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The Honorable John Cornyn  
Office of the Attorney General  
Attn: Opinion Committee  
PO Box 12548  
Austin, TX 78711-2548

Re: Request for an opinion as to whether a state board or commission testifying before the Sunset Commission is subject to the Open Meetings Act.

Dear General Cornyn:

The Texas Sunset law (Government Code, Chapter 325) provides for the periodic review of the efficiency and effectiveness of state agency operations and policies. One of the most important components of an agency's Sunset review is a public hearing, when agency staff and members of the agency's policymaking body are called to testify.

The Sunset Commission conducts its hearings in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and posts notice according to the rules of the House and Senate. I have been instructed by the Commission to seek an opinion from your office as to whether an agency under Sunset review would need to post a separate notice by virtue of the fact that a quorum of its policymaking body might attend and/or testify at a Sunset Commission hearing on matters relating to that agency.

Sincerely,

Joey Longley  
Director