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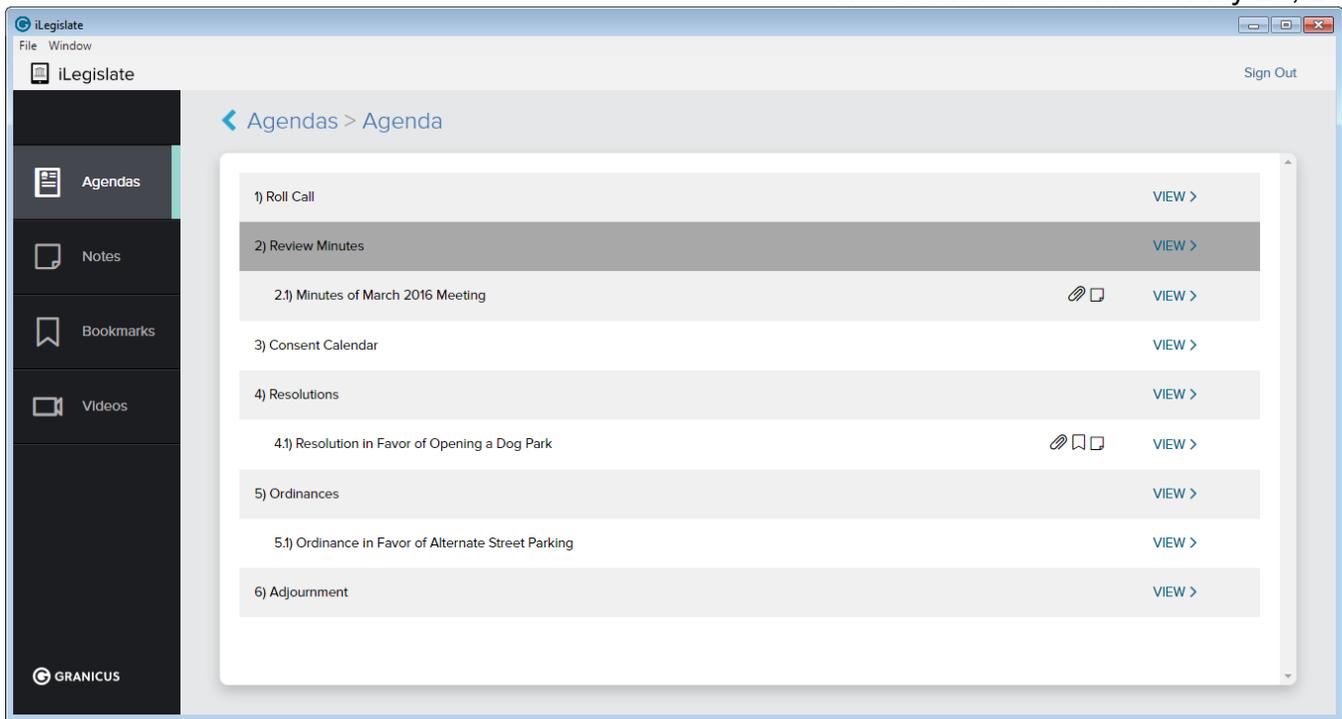
With this release, we are excited to announce the latest advancement for the iLegislate application: iLegislate for Windows and OSX. Just like the iOS and Android versions of the application, iLegislate for Windows and OSX enables elected officials and government staff to review meeting agendas, supporting documents, and archived video, and to bookmark items for easy retrieval. Notes and bookmarks are automatically backed up to the Granicus cloud when an internet connection is established.

When used in conjunction with Granicus's Citizen Engagement tool—eComment—and our VoteCast system, council members, commissioners, elected officials, and other stakeholders can review citizen feedback on important issues and record motions and votes from any Windows-based operating system device or on OSX.

Since Granicus first introduced iLegislate—the first paperless agenda delivery tablet application in the industry—we have helped more than 8,000 individual government customers across more than 600 agencies to increase their transparency and efficiency while saving time and paper.

Here are some of the advantages of integrating iLegislate into an organization's public meeting process:

- Convenient access to meeting agendas and supporting documents
- Reduce paper consumption and move to a paperless environment
- Review indexed, archived meeting videos
- Public opinion placed at elected officials' fingertips



Agenda Item Cover Pages in Peak

This new feature gives you the option to download an agenda item cover page in DOC or PDF format from the Agenda Item Details page and to include these cover pages in agenda packets. Also referred to as a staff report, summary report, or item memo, cover pages contain all the information included on the Item Details page. When you create an agenda packet, you'll be able to choose whether to include cover pages in your packet via an **Include/Exclude** button. If you elect to include them, the packet will contain a cover page for each agenda item that precedes its attachments. Attachments are printed as text or as links (as specified to the Granicus design team) on the report if marked as **Public**. Via the Agenda Item Details page, you can also control whether a specific agenda item should include a cover page using a new **Cover Page Included** option on the toolbar. The Granicus design team will work with you to determine which fields—including custom fields—display, and in what order you'd like fields to appear on the report. Contact [Customer Care](#) to request an Agenda Item Cover Page template for your Peak system.

Multiple Customized Agenda Report Templates Available for Peak

Jurisdictions and organizations using Peak now have the option of requesting multiple custom agenda templates. This enables you to have customized format and logo for as many meeting bodies as you need. All report templates created by Granicus design staff will populate a drop-down menu in **Admin > Meeting Types > Manage Meeting Type**. Peak Admins can assign a template to a meeting type using this menu, and the agenda report template assigned will be the default for any meeting using said meeting type. This default can be changed at any time by an Admin. Admins can also leave the **Agenda Template** field blank, in which case pre-existing and new meetings created with this meeting type will continue to use the site's default agenda report template. Contact [Customer Care](#) to request your customized report templates.

Edit City Council Regular

Title *

City Council Regular

Archive Folder *

City Council

Choose the folder into which Peak should archive recordings for this Meeting Type.

Agenda Template

Please select an Agenda Template

Choose the agenda template for this Meeting Type.

Additional Vacancy Display Options for Boards and Commissions

We've added two new options in the Webpage Designer for displaying vacancies on your public webpages. From the **Vacancies** drop-down menu in the Webpage Designer, you can now select to display vacancies within the next 30 or 60 days in addition to the previously existing options. Only vacancies with term end dates within the selected date range will display on your public page. You can also choose to display only current vacancies and expired terms; select the **Current Vacancies Only** option when you do not want to display terms ending soon in the vacancies list on your public-facing page.

Vacancies
Displays either current vacancies only, or current vacancies and terms ending within a specified range.

Next 30 Days

- Current Vacancies Only
- Next 30 Days**
- Next 60 Days
- Next 90 Days
- Next 6 Months
- Next Year
- Custom Range

FROM: 05/18/2016 TO: 06/17/2016

Submit Cancel

Next

Hosted Updates

Hosted services are automatically updated on the night of the release (May 20). You do not need to perform any specific actions to receive these updates.

What's New in Boards and Commissions

New Features

Option to show only current vacancies on public-facing websites

Under the vacancies drop-down menu in the Webpage Designer, a **Current Vacancies Only** option has been added. You can select this option when you don't want to display term-ending-soon vacancies on your public-facing website. Selecting this option will display only currently open vacancies on your public site. Note: with this option chosen, there is no Terms Ending Soon count within the Board Details display on the public-facing site.

Additional date ranges available in the Vacancies option in the Webpage Designer

We've added the option to display vacancies within the next 30 days and within the next 60 days to the webpage designer widget. When you select the 30-days option, only the vacancies that have a term start date within the next 30 days are shown on the public-facing website. When the 60-day option is selected from the drop-down menu, only vacancies with a term start date within the next 60 days will display on the public-facing website.

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Agenda item title now included in approval workflow email templates

An agenda item's title has been added to the following approval workflow emails:

- Approval Workflow Canceled
- Approval Workflow Approved
- Approval Workflow Skipped
- Approver Removed

Bug Fixes

Agenda sections not staying where placed

Agenda section sorting was not working properly on agendas created from a meeting type with more than ten sections. Sections now remain where placed using the drag-and-drop function, and the agenda report and packet reflect the correct section order.

What's New in SpeakUp

New Features

Ability to disable comments on an idea

A Speak Up administrator now has the ability to disable comments on an idea. When an administrator or idea manager creates an idea there is now an **Allow Comments** checkbox within the create/edit idea field. The checkbox is checked by default, allowing people to comment on ideas. When the administrator unchecks the option the comment field on the idea is no longer displayed, and no one can comment on the idea.

When a user with no administrative role creates an idea, there is no **Allow Comments** option. Their idea will allow comments by default. The administrator can edit the idea and disable the **Allow Comments** option.

When ideas are listed within a forum, individuals may be able to comment on some of the ideas within the forums but not others, depending on the individual idea's comment setting.

eComment: Ability to turn comments off/on for agendas

This feature allows administrators to disable comments on agenda items (eComments). Within the settings page, the administrator must open the meetings page by clicking **Meeting** from the widget on the right.

On the meetings page there is now a checkbox labeled **Allow Comments on Agendas**. When this checkbox is selected (which is the default), individuals can comment on agenda items scheduled for a particular meeting. When the checkbox is not selected, individuals will no longer have the option to leave a comment on agenda items.

Disabling comments disables the ability for the user to comment on any agendas within any meeting. The administrator does not have the ability to allow eComments for some meetings but not for others.

Implement CAPTCHA technology to prevent bots/spammers

This new feature utilizes CAPTCHA technology to prevent spammer bots from spamming Speak Up. CAPTCHA, a challenge-response test to verify that users are human, has been implemented in Ideas, Comments, Forums, and eComments. Any time an individual tries to leave a comment on an idea, comment, forum, or agenda, the user has to pass the CAPTCHA test before the application will allow submission of the comment.

Additionally, a CAPTCHA test has been added to the initial sign-up form in order to help prevent robots from creating SpeakUp accounts.

Bug Fixes

Projects and Forums close earlier than expected

Projects and Forums now close on the specified close date at 11:59 pm, according to the time zone selected within SpeakUp settings. Previously, projects were closing at 12:00 am of the close date.

SpeakUp Ideas: Unable to change status for deleted ideas

SalesForce Case #215011

Idea Managers and Administrators now have the ability to change the status of an idea while editing it, even if the idea has the status of **Deleted**.

Survey questions misnumbered

SalesForce Case #231304

The numbering of survey questions is now correct no matter how many pages the survey spans. There is no longer a number skipped when the survey question splits onto the next page.

Users should be able to delete discussion comments

SalesForce Case #180055

Users who do not have administrative permissions can now delete comments they made within a discussion. Because they are not administrators, users can delete only their own comments.

When following an idea, users don't receive any notifications of updates

SalesForce Case #213409

When changes—such as new votes or comments—are made to an idea, email notifications are now sent to the creator of the idea as well as anyone who is following the idea. You can follow an idea by clicking the **following** icon on the idea.

Outdated copyright year

SalesForce Case #213460

The copyright year shown in the footer of SpeakUp's public-facing site now reflects the current year (2016). Prior to the change, the public-facing site displayed a copyright date of 2014.

Users unable to run any eComments reports

SalesForce Case #247604

When attempting to run the eComments report, you'll no longer get stuck in the generating phase. When an administrator goes to the eComments page, selects a meeting from the **All Meetings** drop-down menu, and clicks Download PDF, the exports page opens and the PDF generates.

Closed projects remain on homepage/forums

SalesForce Case #205801

When a project or forum meets the close date specified, the project is now removed from the homepage. The public-facing homepage no longer displays projects or forums with past closed dates.

What's New in Legistar

Prince George County: Voting Record report error on large timeframes

Voting Record report can now be run for longer timeframes.

What's New in InSite

Server error getting Legislative Text and other reports documents

We've improved the reliability of InSite Reports service.