

Self-Advocacy Groups Taking Care of Business: Tips and Strategies for Successful Online Meetings





Choose an Online Platform

- Zoom
 - Free and easy to use
 - Widely used due to COVID
 - Free account limited to 40 minute maximum per meeting
 - Can pay for more time and options
- Google Meet
 - o Free
 - Host must have Google account such as Gmail to host meeting
 - Has captioning available



Advance Planning Strategies to Make the Online Meeting Run Smoothly

- Decide which online platform will be used
- Practice using online platform with participants prior to meetings
- Prepare a clear agenda
- Assign tasks/roles to different participants such as note taker, chat monitor, meeting facilitator
- Send out meeting agenda and information on how to join the meeting at least one week in advance

- Send information and instructions on how to join the meeting including links and call-in numbers Including, meeting links, call in numbers
- Send out meeting reminder a few days before the meeting with related materials such as agenda, task assignments, meeting links, and call in numbers
- Set up meeting so all participants start on mute to reduce background noise



Tips for a Productive Online Meeting

- Have an agenda
- Start on time and keep to the schedule
- One person talks at a time.
- Say your name when you speak, example
 "This is Jae, and I want to say..."
- Join meeting from one device

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