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## MEMORANDUM

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Attached for your review is a proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation 2.09.01.

I. **EXPLANATION & SUMMARY OF PROPOSED REGULATION:** At the request of the Orange County Administrator's Office, the attached regulation was reviewed in depth and revisions were made to ensure that the regulation is consistent with current practices and procedures.

It is my intent to place the proposal on the February 21, 2017 Consent Agenda for approval by the Board of County Commissioners. Please advise me of any questions, comments, or modifications you may wish to make prior to that meeting.

## II ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of proposed revisions to Administrative Regulation 2.09.01, titled

"Compliance With The "Sunshine Law" - Meetings Of County Advisory Boards"

AMC Attachment

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2. The Agenda Development Office shall generate a meeting notice for all noticed meetings.

3. Notice of each noticed meeting may be posted only by the Agenda Development Office, and each notice must specify the date, location (including the street address), time, and specific topic or topics of the meeting. The specified topic or topics will be the only topic or topics that may be discussed at the meeting.

4. Notices for each noticed meeting shall be posted such that there are no fewer than two full working days between the day the notice is posted and the day the noticed meeting is held.

5. Notices for all noticed meetings shall be posted on both the County's internet website and the County bulletin board.

6. Minutes of noticed meetings shall be taken and kept by the County Comptroller, acting as Comptroller Clerk of the Board. The County Comptroller shall make an audio tape recording of each entire meeting.

7. The content of the noticed-meeting minutes shall include the date, time, location, and topic or topics of the meeting, the names of all meeting participants, and any other information the County Comptroller may elect to include.

8. Noticed meetings may be held only in a County meeting room or meeting room at some governmental building where the public may freely attend, except in the case of a visit by the participating Board members to a site or sites which is or are the topic of the meeting. No sign in shall be required of any person desiring to attend a noticed meeting. For site visits, the noticed meeting shall be held at the site

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or on a bus or other means of transportation such that the public readily can attend the meeting and hear the discussion. Under no circumstances may the meeting be held at a private club, restaurant or any establishment with restrictive membership where the public may not freely attend and observe.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Agenda Development Office, County Administrator's Office REFERENCE: Florida Statutes Chapter 286.011; Administrative Regulations 2.09.01 and 3.03; Orange County Charter, Section 209 APPROVED: 2/16/87 REVISED: 10/15/02; 6/27/06

#### 2.09.01 COMPLIANCE WITH THE "SUNSHINE LAW" – MEETINGS OF COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS

#### I. POLICY

A. All meetings of County advisory boards shall comply strictly with the requirements of section 286.011 of the Florida Statutes (the "Sunshine Law").

B. All advisory boards are presumed subject to the Sunshine Law unless the County Attorney identifies an express exemption in the Florida Statutes or a clear, unequivocal exemption in Florida case law.

C. The Agenda Development Office (or such other County department or office as the County Administrator from time to time may designate) shall oversee and administer the compliance by advisory boards with the Sunshine Law and this Administrative Regulation.

D. For purposes of this regulation, "advisory board" means all boards, commissions, task forces, committees, and other groups formed for the purpose of carrying out County functions and/or making recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding County business or County matters. This includes not only the boards and committees that constitute "advisory boards" under Section 2-203 of the Orange County Code, but also any County board, commission, committee, or other group that otherwise is described in the previous sentence and is not otherwise exempt from the Sunshine Law. The term also includes County staff committees, such as the development review committee and procurement committees, but does not include groups of County employees assigned to County tasks where the group does not constitute a "board" or a "committee" for purposes of the Sunshine Law. Finally, the term

includes all committees and sub-committees of an advisory board.

E. For purposes of this regulation, "County bulletin board" means the bulletin board located on the first floor of the County Administration Center. This bulletin board is used for posting of all public meeting notices, long-range agendas, and Board of County Commissioners meeting agendas. Only the Agenda Development Office has the authority to post to this bulletin board.

F. No sign-in shall be required of any person desiring to attend any advisory board meeting, although individuals speaking at public hearings can be required to identify themselves by name and address.

G. All meetings of County advisory boards shall be held in a County meeting room or office or in an office or meeting room at some governmental building where the public may freely attend, except in the case of a visit by the participating advisory board members to a site or sites which is or are the topic of the meeting. For site visits, the meeting shall be held at the site such that the public readily can attend the meeting and hear the discussion.

#### **II. PROCEDURES**

A. Regular Meetings of County Advisory Boards

1. The schedule shall be posted on the County bulletin board, and such posted schedule shall constitute the only required notice for regular meetings of the advisory board. The schedule shall be available for inspection by the public in the Agenda Development Office. The County staff shall endeavor to also post the schedule on the county internet website. However, failure to post the schedule on the website shall not be deemed as a failure to post the required notice. Furthermore, in the event the schedule posted on the website conflicts with or is not consistent with the schedule posted on the bulletin board, the schedule posted on the bulletin board shall control.

2. The notice of and agenda for each regular meeting shall contain the following language:

Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

3. The notice of and agenda for each regular meeting also shall contain the following language:

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if any person with a disability as defined by the ADA needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, then not later than two business days prior to the proceeding, he or she should contact the Orange County Communications Division at 407-836-5631.

Para mayor infomación en español, por favor llame al 407-836-3111.

4. Except in the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of the County, the agendas for regular meetings shall be available to the public at the assigned County Department, division, or other entity, and on the County's internet website no less than five full working days before the day of the meeting.

5. Minutes of regular meetings for each advisory board shall be taken and kept by the County department, division or other entity assigned to provide staff support for the advisory board.

6. The content of the meeting minutes shall include the date, time, location and topic or topics of the meeting, the names of the meeting participants, all official action (if any) taken by the advisory board at the meeting, and any other information as the advisory board members may elect to include.

7. The draft minutes shall be available to the public at the assigned County Department, division, or other entity, and on the County's internet website within 10 working days following the meeting. The draft minutes shall be issued with the word "DRAFT" as a watermark in the document.

8. The approved minutes shall be available to the public at the assigned County Department, division, or other entity, and on the County's internet website within 10 working days following the meeting at which the minutes were approved.

B. Special Meetings of County Advisory Boards

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1. The Agenda Development Office shall provide a meeting notice form for all special meetings.

2. Notice of each special meeting may be posted only by the Agenda Development Office, and each notice shall specify the date, time, location (including the street address), and specific topic or topics of the special meeting. The specified topic or topics in the notice shall be the only topic or topics that may be discussed and/or acted upon during the special meeting.

3. Notices of special meetings shall be posted on the County bulletin board, and County staff shall endeavor to post it on the County's internet website.

4. The notice of each special meeting shall be posted such that there are no fewer than two full working days between the day the notice is posted and the day the meeting takes place. The Agenda Development Office shall not post any special meeting notice that does not meet the time requirements listed herein.

5. Except in the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of the County, the agendas for special meetings shall be available to the public at the assigned County Department, division, or other entity, and on the County's internet website no less than five full working days before the day of the meeting.

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7. The notice of and agenda for each special meeting also shall contain the following language:

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8. Minutes of special meetings shall be taken and kept by the County department, division or other entity assigned to provide staff support for the advisory board.

9. The content of the meeting minutes shall include the date, time, location, and topic or topics of the meeting, names of the meeting participants, the official action (if any) taken by the advisory board at the meeting, and any other information as the advisory board members may elect to include.

10. The draft minutes shall be available to the public at the assigned County Department, division, or other entity, and on the County's internet website within 10 working days following the meeting. The draft minutes shall be issued with the word "DRAFT" as a watermark in the document.

11. The approved minutes shall be available to the public at the assigned county Department, division, or other entity, and on the County's internet website within 10 working days following the meeting at which they were approved.

C. Emergency Meetings of County Advisory Boards

1. Emergency meetings may be held only in *bona fide* emergencies. A situation is a *bona fide* emergency only when there is a substantial probability that, without prompt action by the advisory board, the health or safety or fiscal welfare of the County and its citizens will be materially adversely affected.

2. The Agenda Development Office shall provide a meeting notice form for all emergency meetings.

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4. Notice of each emergency meeting shall be posted on the County bulletin board, and County staff shall endeavor to post it on the County's internet website.

5. Notice of each emergency meeting shall be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting and shall be posted before 5:00 p.m. on the workday preceding the day of the meeting.

6. The notice of and agenda for each emergency meeting shall contain the following language:

Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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8. Notice of each emergency meeting shall be provided immediately by the Communications Division to the media, by telephone, fax, or email, and to other known interested parties and stakeholders by either telephone or email.

9. Minutes of emergency meetings shall be taken and kept by the County department, division or other entity assigned to provide staff support for the advisory board. 10. The content of the meeting minutes shall include the date, time, location, topic or topics of the meeting, names of the meeting participants, the official action (if any) taken, and any other information the advisory board members may elect to include.

11. The draft minutes shall be available to the public at the assigned County department, division, or other entity, and on the County's internet website within 10 working days following the meeting. The draft minutes shall be issued with the word "DRAFT" as a watermark in the document.

12. The approved minutes shall be available to the public at the assigned County Department, division, or other entity, and on the County's internet website within 10 working days following the meeting at which they were approved.

D. "Noticed" Meetings of County Advisory Board Members

1. For purposes of this part, a "noticed" meeting is any meeting between or among two or more advisory board members to discuss some matter on which foreseeable action will be taken by the advisory board, and does not constitute a regular, special, or emergency meeting of the advisory board under the County Charter or the Board's Rules of Procedures. A noticed meeting, therefore, constitutes a "meeting" for purposes of the Sunshine Law, but is not a meeting at which official advisory board action can be taken.

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5. Except in the event of extraordinary

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circumstances beyond the control of the County, the agendas for noticed meetings shall be available to the public at the assigned County Department, division, or other entity, and on the County's internet website no less than five full working days before the day of the meeting.

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E. In addition to this Administrative Regulation, any County advisory board that constitutes a "special district" for purposes of Chapter 189 of Florida Statutes, shall also comply with Section 189.417 of Florida Statutes.

F. Any County advisory board that has legal counsel (other than the County Attorney's Office) shall consult with its counsel from time to time to solicit advice and to ensure the advisory board's compliance with the Sunshine Law, this Administrative Regulation, and any other applicable meeting-notice requirements of law. All other advisory boards shall consult with the County Attorney's Office.

In all instances, legal counsel (whether outside counsel or the County Attorney's Office) shall construe the Sunshine Law and this Administrative Regulation in favor of public notice of and public access to all advisory board meetings.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Agenda Development Office, County Administrator's Office **REFERENCE:** Florida Statutes 286.011; Chapter 80-150, Laws of Florida; Orange County Code, Section 2-203; Florida Statutes 286.0105; American's with Disabilities Act; Florida Statutes 189.417 **APPROVED:** 9/21/87 **REVISED:** 10/15.921 6/27/06; 02/21/17

#### 2.10 OFFICIAL COUNTY CEREMONIES

#### I. POLICY

A. An official County ceremony is defined as any activity that serves as an announcement or celebration of a County event, e.g., a ground breaking ceremony, an Oath of Office ceremony or the grand opening of a County facility.

#### II. PROCEDURES

A. A request for official County ceremony shall be made by the responsible Department

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3. The notice of and agenda for each regular meeting also shall contain the following language:



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- 4. <u>Except in the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of</u> the County, the agendas for regular meetings shall be available to the public at the assigned County Department, division, or other entity, and on the County's internet website no less than five full working days before the day of the meeting. No sign-in shall be required of any person desiring to attend any advisory board meeting although individuals speaking at public hearings can be required to identify themselves by name and address.
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- 7. The draft minutes shall be available to the public at the assigned County Department, division, or other entity, and on the County's internet website within 10 working days following the meeting. The draft minutes shall be issued with the word "DRAFT" as a watermark in the document. Once the meeting minutes are approved by the advisory board, the County department, division or other entity responsible for keeping the minutes shall place the minutes on a consent agenda for the Board of County Commissioners within 60 days for their receipt and filing for the official county record.
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- 4. <u>The Nn</u>otices for each noticed meeting shall be posted such that there are no fewer than two full working days between the day the notice is posted and the day the noticed meeting is held. The Agenda Development Office shall not post any noticed meeting notice that does not meet the time requirements listed herein.
- 5. Except in the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of the County, the agendas for noticed meetings shall be available to the public at the assigned County Department, division, or other entity, and on the County's internet website no less than five full working days before the day of the meeting.
  - 56. Notices for all noticed meetings shall be posted on both the County's internet website and the County bulletin board.
- 7. The notice of and agenda for each noticed meeting shall contain the following language:

Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.



8. The notice of and agenda for each noticed meeting shall also contain the following language: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if any person with a disability as defined by the ADA needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, then not later than two business days prior to the proceeding, he or she should contact the Orange County Communications Division at 407-836-5631. Para mayor información en español, por favor llame al 407-836-3111. Minutes of noticed meetings shall be taken and kept by the County <del>6</del>9. Department, division, or other entity assigned to provide staff support for the advisory board member who initiated the meeting and shall be made available by the advisory board member for inspection by public. The content of the noticed-meeting minutes shall include the date, time, <u>710</u>. location, and topic or topics of the meeting, the names of all meeting participants, and any other information as advisory board members may elect to include. Noticed meetings shall be held only in a County meeting room or office or in an office or meeting room at some governmental building where the public may freely attend, except in the case of a visit by the participating advisory-board members to a site or sites which is or are the topic of the meeting. For site visits, the noticed meeting shall be held at the site or on a bus or other means of transportation such that the public readily can attend the meeting and hear the discussion.

- 11. The draft minutes shall be available to the public at the assigned County Department, division, or other entity, and on the County's internet website within 10 working days following the meeting. The draft minutes shall be issued with the word "DRAFT" as a watermark in the document.
- 12. The approved minutes shall be available to the public at the assigned County Department, division, or other entity, and on the County's internet website within 10 working days following the meeting at which they were approved.



- E. In addition to this Administrative Regulation, any County advisory board that constitutes a "special district" for purposes of Chapter 189 of Florida Statutes, shall also comply with Section 189.417 of Florida Statutes.
- F. Any County advisory board that has legal counsel (other than the County Attorney's Office) shall consult with its counsel from time to time to solicit advice and to ensure the advisory board's compliance with the Sunshine Law, this Administrative Regulation, and any other applicable meeting-notice requirements of law. All other advisory boards shall consult with the County Attorney's Office. In all instances, legal counsel (whether outside counsel or the County Attorney's Office) shall construe the Sunshine Law and this Administrative Regulation in favor of public notice of and public access to all advisory board meetings.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:	Agenda Development Office, County Administrator's Office
<b>REFERENCE</b> :	Florida Statutes 286.011; Chapter 80-150, Laws of Florida; Orange County Code, Section 2-203; Florida Statutes 286.0105; American's with Disabilities Act; Florida Statutes 189.417