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Posting Meetings Around Holidays, in Accordance with the Open Meeting Law

Per guidance from the Attorney General's Office, the "best practice is not to hold public meetings on Sundays or holidays when access to public buildings may be limited and when the public does not normally anticipate the scheduling of a public meeting." (www.mass.gov Frequently Asked Questions on the Open Meeting Law).

The Open Meeting Law explicitly excludes legal holidays from the 48-hour calculation for postings of meeting notices (MGL 30A §20 (b)).

As such, here's a handy chart to remember when exactly to post your meeting around the holiday, for the remaining holidays in 2024:

Holiday: Presidents' Day TH Closed On: Monday, February 19, 2024		
To have your meeting on	Post your meeting by close of business on	
Tuesday, February 20, 2024	Thursday, February 15, 2024	
Wednesday, February 21, 2024	Friday, February 16, 2024	
Thursday, February 22, 2024	Tuesday, February 20, 2024 (regular schedule!)	
Holiday: Patriots Day TH Closed On: Monday, April 15, 2024		
To have your meeting on	Post your meeting by close of business on	
Tuesday, April 16, 2024	Thursday, April 11, 2024	
Wednesday, April 17, 2024	Friday, April 12, 2024	
Thursday, April 18, 2024	Tuesday, April 16, 2024 (regular schedule!)	
Holiday: Memorial Day TH Closed On: Monday, May 27, 2024		
To have your meeting on	Post your meeting by close of business on	
Tuesday, May 28, 2024	Thursday, May 23, 2024	
Wednesday, May 29, 2024	Friday, May 24, 2024	
Thursday, May 30, 2024	Tuesday, May 28, 2024 (regular schedule!)	
Holiday: Juneteenth TH Closed On: Wednesday, June 19, 2024		
To have your meeting on	Post your meeting by close of business on	
Thursday, June 20, 2024	Monday, June 17, 2024	
Friday, June 21, 2024	Tuesday, June 18, 2024	
Monday, June 24, 2024	Thursday, June 20, 2024 (regular schedule!)	
Holiday: Fourth of July TH Closed On: Thursday, July 4, 2024		
To have your meeting on	Post your meeting by close of business on	
Friday, July 5, 2024	Tuesday, July 2, 2024	

Monday, July 8, 2024 Tuesday, July 9, 2024 Wednesday, July 3, 2024 (regular schedule!)

Wednesday, July 3, 2024 *Clerk's Office Closed 7/5*

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Holiday: Labor Day TH Closed On: Monday, September 2, 2024

To have your meeting on... Tuesday, September 3, 2024 Wednesday, September 4, 2024 Thursday, September 5, 2024 Post your meeting by close of business on... Thursday, August 29, 2024 Friday, August 30, 2024 Tuesday, September 3, 2024 (regular schedule!)

Holiday: Columbus Day TH Closed On: Monday, October 14, 2024

To have your meeting on... Tuesday, October 15, 2024 Wednesday, October 16, 2024 Thursday, October 17, 2024 Post your meeting by close of business on... Thursday, October 10, 2024 Friday, October 11, 2024 Tuesday, October 15, 2024 (regular schedule!)

Holiday: Veterans Day TH Closed On: Monday, November 11, 2024

To have your meeting on... Tuesday, November 12, 2024 Wednesday, November 13, 2024 Thursday, November 14, 2024 Post your meeting by close of business on... Thursday, November 7, 2024 Friday, November 8, 2024 Tuesday, November 12, 2024 (regular schedule!)

Holiday: Thanksgiving TH Closed On: Thursday, November 28, 2024

TH Closed On: Friday, November 29, 2024

To have your meeting on	Post your meeting by close of business on
Monday, December 2, 2024	Tuesday, November 26, 2024
Tuesday, December 3, 2024	Wednesday, November 27, 2024 by 12pm (Noon)
Wednesday, December 4, 2024	Monday, December 2, 2024 (regular schedule!)

Holiday: Christmas TH Closed On: Wednesday, December 25, 2024

To have your meeting on... Thursday, December 26, 2024 Friday, December 27, 2024 Monday, December 30, 2024 Post your meeting by close of business on... Monday, December 23, 2024 Tuesday, December 24, 2024 by 12pm (Noon) * Tuesday, December 24, 2024 * *Clerk's Office Closed 12/26**

Holiday: New Year's Day TH Closed On: Wednesday, January 1, 2025

To have your meeting on	Post your meeting by close of business on
Thursday, January 2, 2025	Monday, December 30, 2024
Friday, January 3, 2025	Tuesday, December 31, 2024 by 12pm (Noon)
Monday, January 6, 2025	Thursday, January 2, 2025 (regular schedule!)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!