

On Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 8:20 AM Michael Schuster <mschuster432@gmail.com> wrote:

FOIA Council - I support unlimited electronic meetings for advisory boards and commissions, such as commissions on aging, on which I serve. Advisory commissions typically are comprised of volunteers, many of whom are older and have mobility or health issues that inhibit them from attending in person. Electronic meetings would allow not only compromised members to attend meetings but also an increased number of citizens. This also ensures that a quorum will be obtained.

In my experience, when we had virtual meetings, more members of the public could attend and interact with commission members. This is not always possible in an in-person meeting. Moreover, due to improved technology, it is easier to hear and speak clearly in an electronic meeting in contrast to an in-person meeting where the acoustics vary. Better discussions occur when more citizens can participate, and interact with each other. This is why I support unlimited electronic meetings for advisory boards and commissions.

Thank you for your consideration.

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