

On Fri, Oct 1, 2021 at 7:47 AM Kim Callis <kcallis@southhillva.org> wrote:

FOIA Council,

I currently serve as Chairman of the Southside Planning District Commission, President of the South Hill Community Development Association, and Town Manager of South Hill. I also provide support to the Industrial Development Authority of the Town of South Hill. During the pandemic it has certainly been a challenge for all of these bodies to navigate meeting requirements and achieve quorums so that important business can be conducted.

I support allowing public bodies to hold electronic meetings outside of emergencies on a limited basis - perhaps no more than 25% of the public body's meetings in a calendar year – and allowing members to vote electronically. For bodies that are required to meet monthly I support allowing electronic attendance at two (2) meetings per year. For elected bodies, such as Town Councils, or multi-jurisdictional bodies, such as planning district commissions. I believe requiring video would be most productive and informative. For appointed bodies of a single jurisdiction, such as IDAs or EDAs, I believe electronic meetings need not require video.

Thank you for your consideration and efforts on a very challenging issue.

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