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Re: *Informal Inquiry 11-INF-49; Committees*

Sylvia-

I think the key will be who appoints the Committee(s) due to how broadly the ODL interprets "Official action." Official action" is defined as receiving information, deliberate, make recommendations, establish policy, make decisions, or take final action. From what you describe, the Committee(s) are taking "Official action" by receiving information.

I.C. 5-14-1.5-2(b)(3) provides that a governing body is:

(3) any committee appointed directly by the governing body or its presiding officer to which authority to take official action upon public business has been delegated. An agent or agents appointed by the governing body to conduct collective bargaining on behalf of the governing body does not constitute a governing body for purposes of this chapter.

If the Committee(s) are appointed directly by the State Library or its presiding officer, and the Committee(s) have been delegated the authority to take official action upon public business (as stated above, as little as receiving information), then they would be subject to the ODL.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hoage".

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