

EMERGENCY ORDER
EAST LAKE TARPON SPECIAL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 28, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19 on March 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-69, suspending Florida statutory law requiring a quorum to be present for local government bodies to conduct official business or requiring a local government to meet at a specific public place, and further authorizing local government bodies to utilize communications media technology, such as telephonic and video conferencing, as provided in Section 120.54(5)(b)2, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Statutes and possible rules of the District may provide for specific time and place, as well as rules of conduct governing meetings of the Board of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, the governing board of the East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District does hereby issue the following emergency provisions regarding District governing board meetings to take immediate effect:

1. The provisions of the Florida Statutes and District rules relating to time, place, and conduct of meetings of the District governing board are hereby suspended.
2. The District governing board is hereby authorized to utilize communications media technology, such as telephonic and video conferencing, as provided for in Executive Order 20-69 issued by Governor DeSantis on March 20, 2020.
4. The District is hereby authorized to adopt administrative rules that are deemed necessary and appropriate to implement communications media technology and to set time, place and rules of conduct and procedures for District governing board meetings.
5. This Emergency Order shall remain in effect until the expiration date of Governor DeSantis' Executive Order EO-20-69, including any extensions thereof.

DONE AND ORDERED this 28th day of April 2020.

Kevin Kenney, Chairman