Rhode Island PBS Foundation Policy on Open Meetings

The Rhode Island PBS Foundation Board of Directors shall conduct all it's meetings, all committee meetings of the Board, and any advisory board meetings (collective referred to as the "Board") as open meetings preceded by reasonable notice to the public in accordance to the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, which is codified at 47 U.S.C. § 396(k)(4). All persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the Board, or of any such committee or body, and no person shall be required, as a condition to attendance at any such meeting, to register such person's name or to provide any other information. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to prevent the Board, committee, or body from holding closed sessions to consider matters relating to individual employees, proprietary information, litigation and other matters requiring the confidential advice of counsel, commercial or financial information obtained from a person on a privileged or confidential basis, or the purchase of property or services whenever the premature exposure of such purchase would compromise the business interests of any such organization. If any such meeting is closed pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, the organization involved shall thereafter (within a reasonable period of time) make available to the public a written statement containing an explanation of the reasons for closing the meeting.

The term "meeting" means the deliberations of at least the number of members of the Board, advisory board, or any committee thereof, required to take action on behalf of such body or committee where such deliberations determine or result in the joint conduct or disposition of the Board, advisory board's business, or the committee's business, as the case may be, but only to the extent that such deliberations relate to public broadcasting.

This policy has been adopted and implemented November 7, 2012

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