

Introduced by Legislator Hahn

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**PROCEDURAL MOTION NO. 1-2012, IMPROVING
LEGISLATIVE MEETING TRANSPARENCY AND OPENNESS
BY REQUIRING MEETING AUDIO TAPES TO BE POSTED
IMMEDIATELY ONLINE**

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of government to ensure that its operations are conducted in an open and transparent fashion; and

WHEREAS, providing convenient access to government's actions is one way to restore the public's trust in the system and expose ethically questionable behavior; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County residents are increasingly active on the World Wide Web and expect to find information on-line; and

WHEREAS, implementing a policy of immediate access to records of Legislative activities would allow Suffolk County residents the opportunity to review and examine the workings of County government; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature's Clerk already records audio of legislative meetings and additional resources will not be required to make these recordings available online; and

WHEREAS, it currently takes as long as a month for verbatim minutes to be made available online on the Legislature's website; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Legislature to continually improve public access to its activities; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to upload audio recordings of General Meetings within two (2) hours of their completion and Legislative Committees within two (2) hours of the completion of the last committee on each committee day; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that General Meeting recordings should include public hearings separate from the rest of the agenda; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall remove these recordings from the Internet once the verbatim minutes are made available online.

DATED: February 7, 2012

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY PURSUANT TO §A2-15(A) OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**