REMOTE PARTICIPATION
AND ALL-VIRTUAL
MEETING POLICY
NEED FOR NEW POLICY

• September 21, 2021 – Policy for Individual Members to Participate Electronically in Meetings

• HB 444 (2022) – Va. Code Sec. 2.2-3708.3 (effective September 1, 2022)
  • Applies in situations other than declared emergency
  • All-virtual meetings (all members participate remotely)
  • Remote participation (individual member is remote while quorum is physically assembled)

• Requires public body to adopt a policy by recorded vote before using new procedures
## PERMITTED REMOTE PARTICIPATION

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ALL-VIRTUAL MEETINGS

• Newly permitted without declared emergency (no physical quorum required)

• Limited to greater between two per year or 25% of meetings

• No consecutive all-virtual meetings

• No more than two members together in one location
VPRA-PROPOSED POLICY

• Draft policy provided to Board members on July 15, 2022 for review; resolution would adopt the policy

• Remote participation shall be approved for individual requests unless such participation would violate law
  • Mirrors prior policy
  • Physical quorum still required when individual remote participation approved

• Meetings may be all-virtual when chairperson deems it necessary or convenient
  • Two/25% rule
  • Non-consecutive rule

• Applies to each committee and subcommittee of VPRA
QUESTIONS?