

# Texas Open Meetings Act

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scenarios

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- Interactive
- Questions
- Feedback
- More Questions

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- Why do we have OMA
- What conduct is allowed
- Who is subject to the OMA
- When does OMA apply
- Who can enforce OMA

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- What is a meeting under OMA
- What notice is required
- Is physical presence required
- What's a “daisy chain” or “walking quorum”

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- Does OMA allow you to text fellow Councilmembers
- Does OMA allow you to exchange emails with fellow Councilmembers
- Does OMA allow you to call Councilmembers on your cell phone

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- Does OMA allow you to “friend” fellow councilmembers on Facebook
- Can you “follow” fellow councilmembers on Twitter/Instagram
- Can you “snap” with Councilmembers on Snap Chat
- Swipe Right on Tinder/Bumble

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- Story -2011 to 2013
- Names Changed to Protect Innocent
- Call from Local Prosecutor
- Complaint
- Investigation
- Outcome

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- Where was I?
- What was I doing?
- Who was I with?
- What happened?
- Why?



# Takeaways

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- Every Interaction Matters
- Maintain Open Dialogue w/Local Prosecutor
- Keep up-to-date on New Developments
- Consider Council Bulletin Board

# Questions

