

# Gov. Scott Walker responses to Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council candidate questionnaire

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

My calendar is released and available to the public each month upon request, as is required by state law.

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

As governor I retain all public records, including email for public inspection upon request.

**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?**

As governor, I am not aware of an instance when this has been an issue. If it becomes one, a discussion with other lawmakers could occur.

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

If Democrats and/or Republicans want to make their party caucuses open to the public they can do so on their own without a change to state law.

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

My office instituted a clear ethics and professional code of conduct policy for all staff and cabinet officials in 2011. All public business done on any device, public or personal, is subject to Wisconsin's strong open records laws.

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

Not having the state's finances online for the public to view was our state's biggest open government issue. We changed that. Now the state's checkbook is online at <http://openbook.wi.gov>. Recently, Wisconsin was rated one of the most transparent state's in the nation because of this reform. Moving forward, we must continue to expand this program and work to include local governments. This is another way for government to rid out waste with the public's help.