

**Addendum**  
**BUUSD Board Meeting**  
**May 4, 2026**



**BRIEFING MEMO**

**BUUSD BOARD AGENDA: March 30, 2026**

**Consent** - Item No: \_\_\_\_\_      **Discussion** - Item No: \_\_\_\_\_      **Action** - Item No: \_\_\_\_\_

**AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Open Meeting Law Violation Discussion**

**SUBMITTING PERSON: Garrett Grant**

**BACKGROUND/SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

On April 13, 2026, the Board held a virtual Budget Town Hall that was publicly advertised as a community listening session regarding the May 12 budget re-vote. The Board Chair introduced the event as an opportunity for the Board to listen to and answer community questions about the already-approved budget re-vote.

A quorum of Board members was present; however, because this was a listening session, there were no motions and no Board action was taken. The Town Hall was limited to listening to feedback and answering questions relating to the budget, which had already been approved for re-vote.

A complaint was submitted alleging this constituted an Open Meeting Law violation due to the presence of a quorum without a warned meeting. The complaint was referred to legal counsel.

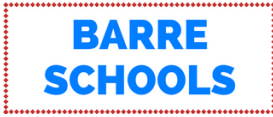
Legal counsel determined that under Vermont law (1 V.S.A. § 310(5)(D)), a gathering of a quorum at an event of this nature does not constitute a "meeting" for purposes of Open Meeting Law, provided no action is taken. Based on that standard, the Town Hall does not meet the definition of a board meeting requiring separate warning.

**ATTACHMENTS and or LINK(S):**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:**

Determine that no Open Meeting Law violation occurred pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 314(b)(2)(B), and vote to affirm/ratify that the April 13, 2026 Budget Town Hall was conducted in compliance with Open Meeting Law requirements.

Legal counsel also recommends we adopt a separate measure to support future compliance, such as designating a Board member to confirm in advance that any event where a quorum may be present is properly considered under Open Meeting Law requirements.



Garrett Grant &lt;ggrant@buusd.org&gt;

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## Open Meeting Law Violation

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**Sue** <suevermont1@gmail.com>

Wed, Apr 22, 2026 at 9:55 AM

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Garrett,

There is an Open Meeting Law violation following a full board meeting, that was "named a Town Hall", on April 13, 2026. Please advise and respond according to 1VSA314(b)(2). In accordance with 1VSA314(b)(1), the violation is: 1. You had a community town hall meeting, with a quorum of board members, participating and discussing board business, and this meeting was not warned. The cure to this would be to find, have the entire board register for, and attend an Open Meeting Law Training on Open Meeting Law Requirements, specifically proper warning of meetings, then submit training to be attended, registration request, and certification for each board member that this training has been completed, signed and dated by person who did the training.

Sincerely,

Sue Paxman

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