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**VIA EMAIL ONLY**

Robert Haley  
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**RE: Open Meeting Law Complaints**

Dear Mr. Haley:

This office received your complaint on July 2, 2025, alleging that the Quincy City Council (“the Council”) violated the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25. The complaint was originally filed with the Counsel on May 19, 2025, and the Counsel responded by letter dated July 7, 2025. The complaint alleges that during a meeting of the Council, the “Council’s Finance Director misled the Council as well as the general public on the City’s Bond outlook.” For the reasons stated below, we decline to review this complaint.

The Division of Open Government’s jurisdiction concerns compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Your complaint alleges that the Finance Director spread misinformation at a meeting of the Council on May 12, 2025. Even if true, this alleged action would not constitute a violation of the Open Meeting Law. See OML 2017-89; OML Declination 8-21-23 (Stoughton Media Access Corporation).<sup>1</sup> While the Division of Open Government encourages honesty and candor during all meetings, we do not review statements made by individuals to determine their veracity. See OML 2015-133. Thus, the allegation raised in your complaint, even if true, would not constitute a violation of the Open Meeting Law. See OML Declination 1-25-16 (Nahant Housing Authority Board of Commissioners). Accordingly, we decline to review the complaint.

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<sup>1</sup> All previous determinations and declinations issued by the Division can be found on the Attorney General’s website: <https://www.mass.gov/the-open-meeting-law>.

We now consider this matter closed. Please feel free to contact the Division at (617) 963-2540 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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