



**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS AND
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Videoconferencing by the Legislature

PURPOSE: To authorize the use of videoconferencing by the New York State Senate and Assembly to conduct meetings pursuant to the requirements of the Open Meetings Law.

**Wednesday
March 1, 2023
11:00 a.m.**

**Hearing Room A
Legislative Office Building
Albany, New York 12248**

ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

Section 103-a of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, constituting the Open Meetings Law, requires any state and local public body, including the New York State Senate and Assembly, to conduct a public hearing prior to adopting a resolution authorizing the use of videoconferencing to conduct open meetings under certain circumstances.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes duration. Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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- I plan to attend the public hearing on videoconferencing by the Legislature to be conducted by the Committees on March 1, 2023.
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- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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