

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0203

By the people act.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Singh, Bear, Filer,
Guggenmos, Heiner, Ottman, Pendergraft and
Strock and Senator(s) Laursen, D and
Steinmetz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public meetings; requiring audio or
2 video access to public meetings to the extent practicable;
3 providing for public comment at public meetings; specifying
4 when minutes of a public meeting are required to be made
5 available to the public; requiring an agency that makes an
6 audio or video recording of a public meeting to make the
7 recording available for the public; authorizing
8 broadcasting or recording of public meetings; and providing
9 for an effective date.

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11 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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13 **Section 1.** W.S. 16-4-403(a), (b), (c)(intro) and by
14 creating a new subsection (e) is amended to read:

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2 **16-4-403. Meetings to be open; participation by**
3 **public; minutes; recordings.**

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5 (a) All meetings of the governing body of an agency
6 are public meetings, open to the public at all times,
7 except as otherwise provided. To the extent practicable,
8 public meetings shall provide live audio or video access to
9 the meeting and shall provide for remote participation by
10 members of the public. No action of a governing body of an
11 agency shall be taken except during a public meeting
12 following notice of the meeting in accordance with this
13 act. Action taken at a meeting not in conformity with this
14 act is null and void and not merely voidable.

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16 (b) A member of the public is not required as a
17 condition of attendance at any meeting to register his
18 name, to supply information, to complete a questionnaire,
19 or fulfill any other condition precedent to his attendance.
20 A person seeking recognition at the meeting may be required
21 to give his name and affiliation. If an agency provides a
22 timed public comment period for a specific agenda item or
23 for general public comment, the public comment period shall

1 not be closed until the timed public comment period listed
2 on the agenda has elapsed. An agency that does not specify
3 a timed public comment period for a specific agenda item
4 shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item for
5 members of the public to provide public comment.

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7 (c) Each agency shall compile minutes for each public
8 meeting. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection
9 and in W.S. 16-4-405(b), the minutes from the meeting shall
10 be made available to the public on the website of the
11 agency or at another location that is accessible to the
12 public. Minutes of a meeting:

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14 (e) Meetings that permit live audio or video access
15 to the meeting by members of the public as provided in
16 subsection (a) of this section shall be recorded. The
17 unaltered original audio or video recording of a public
18 meeting made for whatever purpose by or at the direction of
19 the agency shall be made available to the public on the
20 website of the agency or at another location that is
21 accessible to the public. No agency shall prohibit or
22 restrict the broadcast or audio or video recording of a
23 public meeting unless the agency reasonably determines that

1 the broadcast or recording would cause a disruption of the
2 meeting.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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6 (END)