

COVID-19 Release #22

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## Alternative public comment option available for County Commission meetings

Martin County Board of County Commissioners meetings are being held in the John F. and Rita M. Armstrong Wing of the Blake Library to allow for social distancing in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. The meetings continue to be open to the public. To allow members of the public who wish to provide comment remotely, a web-based form has been established to allow public participation in the board meetings.

The fillable public comment form can be found at <a href="www.martin.fl.us/BCCPublicComment">www.martin.fl.us/BCCPublicComment</a>.

Commenters simply provide their name, the item they wish to comment on, enter up to 5,000 characters of text and then click submit. Once received, staff will review the comments to make sure they don't violate county policy. During the meeting, county staff will read the message into the record but will be limited to three minutes per the county's established public comment procedure. Comments for an item must be submitted prior to the end of the public comment period for that item to be read into the record. Staff will then provide the comments, in their entirety, to the Clerk to attach to the minutes as an official record.

This procedure will remain in place until the local state of emergency is over.

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