

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN
OMA REFERENCE GUIDE UPDATED SEPTEMBER 2020**

- Statutory changes include the following:
 - Section 7(e) was added to the OMA. This provision permits a public body to conduct an open or closed meeting via audio or video conference during a disaster declaration relating to public health, so long as certain enumerated conditions are met. 5 ILCS 120/7(e).
 - Section 1.05 of the OMA was amended to permit elected or appointed members of a municipal public body to satisfy OMA training requirements by participating in training conducted by an organization that represents municipalities provided certain conditions are met. 5 ILCS 120/1.05(g).
 - Section 1.05 was also amended to permit elected or appointed members of the board of a fire protection district to satisfy OMA training requirements by participating in training conducted by an organization that represents fire protection districts provided certain conditions are met. 5 ILCS 120/1.05(g).
 - Section 2(c)(1) was expanded to permit a closed meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting or volunteers. A closed meeting may also be held to hear testimony on a complaint lodged against such persons. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
 - Section 2(c)(36) was added which permits a closed meeting to discuss certain enumerated discussions of the Illinois Gaming Board. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(36).

- Recent opinions of the Illinois Attorney General regarding the following topics were summarized:
 - Requirements for sufficient information on meeting agendas
 - Permitted discussions in closed session
 - Rules and procedures for public comment