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OPEN MEETINGS COMPLIANCE BOARD FINDS SEAT PLEASANT VIOLATED OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Seat Pleasant, Maryland - In an eleven-page opinion released yesterday, the Maryland Open Meetings Compliance Board ("OMCB") found that the City of Seat Pleasant violated three provisions of the Open Meetings Act regarding disclosures before and after closed session meetings, publishing meeting minutes online, and meeting notices.

DBlastMedia lodged a complaint with the OMCB on December 6, 2021, after a review of City Council documents between November 2020 and December 2021, revealed more than ninety violations.

Open Meetings laws, also referred to as sunshine laws, require, with some exceptions, that the meetings and decisions of state agencies, regulatory bodies, and local governments be open to the public.

Steve Thompson, this organization's spokesman, stated, "Transparency is vital for combating corruption, strengthening accountability, and fostering participation in public affairs. When elected officials neglect their statutory obligations, it deprives citizens of the opportunity to oppose legislation, voice concerns, and learn about government activities."

He added, "Seat Pleasant City officials tend to unnecessarily deny public records request and breach open meetings laws to avoid public scrutiny."

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