

MINNESOTA COALITION ON GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (MNCOGI)

- All volunteer organization (librarians, attorneys, media, IT professionals)
- Non-partisan, 501(c)(3) nonprofit
- Focused on government transparency and accountability
- Public education and open government advocacy
- Much policy work involves Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (Minn. Stat. Chapter 13)

Minnesota government transparency enabled by:

**Open Meeting Law
(Minnesota Stat. Chapter 13D)**

- Requires certain governing bodies, boards, other entities to hold public meetings in many circumstances

**Records Management Statute
(Minn. Stat. Chapter 138.17)**

- Regulates management and retention of government records

**Official Records Act
(Minn. Stat. Chapter 15.17)**

- States that government entities must maintain records necessary for knowledge of their official activities

**Minnesota Government Data Practices Act
(Minn. Stat. Chapter 13)**

- Regulates classification (“public” or “not public” status) of government data. Presumption of public access unless data is otherwise classified.