



VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

MEETING DATE: JUNE 28, 2022
AGENDA ITEM SECTION: PUBLIC HEARINGS
AGENDA ITEM NO. : 1
DEPARTMENT: ATTORNEY FOR THE VILLAGE
AGENDA ITEM: CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A LOCAL LAW REGARDING OPEN MEETINGS LAW REQUIREMENTS <u>RESOLUTION:</u> TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW WHICH EXPANDS THE OPTIONS FOR REMOTE BOARD PARTICIPATION TO INCLUDE SECTION 103-a OF OPEN MEETINGS LAW
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**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE BOARD
MEMBER USE OF VIDEO-CONFERENCING TO PARTICIPATE AT PUBLIC
MEETINGS TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY OPEN MEETINGS LAW
SECTION 103-a**

WHEREAS, by passing Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 (“Chapter 56”), the New York State Legislature amended NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 (“Open Meetings Law”) with the addition of Section 103-a providing, upon compliance with conditions and procedural directives contained therein, an expanded option to the Village of Dobbs Ferry to permit board members to participate and attend meetings remotely under “extraordinary circumstances ... including disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities, or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the members physical attendance at such meeting”; and

WHEREAS, the provisions in Section 103-a include the requirement that a quorum of the public body must be in the same physical location or locations where the public can attend before a member may attend remotely based on “extraordinary circumstances and that any member attending by videoconference must be “heard, seen and identified, while the meeting is being conducted; and

WHEREAS, Section 103-a(2)(a) requires a public body to conduct a public hearing prior to adopting a local law authorizing the use of remote attendance by videoconferencing by board members under Open Meetings Law Section 103-a; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, after having conducted a duly noticed public hearing on June 14 and 28, 2022, is now prepared to take action on the local law.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dobbs Ferry hereby exercises the option provided by Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 and authorizes, under extraordinary circumstances as described above and further defined by rules or written procedures later adopted, members of the Village’s boards, commissions and committees qualifying as “public bodies” under Open Meetings Law to remotely attend meetings by videoconference in accordance with the provisions of Open Meetings Law, including Section 103-a; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the Village of Dobbs Ferry shall create written procedures further governing its use of videoconferencing by members of the Village's boards in compliance with Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022.