



# Broward County

## Legislation Text

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### **Broward County Commission Regular Meeting**

**Director's Name:** Andrew J. Meyers

**Department:** County Attorney

### **Information**

#### **Requested Action**

**MOTION TO ADOPT** Resolution No. 2020-128 creating rules for use of Communications Media Technology (CMT) to conduct County meetings during the COVID-19 emergency, the title of which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY (CMT); PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF RULES FOR MEETINGS EMPLOYING CMT; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### **Why Action is Necessary**

The Governor of Florida has authorized local governments to use CMT to conduct meetings during the COVID-19 emergency, but the County does not yet have rules for CMT meetings.

#### **What Action Accomplishes**

Creates rules for electronic attendance and participation in County meetings.

#### **Is this Action Goal Related**

No

#### **Previous Action Taken**

#### **Summary Explanation/Background**

On March 20, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-69, waiving the requirement that a quorum of local government board members be physically present at a specific location for public meetings during the COVID-19 emergency. The purpose of the order was to allow Broward County boards and committees to continue holding public meetings and conducting public business and permit public participation electronically rather than in person, thereby reducing a risk of transmitting the virus that causes COVID-19.

This item, if approved, would adopt rules for allowing public participation in public meetings of Broward County boards and committees during the current state of emergency.

#### **Source of Additional Information**

**Fiscal Impact**

**Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

None.