

Mary Burke responses to Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council candidate questionnaire

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1. Would you release a weekly calendar in advance that details your appointments, public meetings and travel schedule?

Yes.

2. Should the Legislature retain public records, including email, like other public officials are required to do under the state Public Records Law?

Yes.

3. Do you support a law requiring the recording of closed meetings of public bodies that could be reviewed by a judge if a question is raised about what was discussed?

Yes.

4. Should the Legislature be subject to the state's Open Meetings Law, including party caucuses?

In general, the Legislature should be subject to the state's Open Meetings Law. Party caucuses should continue to be exempt from the law in order to limit the potential that lobbyists—who would be allowed to attend if caucuses were subject to this law—could have any more influence than they already do.

5. When you work electronically, do you pledge to conduct all public business on public computer networks and devices?

Yes.

6. What is the state's biggest open government problem and what should be done about it?

I think everyone agrees that there is too much money in politics these days. Any group spending money in an election on an issue should have to disclose where their money is coming from and abide by campaign finance laws like any other group or candidate.