

**AGENDA ITEM #6: ELECTRONIC MEETINGS**

*Terry Danaher, CAC Chair*

The State of Emergency declared by Governor Ralph S. Northam and subsequent action by the Virginia General Assembly in response to the coronavirus provided that any public body may meet by electronic communication means without a quorum of the public body physically assembled at one location. These electronic meetings may continue as long as the State of Emergency remains in effect.

In order to protect the public health and safety of board and committee members, staff, and the general public, the HRPDC /HRTPO has been holding board and committee meetings electronically. With the easing up of restrictions and the end of Governor Northam's Executive Order scheduled for June 30, 2021, public bodies may need to resume board and committee meetings in person.

CAC members have requested that some consideration be given to the creation of a hybrid meeting policy allowing committee and board members to participate in meetings electronically. CAC Chair, Terry Danaher, spoke to the HRPDC/HRTPO boards at the May 20, 2021 meetings and requested that the boards consider requesting the Virginia General Assembly to allow the continuation of electronic meetings.

Ms. Terry Danaher, CAC Chair, will brief the CAC on this item.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For Review and Discussion Purposes.