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County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 71

**REQUIRING HYBRID OR VIRTUAL MEETING OPTIONS FOR
CERTAIN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

WHEREAS, the County Council of Anne Arundel County, at the request of the County Executive, has created and codified in Article 3 of the County Code a number of Boards and Commissions to review and advise on various important topics and issues of interest to the residents of Anne Arundel County; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the County volunteer their valuable time to accept an appointment by the County Executive to serve as members of these Boards and Commissions, which requires attendance at meetings that are typically held after business hours and often at publicly-accessible locations not convenient for some of the members; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Open Meetings Act requires that meetings of public bodies be open to the public and that minutes be made available to the public as soon as practicable after a meeting, and modern remote communication technology can facilitate public access and timely preparation of minutes by providing accurate audiovisual records of proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive seeks to promote transparent, accessible, and efficient governance by authorizing County Executive-appointed boards and commissions to conduct public meetings virtually and to satisfy the requirement for meeting minutes by archiving meeting recordings on County-hosted webpages.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steuart Pittman, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, do hereby proclaim and order on this 1st day of September, 2026:

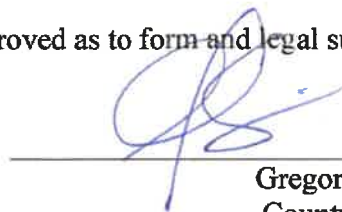
1. This Executive Order shall apply to all present and future Boards and Commissions under Executive Orders and Article 3 of the County Code whose members are appointed by the County Executive and whose duties do not include adjudicatory functions.

2. All Boards and Commission that are subject to this Executive Order are required to provide a publicly available virtual option for their meetings, using remote meeting technology approved by the County Office of Information Technology.
3. Adequate notice of the time and subject matter of the meeting, as well as specific instructions on how to attend virtually, shall be given reasonably in advance of any virtual meeting, with a copy of the meeting notice retained by the Board or Commission, all as required by the §§ 3-102(c) and 3-302(a) of Maryland Open Meetings Act.
4. A publicly-accessible archived copy of the virtual meeting shall be retained on the website of the Board or Commission as minutes of the virtual meeting, as permitted by § 3-306(b) of the Maryland Open Meetings Act.
5. A Board or Commission holding a virtual public meeting shall meet all other requirements for public meetings under the Maryland Open Meetings Act.
6. The County Public Information Office shall immediately disseminate notice of this Executive Order to the appropriate news media and to the general public. This Executive Order shall be archived at the Office of Law.



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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Gregory J. Swain
County Attorney