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## Memorandum

Date: June 29, 2020

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

From: Office of the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury

Subject: UPDATE – Extension of Public Meetings by Electronic Means

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We would like to share an important update related to the ability of Tennessee's local governing bodies to conduct essential business by electronic means. Governor Bill Lee has issued a new Executive Order extending this authority through August 29, 2020 so long as the local governing bodies provide electronic access to the public and meet the safeguards established in Executive Order 16 to ensure the openness and transparency of the proceedings.

Governor Bill Lee signed Executive Order 51 on Monday, June 29, 2020. This order extends the provisions of Executive Order 16 (previously extended by Executive Order 34) until 11:59 p.m., Central Daylight Time, on August 29, 2020.

You may find the following online resources helpful:

- [Executive Order 51](#)
- [Executive Order 16](#)
- [Memorandum Concerning Public Meetings and Emergency Policies and Procedures](#)

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](mailto:open.records@cot.tn.gov).

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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