The Open Government training covers both the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) and the Public Records Act (PRA). However, the Board is only required to receive OPMA training. The Board has the following options to complete the required training:

1. The Board Assistant Attorney General may provide a complete OPMA and PRA training at the November Board meeting. The estimated length of the training is 1-1.5 hours.
2. The Board Assistant Attorney General may only provide the required OPMA training at the November Board meeting. The estimated length of the training is 45 minutes.
3. The Board may complete the trainings online. The online trainings are significantly shorter than the live trainings due to the lack of a question and answer period, the main disadvantages of the online trainings are the limited amount of information available and the lack of interaction. If the Board elects to complete online training in lieu of live training the Board's Assistant Attorney General will be available to hold a question and answer session at the November Board meeting.

Board Action Requested: Select a training option.