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**To:** [Becky Magestro](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Open Meeting Laws Violations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 21, 2024 1:58:55 PM  
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**From:** ben.adamitus@gmail.com <ben.adamitus@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 2:19 PM  
**To:** Taylor Zeinert <tzeinert@whitewater-wi.gov>  
**Cc:** Llana Dostie <ldostie@whitewater-wi.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Open Meeting Laws Violations

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Hi Taylor,

Apologies for any miscommunication. I may have stated our previous desire to meet, but we did not meet at the advisement of Kevin Boehm from previous meetings earlier in the year. I have never met Jaime outside of a Landmarks Commission meeting.

On another matter, please accept this notice as formal resignation from my appointment to the Landmarks Commission effective immediately.

Thank you,  
Ben Adamitus

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**From:** Taylor Zeinert <tzeinert@whitewater-wi.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 2:12 PM  
**To:** [ben.adamitus@gmail.com](mailto:ben.adamitus@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Open Meeting Laws Violations

Ben,

At the end of the meeting when discussing if a future meeting could be dedicated to a visioning session you stated that you, Jim Olm, and Jamie Weigel had previously meet outside of Landmarks Meetings to discuss landmarks related issues. I explained how that is considered a walking quorum and is in violation of open meetings law.

As the email from the City Clerks states we will have a mandatory training regarding open meeting laws at the next Landmarks meeting.

Thanks,  
Taylor

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**From:** [ben.adamitus@gmail.com](mailto:ben.adamitus@gmail.com) <[ben.adamitus@gmail.com](mailto:ben.adamitus@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 1:18 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Open Meeting Laws Violations

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Hi Taylor,

Any idea what recent gatherings are being referenced below? I followed up with Heather and she advised it was mentioned at our meeting.

Thanks in advance,  
Ben

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**From:** Heather Boehm <[hboehm@whitewater-wi.gov](mailto:hboehm@whitewater-wi.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 12, 2024 12:00 PM  
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**Subject:** Open Meeting Laws Violations  
**Importance:** High

Dear Landmarks Commission Members,

It has come to our attention that some recent gatherings of the Landmarks Commission may not have been conducted in full compliance with Wisconsin Open Meetings Laws. As you are aware, adherence to these laws is critical to ensuring transparency and public trust in our proceedings.

Effective immediately, all meetings or gatherings of the Landmarks Commission must fully comply with Wisconsin Open Meetings Laws. This includes providing proper notice to the public and ensuring that all deliberations occur in an open and accessible forum.

Please cease any further meetings that do not meet these requirements. Any future violations may result in legal consequences and could undermine the work of the Commission.

If you have any questions about what constitutes a meeting under the law or need guidance on compliance, please do not hesitate to reach out. We will also be offering a mandatory training session on September 4 at 6:00 PM to provide further clarification and ensure that all members are fully informed of their responsibilities under the law.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Thank you,

**Heather Boehm**

City Clerk



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*“Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”- John F. Kennedy*

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2024 Partisan Primary - August 13, 2024  
2024 General Election - November 5, 2024

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