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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Whom it May Concern

FROM: Shoshanah Bewlay  
Executive Director, Committee on Open Government

RE: *Alert: Legislation Extended: Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2024*

DATE: April 25, 2024

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On April 20, 2024, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into Law Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2024. Part KK of Chapter 58 provides for a two-year extension – without other modification – until July 1, 2026, of the amendment to the Open Meetings Law (OML) established by Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 expanding the use of videoconferencing by public bodies to conduct open meetings, under extraordinary circumstances, regardless of a declaration of emergency. See previously issued guidance on this topic [here](#).