

**Collaboration Group Meeting Summary**  
**November 9, 2023**

**Participants:**

MERSD: Pamela Beaudoin, Avi Urbas

School Committee: Theresa Whitman, Anna Lin Mitchell

MBTS: Ann Harrison, Sarah Mellish, Greg Federspiel

Essex: Ruth Pereen, Jodi Harris, Brendhan Zubricki

**DISCUSSION TOPIC: *Canceling the meeting.*** While the group did log in for the scheduled virtual meeting, it was immediately proposed that the meeting not continue, as shortly before the scheduled start time all participants received an email expressing concern about the group meetings being held in violation of open meeting law (OML). Clarification was offered about what is and is not allowable under OML if this group is subject to it. In ending the meeting, the group does not affirm that it is a public body subject to OML, but all agreed to do so out of an abundance of caution until the matter can be resolved.

***Outcomes:*** The meeting ended and the group will not reconvene until a determination about the group being subject to OML is made.