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Memorandum

Date: June 23, 2020

To: Tennessee Local Government Officials, Leaders, and Legal Representatives

From: Office of the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury

Subject: Public Meetings by Electronic Means

Please be advised that Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order No. 34 granting local governing bodies the ability to conduct essential business by electronic means is set to expire on June 30, 2020. Governor Lee has indicated to our Office that he does not intend to extend this authority beyond that date.

Beginning July 1, 2020, Tennessee's local governing bodies must return to conducting public meetings in a method consistent with the requirements of the Tennessee Open Meetings Act (TOMA).

With few exceptions, members of local governing bodies must be physically present to participate and vote. Actions taken during a meeting that is in violation of TOMA are void and of no effect.

Please feel free to reach out to our Office of Open Records Counsel (OORC) if you have any questions related to open meetings. The OORC can be reached at open.records@cot.tn.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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Comptroller of the Treasury

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Jason E. Mumpower
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