

**Open Government Seminar**  
**April 17, 2018**  
**University of Texas at Arlington**  
**University Center**  
**Arlington, Texas**

AGENDA

8 a.m.: Check-in, coffee available.

8:30 – 9:45 a.m.: **Texas Public Information Act 101.** Justin Gordon, chief of the Open Records Division of the Texas Attorney General’s Office, will provide an overview of the Public Information Act and its exceptions. Attending this session will fulfill the requirement for public officials or their designees to complete training on the Public Information Act under section 552.012 of the Government Code.

9:45 – 10 a.m.: Break

10 – 10:45 a.m.: **Texas Public Information Act Cost Rules.** The Texas Attorney General’s Open Records Division will provide instruction on the cost rules related to the Public Information Act.

10:45 – 11 a.m.: Q&A. Participants are encouraged to ask any remaining questions pertaining to the Public Information Act and Cost Rules presentations.

11 – 11:30 a.m.: Break; Check-in for those arriving who did not attend the morning session.

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.: **Texas Open Meetings Act.** Attorney Tom Williams of the Haynes and Boone law firm and FOI Foundation board will present the basics of the Open Meetings Act using an AG-approved PowerPoint and his knowledge of the law. Attending this session will fulfill the requirement for public officials to complete training on the Open Meetings Act under section 551.005 of the Government Code. *(Light lunch refreshments will be provided during this session. Attendees are also welcome to bring their own lunch. A food court is nearby.)*

12:45 – 1:15 p.m.: Break

1:15 – 3:15 p.m.: **First Amendment Institute.** A two-hour session designed especially for journalists. Attorney Tom Williams and journalist and Tarleton State assistant professor Dan Malone will review laws and trends affecting the First Amendment right of free press including libel, courtroom access and other issues.

3:15 – 3:30 p.m.: Wrap-up discussion, final questions.

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