

GO Virginia Support Org Call

Agenda 4.3.2020

I. State and Regional Council Meetings

The Request: To allow the State Board and Regional Councils to reconvene using approved electronic meeting procedures and guidelines that ensure strong public participation through electronic means.

DHCD determination regarding irrevocable public harm:

- a. GO Virginia is a program designed to support the health and vitality of regional economies by providing vital financial resources to regions to implement programs that foster business growth and job creation;
- b. The GO Virginia program will be a vital tool to help mitigate negative economic impact in the near and long term and inaction at the regional council and state board level will jeopardize economic recovery efforts across the Commonwealth during the current state of emergency;
- c. Lacking the ability to meet electronically, this project pipeline will stop, thus suspending the submission of applications to the State Board and ultimately stopping the flow of resources into communities when they need it most;
- d. DHCD also finds that moving to all electronic meetings through the end of the state of emergency is necessary to avoid irrevocable public harm as the next state and regional council board meetings throughout this year are needed to approve projects, guidelines, budgets and staffing requests critical to economic recovery;
- e. The Governor has declared a state of emergency and it is unsafe to assemble a large physical quorum in a physical location; and
- f. The negative economic impacts of this crisis could be mitigated in part by the investments that the GO Virginia program supports and time is of the essence.

II. April 17th State Board Meeting 12:30-2:00

III. Electronic Meeting Resources

- a. AG Memo - <http://foiacouncil.dls.virginia.gov/EMtgs%20Coronavirus%20State%20of%20Emergency%20March%202023%20UPDATE.pdf>
- b. Electronic Meeting Guide - <http://foiacouncil.dls.virginia.gov/ref/EMeetGuide2019.pdf>

IV. Considerations for Meetings

- a. Find your technology platform and technology platform manager
 - i. Conference Call
 - ii. Facebook Live

- iii. Local Cable Broadcaster
 - iv. Others?
- b. Keep Agendas Tight – ask yourself, “Does this need to be done today?” Would there be a negative impact if we didn’t handle this?” Avoid nonessential activities.
- c. TEST YOUR SYSTEMS
- d. Prepare your chairman and council
 - i. How to use technology, minimum requirements, etc.
 - ii. How to participate (announce yourself before you speak, etc.)
- e. All regular open meeting rules apply
 - i. Meeting Notice to Public
 - ii. Quorum Needed – Roll Call
 - iii. In minutes state the reason for the electronic meeting
 - iv. Public Comments – in writing and read at meeting
 - v. Minutes need to be recorded and posted for public review