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June 28, 2021

The End of Virtual Meetings Pursuant to Executive Order 202.1

After June 24, 2021, local governments will no longer be able to conduct virtual meetings pursuant to Executive Order 202.1. Rather, any meeting of a public body conducted after June 24, 2021, may only be conducted pursuant to the NYS Open Meetings Law. Specifically, the public must be allowed to attend meetings of public bodies in person. Since 2000, the Open Meetings Law has allowed public bodies to conduct meetings via videoconference; however, the Open Meetings Law requires that the public be allowed to attend in person at any location at which any member of a public body is participating via videoconference. Nothing in the Open Meetings Law prohibits a public body from allowing the public to view, or listen to, or even comment at meetings of public bodies via videoconference or teleconference technology. However, **members of public bodies** may only participate via videoconference in a manner that allows the public (a) to view and hear the public body members and (b) to be present at any of the locations from which a public body member is participating in the meeting.

If a public body has already scheduled a virtual meeting to occur after June 24, 2021, with the intent to conduct the meeting/hearing pursuant to Executive Order 202.1, the public body must re-notice the meeting/hearing with appropriate information that it will be conducted in person.

All Zoning Board of Appeals applicants scheduled for Wednesday, June 30, 2021 will adjourn. All June 30, 2021 applicants will be noticed and heard on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 7:30 P.M. This meeting will be in person and a location to be determined.

Robin Price Jr., Chair