



# Albemarle County

## Legislation Text

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**AGENDA DATE:** 3/2/2022

**TITLE:**

COVID-19 Update and Reconstitution

**SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:** Receive an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and discuss elements of Reconstitution.

**ITEM TYPE:** Regular Information Item

**STAFF CONTACT(S):** Richardson, Kamptner, Walker, Henry, Kilroy

**PRESENTER (S):** Jeff Richardson

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Not Required

**REVIEWED BY:** Jeffrey B. Richardson

**BACKGROUND:** On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and the disease it causes, commonly referred to as COVID-19, a pandemic. On March 12, 2020, the County Executive, acting as the Director of Emergency Management, declared a local emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Virginia Code § 44-146.21, and this declaration was confirmed by the Board of Supervisors on March 17, 2020. Beginning on April 1, 2020, all public meetings have been held virtually, pursuant to and in compliance with Ordinance No. 20-A(16), An Ordinance to Ensure the Continuity of Government During the COVID-19 Disaster.

On March 30, 2020, Albemarle County closed its office buildings to the public and transitioned to virtual service delivery, with key exceptions in public safety, inspections, and maintenance. Throughout the pandemic, adjustments have been made to County operations in-line with guidance and best practices from federal and state public health and safety agencies. Public meetings have remained virtual.

In January 2022, the Board received an update on planning for public meetings once County operations begin to return to regular operating status. In that meeting, the Board asked staff to return with a projected timeline to begin implementing the first phase of a transition to hybrid public meetings.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Mission - To enhance the well-being and quality of life for all community members through the provision of the highest level of public service consistent with the prudent use of public funds.

**DISCUSSION:** As part of this work session, staff will present an update on COVID-19 metrics, hybrid meeting logistics, and propose a tentative timeline to begin holding hybrid public meetings, for the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission, as well as the School Board. A detailed timeline will be shared during the meeting.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** There is no budget impact associated with this work session.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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Staff recommends the Board receive the update and discuss timely elements of Reconstitution.

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