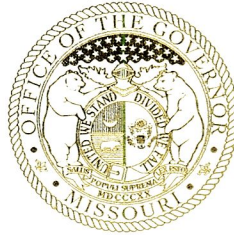


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October 23, 2026

Attorney General Catherine Hanaway
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RE: Request for Investigation of Potential Sunshine Law Violations – St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners

Dear Attorney General Hanaway,

I am writing to formally request that your office initiate a thorough investigation into the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners regarding potential violations of Missouri's Sunshine Law during meetings held on or about October 17, 2026.

Section 610.011, RSMo, explicitly establishes that it is the public policy of the State of Missouri that meetings, records, votes, actions, and deliberations of public bodies shall be open to the public unless otherwise provided by law. The Sunshine Law promotes openness, transparency, and accountability in state and local government, serving as a vital safeguard of the public trust.

Reports regarding the meetings conducted by the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners on or about October 17, 2026, raise serious concerns about whether the Board strictly adhered to the open meeting requirements set forth in Section 610.010. As Governor, I firmly believe that transparency and accountability are essential in all government functions, but especially when oversight involves law enforcement.

Our brave St. Louis police officers work tirelessly every day to protect our communities, and they, along with the citizens of St. Louis and the State of Missouri, deserve clear answers and full transparency regarding the governance and decisions of the Board.

Pursuant to your statutory authority under Section 610.027, RSMo, to examine compliance with and enforce the provisions of Chapter 610, I urge your office to review the circumstances surrounding the October 17 meetings, determine whether any Sunshine Law violations occurred, and take any necessary enforcement actions to ensure full compliance with the law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Kehoe", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mike Kehoe
Governor