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## NOTICE OF MEETING

On Tuesday, August 26, 2014, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

The Commission is reviewing transparency in state government, specifically the effects of amendments enacted in 2009 to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act on the ability of state boards and commissions to effectively conduct business. At this hearing, the Commission will focus on the impacts of the Bagley-Keene amendments on California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) decision-making. The Commission also will explore whether the 2009 amendments have affected the ability of other state boards and commissions to conduct business or if this situation is unique to the CPUC.

The Commission will first hear from a CPUC commissioner who will provide an explanation of the act's impact on CPUC decision-making processes. An assistant general counsel in charge of the legal division advisory section also will provide an interpretation of the 2009 changes. The Commission also will hear from the general counsel for the California Newspaper Publishers Association, who sponsored the 2009 legislation that amended the Bagley-Keene Act. Finally, the executive director of the University of San Diego School of Law's Center for Public Interest Law, an expert on the Bagley-Keene Act and state boards and commissions, will testify with his interpretation of the law.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments.

Immediately following the hearing, the Commission will hold a business meeting in Conference Room 175 on the first floor of 925 L Street in Sacramento. Additional teleconference locations accessible to the public during the meeting will be: 15 Henry Street, Southampton, NY 11968.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's website, [www.lhc.ca.gov](http://www.lhc.ca.gov). If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Commission Executive Director Carole D'Elia at (916) 445-2125 or [littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov](mailto:littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov) by Tuesday, August 19, 2014.



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**Public Hearing on the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act  
Tuesday, August 26, 2014  
State Capitol, Room 437  
Sacramento**

**Public Hearing: 9:30 a.m.**

***Governing Complications at the California Public Utilities Commission***

1. Michel Florio, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission
2. J. Jason Reiger, Assistant General Counsel, California Public Utilities Commission

***The 2009 Changes to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act***

3. Jim Ewert, General Counsel, California Newspaper Publishers Association

***Interpretations and Options for State Boards and Commissions***

4. Robert Fellmeth, Executive Director, Center for Public Interest Law, University of San Diego School of Law

**Business Meeting  
Tuesday, August 26, 2014  
Room 175  
925 L Street, First Floor  
Sacramento**

**(The Commission will consider agenda items I-VI at approximately 12:00 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)**

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from April 24, May 22, and June 26, 2014
- II. Draft Letter Report – Energy Governance Revisit
- III. Draft Letter Report – Medi-Cal Update
- IV. Subcommittee Reports/Project Selection
- V. Implementation Activity
- VI. Reports from California State Auditor's Office