



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: Rural Virginia Action Committee of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority

2. Date of the meeting: Wednesday, March 17, 2021

3. What are your overall thoughts or comments about this meeting? Well-organized, technology platform stable, enabled participation that was efficient and informative.

4. Where did you attend this meeting: electronically, from a remote location

5. Technology used for the meeting: Zoom, with video and audio enabled for all users

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

Poor				Excellent	
1	2	3	4	5	

COMMENT Platform was stable, video and audio worked well.

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

Easy			Difficult	
1	2	3	4	5

COMMENT The location of the agenda on the VEDP website was fairly simple to find. Slightly earlier posting would be helpful.

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 No issues hearing the speakers

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 Able to see all who participated assuming cameras were turned on.

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

Poorly
1 2 3 4 **5** Clearly

COMMENT _____

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 The members of this committee have always appeared to be actively engaged in discussions, and there was no difference noticed in this virtual environment. My use of #4 is not a criticism; it simply means participation as absolutely as expected.

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 Committee members and staff appeared to be comfortable with the technology platform and in the occasional instances where there was an apparent hitch, the members seemed comfortable working through that.

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

Hindered
1 2 3 4 **5** Helped

COMMENT (Looking at this thru the lens as a public participant) I value the use of the technology as it allows me to participate efficiently, without time wasted due to travel. The committee members' involvement comes across as very focused. Much of this is due to the solid preparation of content, good meeting management, and the technology support for committee members. I am uncertain how effective the platform would be in a "hybrid" setting (meaning, if the committee was meeting in person and simultaneously using a virtual platform). My experience with hybrid meetings is that they have been less effective for the remote audience.

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

Poor
Excellent

COMMENT _____

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