



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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AGENDA DATE: 7/9/2018

TITLE:

Board of Supervisors Operating Guidelines for High Quality Governance

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Board adoption of operating guidelines created at the May BOS Retreat

ITEM TYPE: Regular Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson

PRESENTER (S): Jeff Richardson

LEGAL REVIEW: Not Required

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: Board of Supervisors members, County Executive, and County Attorney staff participated in a two day retreat, May 2-3, 2018; the purpose of this retreat was to enhance the ability of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive's Office to work together on the successful future of Albemarle County.

The group was charged with meeting six goals during the length of the retreat:

- Foster enhanced relationships through an awareness and appreciation of the strengths and differences of fellow Board Members and those in the County Executive's Office
- Look at the impact of type and temperament on communication and decision making, and consider how this may impact the leadership of the Board and interactions of the elected body and staff
- Review the basics of the Council/Manager form of government, including the role of politics versus administration and differences in political values
- Discuss ideal roles for the Board and staff and behaviors that will lead to an effective working relationship
- Clarify expectations and guidelines that emerge for working together as a board and with staff, including how to ensure accountability
- Identify next steps

In the course of doing this work Board members and staff developed a deep understanding of the roles and

responsibilities of each group and also worked to create guidelines for future operations.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Quality Government Operations: Ensure County government's capacity to provide high quality service that achieves community priorities

DISCUSSION: The Operating Guidelines for High Quality Governance (Attachment A) were developed at the May Board Retreat with the agreement that next steps would include:

- Board review at a future work session
- Six month review to determine progress

The County Executive is bringing the Operating Guidelines for High Quality Governance to the Board at its July 9, 2018 work session for review and adoption as agreed upon at the May Board Retreat and anticipates working with the Board Chair in the scheduling of the six month review, tentatively planned for October 2018.

BUDGET IMPACT: There is no budget impact anticipated with these guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the Board of Supervisors Operating Guidelines for High Quality Governance as set forth in Attachment A.

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A: Operating Guidelines for High Quality Governance