



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: State Water Control Board

2. Date of the meeting: 4/14/21

3. What are your overall thoughts or comments about this meeting? Technology was effectively used. The staff member who interacted with us was especially helpful and welcoming.

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.):
Web ex

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

Poor Excellent
1 2 3 **4** 5

COMMENT _____

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

Easy Difficult
1 2 3 4 5

COMMENT Very well handled by email.

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

Easy Difficult
1 2 3 4 5

COMMENT Fewer problems than most meetings have.

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

Poorly Clearly
1 2 3 4 5

COMMENT _____

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

Poorly
1 2 3 4 **5** Clearly

COMMENT Helpful to get powerpoint via email

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

Less
1 2 **3** 4 5 More

COMMENT _____

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

With the other members present:

Very Different
1 2 3 4 5 No Difference

With members participating from other locations:

Very Different
1 2 **3** 4 5 No Difference

With the public:

Very Different
1 2 3 **4** 5 No Difference

COMMENT No opportunity to catch someone to talk briefly at a break or at the end of the meeting, which is often the only way to catch some.

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

Hindered
1 2 3 **4** 5 Helped

COMMENT _____

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

Poor
1 2 3 **4** 5 Excellent

COMMENT In many ways, it was much better than having to drive to Richmond and wait and then have to drive home after.

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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