

All-Virtual Meeting Policy
of
Pantops Community Advisory Committee

1. **Purposes of Policy.** Pursuant to *Virginia Code § 2.2-3708.3*, the following policy:
 - A.** describes the circumstances under which the Pantops Community Advisory Committee (hereinafter “Pantops CAC”) will allow an all-virtual public meeting; and
 - B.** fixes the number of times all-virtual public meetings can be used per calendar year, not to exceed the limitations set forth in *Virginia Code § 2.2-3708.3(C)(9)*.

2. **All-Virtual Public Meetings.** Except as provided in Paragraph 3 below, the Pantops CAC may hold all-virtual public meetings for any meeting, pursuant to and in compliance with the following rules:
 - A. Meeting Notice.** An indication of whether the meeting will be an in-person or all-virtual public meeting must be included in the required meeting notice along with a statement notifying the public that the method by which the Pantops CAC chooses to meet shall not be changed unless the Pantops CAC provides a new meeting notice in accordance with the provisions of *Virginia Code § 2.2-3707*;
 - B. Public Access.** Public access to the all-virtual public meeting must be provided via electronic communication means;
 - C. Member Audibility/Visibility.** The electronic communication means used must allow the public to hear all members of the Pantops CAC participating in the all-virtual public meeting and, when audio-visual technology is available, to see the members of the Pantops CAC as well. When audio-visual technology is available, a member of the Pantops CAC shall, for purposes of a quorum, be considered absent from any portion of the meeting during which visual communication with the member is voluntarily disconnected or otherwise fails or during which audio communication involuntarily fails;
 - D. Contact for Transmission Failure.** A phone number or other live contact information must be provided to alert the Pantops CAC if the audio or video transmission of the meeting provided by the Pantops CAC fails, the Pantops CAC must monitor such designated means of communication during the meeting, and the Pantops CAC must take a recess until public access is restored if the transmission fails for the public;
 - E. Meeting Materials.** A copy of the proposed agenda and all agenda packets and, unless exempt, all materials furnished to members of the Pantops CAC for a meeting must be made available to the public in electronic format at the same time that such materials are provided to members of the Pantops CAC;
 - F. Public Comment.** The public must be afforded the opportunity to comment through electronic means, including by way of written comments, at those public meetings when public comment is customarily received;
 - G. Multiple Members in a Single Location.** No more than two members of the Pantops CAC may be together in any one remote location unless that remote location is open to the public to physically access it;

H. Closed Sessions. If a closed session is held during an all-virtual public meeting, transmission of the meeting to the public must resume before the Pantops CAC votes to certify the closed meeting as required by *Virginia Code* § 2.2-3712(D);

I. Number and Frequency of All-Virtual Meetings. The Pantops CAC may not convene an all-virtual public meeting (i) more than two times per calendar year or 50 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater, or (ii) consecutively with another all-virtual public meeting; and

J. Minutes. Minutes of all-virtual public meetings held by electronic communication means must be taken as required by *Virginia Code* § 2.2-3707 and must include the fact that the meeting was held by electronic communication means and the type of electronic communication means by which the meeting was held. If a member's participation from a remote location pursuant to this subsection is disapproved because such participation would violate this policy, such disapproval shall be recorded in the minutes with specificity.

3. During a Declared Emergency or When a Continuity of Government Ordinance is in Effect. The Pantops CAC may meet by electronic communication means without a quorum of the Pantops CAC physically assembled at one location when a state of emergency is declared pursuant to *Virginia Code* § 44-146.17 or a local emergency is declared pursuant to *Virginia Code* § 44-246.21, subject to the provisions and requirements of *Virginia Code* § 2.2-3708.2. The Pantops CAC also may meet by electronic communication means when an ordinance adopted pursuant to *Virginia Code* § 15.2-1413 to ensure the continuity of County government is in effect.

(*Virginia Code* § 2.2-3708.2 and § 2.2-3708.3)

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