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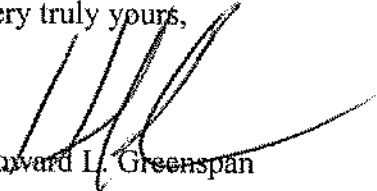
Openmeeting@state.ma.us
Division of Open Government
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Open Meeting Law Complaint – Bruce Friedman
Date of Complaint: June 25, 2026

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that this office represents the Malden School Committee. The Committee is in receipt of an Open Meeting Law Complaint from Bruce Friedman dated June 25, 2026. Pursuant to 940 CMR 29.05(5)(b), I am requesting an extension to file a response until August 4, 2026. The request for the extension is based upon the fact that the School Committee did not receive the Complaint because it was not directed to the School Committee. Please advise.

Very truly yours,


Howard L. Greenspan

cc: Bruce Friedman, info@opencommonwealth.org
Mayor Gary Christenson
Dr. Timothy Sippel
Jennifer Spadafora
Ariana Langston



OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT FORM

Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

Please note that all fields are required unless otherwise noted.

Your Contact Information:

First Name: Bruce Last Name: Friedman

Address: 8 Marvin Street

City: Malden State: MA Zip Code: 02148

Phone Number: 6179523183 Ext. _____

Email: info@opencommonwealth.org

Organization or Media Affiliation (if any): OpenCommonwealth.org

Are you filing the complaint in your capacity as an individual, representative of an organization, or media?

(For statistical purposes only)

☐ Individual ☒ Organization ☐ Media

Public Body that is the subject of this complaint:

☒ City/Town ☐ County ☐ Regional/District ☐ State

Name of Public Body (including city/town, county or region, if applicable): Malden Public Schools School Committee

Specific person(s), if any, you allege committed the violation: The Chair, Gary Christenson

Date of alleged violation: 12/7/20 - Ongoing

Description of alleged violation:

Describe the alleged violation that this complaint is about. If you believe the alleged violation was intentional, please say so and include the reasons supporting your belief.

Note: This text field has a maximum of 3000 characters.

At some time within the last 21 days, complainant became aware of alleged direct violations of M.G.L. c30A, §§ 21(a) - 21(a) (iv) committed by the Malden Public Schools ("MPS") School Committee chair, and Mayor of Malden, Mr. Gary Christenson.

Per 940 CMR 29.04, the complainant did not bring this complaint within 30 days of the alleged violations because the alleged violations occur in executive sessions and further because the records from these executive sessions remain fully redacted as to the specific individuals discussed.

Executive sessions where the agenda includes litigation exemptions involving "Malden v. Supervisor of Public Records, et. al" including the Executive Session(s) where the required specificity is missing such as the executive session of December 7, 2020 are where the alleged violations occurred;

ALLEGATIONS:

Specifically, Mr. Christenson, who is a licensed attorney, discussed the reputation, character, physical conditions and mental health, of some or all of these individuals at multiple executive

What action do you want the public body to take in response to your complaint?

Note: This text field has a maximum of 500 characters.

1. Immediate and future compliance with the open meeting law;
2. Nullify in whole any action taken at a meeting where a violation occurred;
3. Deeming each violation intentional;
4. Pay a civil penalty upon the public body of \$1,000 for each violation;
5. Make all minutes, records and all other materials public without redaction;

Review, sign, and submit your complaint

I. Disclosure of Your Complaint.

Public Record. Under most circumstances, your complaint, and any documents submitted with your complaint, is considered a public record and will be available to any member of the public upon request.

Publication to Website. As part of the Open Data Initiative, the AGO will publish to its website certain information regarding your complaint, including your name and the name of the public body. The AGO will not publish your contact information.

II. Consulting With a Private Attorney.

The AGO cannot give you legal advice and is not able to be your private attorney, but represents the public interest. If you have any questions concerning your individual legal rights or responsibilities you should contact a private attorney.

III. Submit Your Complaint to the Public Body.

The complaint must be filed first with the public body. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Open Government by calling (617) 963-2540 or by email to openmeeting@state.ma.us.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the provisions above and certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: /s/ Bruce Friedman

Date: June 25, 2026