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I was assigned the task to define "Advisory body" and "Governing Body".

In Connecticut, an advisory body provides advice and recommendations, while a governing body sets policy and direction:

- Advisory body

An advisory body is a group that provides advice and recommendations on a particular subject or area of activity. For example, Connecticut has several advisory groups that provide advice to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) on issues such as the preservation of equine trails, forest practices, hazardous waste, and solid waste management.

- Governing body

A governing body sets policy and direction, and is legally responsible for the governance of an organization. For example, a public library's governing body is responsible for adopting and overseeing budgets, supervising the library director, and adopting policy.

In Connecticut, a member of an advisory board is someone who is appointed by a public official to advise, recommend, or consult with a public official or branch of government.

From the CT State Library:

Public libraries in Connecticut may be municipal government departments or associations. The library governing authority adopts and provides oversight of budgets, supervises the library director, adopts policy and sets direction. This entity can be the library governing board or the local municipal authority.

There are two types of library boards: governing or advisory. A library advisory board advocates for the library and represents the community by advising the library director and the library governing authority. Trustees of governing library boards are public officers and are legally responsible for the governance of the library and conducting its operations in accordance with local, state and federal laws.

Library directors and staff use sound library administration and management practices to apply the policies and statutory obligations of the governing body to the daily operations of the library.

