

(b) (1) The following terms, whenever used or referred to in this title, shall have the following meanings respectively, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context.

(2) "Meeting or meetings" means the meetings, when sitting as a body or entity, or as an informal assemblage of the constituent membership, with or without minutes being taken, whether or not votes are cast, of any authority, board, bureau, commission, district or agency of Charles County or of any political subdivision of Charles County, the governing bodies of the county, school boards and planning commissions; and other organizations, corporations or agencies in the county, supported wholly or principally by Charles County public funds. Nothing in this title shall be construed as to define a meeting as a chance meeting of two or more members of a public body, or as an informal assemblage of the constituent membership at which matters relating to the exercise of official functions are not discussed.

(3) "Official records" means the records pertaining to completed actions or transactions which the groups, agencies or organizations, enumerated in paragraph (2) of this subsection, are required by statute to keep and maintain, or reports paid for by public funds.

(4) "Executive meeting" or "closed meeting" means a meeting from which the public is excluded.

(5) "Open meeting" or "public meeting" means a meeting at which the public may be present.

(6) "Public body" means any of the groups, agencies or organizations enumerated in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(c) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all Charles County official records shall be open to inspection and copying by any citizens having a personal or legal interest in specified records during the regular office hours of the custodian of the records. Access to the records shall not be denied to any citizen nor to representatives of newspapers and representatives of radio and television stations. The following records are excluded from the provisions of this title:

(1) Memoranda, correspondence, evidence and complaints related to criminal investigations, and reports submitted to the State Police in confidence;

(2) Income tax returns, medical and mental records, scholastic records, welfare records, adoption records, illegitimate births and personnel records;