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/Department of Environmental Quality_

2. Date of the meeting: ___July 20, 2020 (Wegmans public hearing)_____

3. What are your overall thoughts or comments about this meeting? I think the meeting was conducted well. I was able to listen and participate. It was more convenient than attending in person.

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.):
Laptop computer for audio and visual

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_____

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_____

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_**Did not see anybody speaking other than the staff members**

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

Poorly Clearly

~~1 2 3 4~~ **5**

COMMENT_____

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_____

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

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__**Typically, meetings like this have a lot of people talking over whomever is supposed to be speaking. That couldn't happen in this scenario, which is a good thing**_

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

Hindered Helped

~~1 2 3 4~~ **5**

COMMENT_____

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

Poor Excellent

1 2 3 4 **5**

COMMENT_____

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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