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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION NO. 78-132

Mr. Donald G. McFerson  
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Re: Open Meetings--Cities--Notification of Media

Synopsis: K.S.A. 75-4318(b) and (c) requires notification of any representative of the media, including television, radio, and newspapers, whether located within or without the city, of any regular or special meeting of the city governing body, when such representative has requested said notification. This notification must be given by the mayor or other presiding officer of the city governing body, or other person calling a special meeting thereof.

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Dear Mr. McFerson:

As City Attorney for the City of Derby, you request my opinion concerning K.S.A. 75-4318(b) and (c). Subparagraph (b) states in pertinent part thus:

"Notice of the date, time and place of any regular or special meeting of any public body designated hereinabove shall be furnished to any person requesting such information. . . . It shall be the duty of the presiding officer or other person calling the meeting, if the meeting is not called by the presiding officer, to furnish the information required by this subsection."

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In addition, subsection (c) states thus:

"Prior to any meeting hereinabove mentioned, any agenda relating to the business to be transacted at such meeting shall be made available to any person requesting said agenda."

You ask whether these subsections apply to notification of the media, and whether city officers are required by these subsections to notify all members of the media wherever located who have filed a written request to be advised of meetings of the governing body.

In my judgment, these subsections do apply to representatives of the media, and any representative of the media, be it radio, newspaper, or television, whether located within or beyond the city, who has filed a written request to be notified of special and regular meetings of the city governing body is entitled to be furnished the notification required by these subsections by the presiding officer or other person calling such meetings.

Yours truly



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