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A gathering of a majority of board members in which deliberation of or action on an issue within the scope of the board's policy-making duties, either in-person, electronically, or through agents, is a board meeting. A gathering for the purpose of social or ministerial action will not constitute a board meeting unless a discussion of policy takes place or there is an intent to avoid the purposes of the open meetings law. Meetings of the board will be conducted in an open meeting unless a closed session is authorized by law or the meeting is exempt from the open meetings law.

The open meetings law does not prohibit discussions between members of the board and its staff to exchange ideas and gather information in order for the board to act upon an issue during an open meeting.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 21, 279.1-.2 (2013).
1982 Op. Att'y Gen. 162.
1980 Op. Att'y Gen. 167.

Cross Reference: 208 Ad Hoc Committees
210 Board of Directors' Meetings
210.8 Board Meeting Agenda
212 Closed Sessions

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