

RECENT STATE OF FLORIDA GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

Local Government Meetings | Executive Order [20-69](#) | In response to the conflicting needs for municipalities to gather publicly to conduct business and for social distancing practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Governor Desantis sought guidance from the Florida Attorney General, Ashley Moody, regarding physical quorum requirements of municipalities. AG Moody published [AGO 2020-03](#), which opined that Florida law requires a physical quorum for official business to be conducted by a municipal board unless there is a statute that allows a quorum to be present by other means or the in person requirement for a quorum is suspended during a state of emergency.

Relying on AG Moody's opinion, Governor Desantis issued an executive order suspending any Florida Statute requiring a quorum to be present in person and any requirement for a municipality to meet at a specific public location. The order allows the use of technology to meet and conduct official business, but does not waive any other requirement under Florida's Government in the Sunshine Laws.