



From Policies and Procedures for Board of Commissioner Meetings

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Existing Policy

XVIII. Broadcasting and Recording Meetings

- A. Any radio or television station is entitled to broadcast all or any part of an official meeting of the Board that is required to be open to the public. Any person may photograph, film, tape-record, or otherwise reproduce any part of a meeting required to be open.
- B. The Board reserves the right to designate where any and all broadcasting, photographing, filming and/or recording devices and operating personnel may be placed and/or displaced at any meeting required to be open.

Recommendation (changes in bold):

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- A. Any radio or television station is entitled to broadcast all or any part of an official meeting of the Board that is required to be open to the public. Any person may photograph, film, tape-record, or otherwise reproduce any part of a meeting required to be open **as long as they do not impede the vision of audience members attending the meeting.**
- B. **Media/Photographers/Videographers cannot block ingress or egress from the meeting room, and areas around the doors and exits must be kept clear due to fire code.**
- C. **A short-term media zone located between the front right pillar and the Commissioners' desk can be used by Media/Photographers/Videographers for a maximum of 10 minutes per meeting. (Room 326 at 200 College St., Asheville.)**
- D. **A long-term media zone located in the back of the room is reserved for permanent placement of cameras by Media/Photographers/Videographers. (Room 326 at 200 College St., Asheville.)**
- E. The Board reserves the right to designate where any and all recording/media devices and operating personnel may be placed and/or displaced **at any time** during the meeting.

