



VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

ELECTRONIC MEETINGS
PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

WE NEED YOUR HELP--Please give us your feedback regarding how meetings using electronic communications technology compare to traditional meetings where everyone is present in the same room at the same time.

1. Name of the public body holding the meeting: Suffolk City School Board

2. Date of the meeting: February 11, 2021

3. What are your overall thoughts or comments about this meeting? Horribly non-transparent.

Metg. conducted via Zoom; I signed in on time, waited 3 hours to be admitted into meeting to speak, with no other feedback or warning.

4. Where did you attend this meeting -- main meeting location OR from a remote location? (circle one)

5. Technology used for the meeting (audio only or audio/visual, devices and/or software used--please be as specific as possible--for example, speakerphone, iPad, Skype, WebEx, Telepresence, etc.):

Zoom, on wife's IPAD

6. Were you able to hear everyone who spoke at the meeting (members of the body and members of the public)?

Poor 1 2 3 4 5 Excellent

COMMENT Not at all. Was not admitted into meeting until my time to speak, 3 hours after it began.

7. How easy was it for you to obtain agenda materials for this meeting?

Easy 1 2 3 4 5 Difficult

COMMENT Impossible. Link for finding agendas sends me to a login screen.

8. Could you hear/understand what the speakers said or did static, interruption, or any other technological problems interfere?

Easy 1 2 3 4 5 Difficult

COMMENT Not allowed into meeting until my time to speak.

9. If the meeting used audio/visual technology, were you able to see all of the people who spoke?

Poorly 1 2 3 4 5 Clearly

COMMENT I was only allowed into meeting while I spoke.

10. If there were any presentations (PowerPoint, etc.), were you able to hear and see them?

Poorly					Clearly
1	2	3	4	5	

COMMENT See above. Could see nothing.

11. Were the members as attentive and did they participate as much as you would have expected?

Less				More
1	2	3	4	5

COMMENT Could not see. Board member Riddick turned his camera up to ceiling.

12. Were there differences you noticed in how the members interacted?

With the other members present:

Very Different					No Difference
1 2	3	4	5	N/A	

With members participating from other locations:

Very Different				No Difference
1	2	3	4	5

With the public:

Very Different				No Difference
1	2	3	4	5

COMMENT See comment re: Board member Riddick.

13. Did you feel the technology was a help or a hindrance?

Hindered				Helped
1	2	3	4	5

COMMENT Used to keep public from full participation.

14. How would you rate the overall quality of this meeting?

Poor				Excellent
1	2	3	4	5

COMMENT This form not supplied, offered, nor mentioned to me. I found it about 4 weeks later on website.

THANK YOU. Please send your completed form by mail, facsimile or electronic mail to the FOIA Council using the following contact information:

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