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VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

*New service available to help public bodies
comply with Open Meetings Act changes*

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On March 25, 2020, the Ohio General Assembly modified the Open Meetings Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to allow for virtual public meetings. Bricker & Eckler has thoughtfully developed a facilitation service using a technology platform, similar to a conference call, which considers the unique nature of public meetings. Our approach permits public bodies to manage technical procedures like executive session and public participation in a remote meeting environment. Virtual Public Meeting Facilitation includes the following:

- Virtual Public Meeting (VPM) Policy
- Sample VPM Notice
- VPM Instructions for public body members
- VPM Client Questionnaire
- VPM Facilitation Protocol that allows for convening a virtual public meeting, providing access to the public, allowing public participation, provision for moving in and out of executive session(s), and allowing individuals to move in and out of executive session(s) as necessary
- Managing the technical aspects of VPMs using web conferencing technology
- Providing a recording of the VPM if requested
- Training for VPM Facilitators

Please contact Denise Ruddock at druddock@bricker.com for information about having Bricker & Eckler facilitate one or more of your public meetings.

