

Remote Attendance and Participation at Board Meetings

The Board believes that the physical presence and participation of Board members at Board meetings they are assigned to attend greatly enhances the deliberations of the Board. However, recognizing that there may be times when remote attendance and participation by one or more Board members may be necessary or desirable, the Board authorizes such remote attendance and participation subject to the provisions of this Policy.

The Board recognizes that factors such as illness, travel, schedule conflicts, weather conditions and other emergency situations may prevent the physical presence of Board members or other necessary meeting participants at Board meetings and that the use of technology may enable such Board member(s) or other necessary participants to attend and participate remotely in such meetings.

Board members shall be able to attend Board meetings, as defined below, and participate in Board deliberations and voting through electronic communications, where applicable, in accordance with the provisions of this Board Policy.

The Board President or other Presiding Officer may permit other necessary participants to attend and participate remotely in Board meetings, as determined by the Board President or other Presiding Officer in consultation with the Superintendent or designee.

For the purposes of this Board Policy only, the term **Board meeting** shall include all public meetings of the Board of School Directors, as well as Board Committee meetings, executive sessions, and information sessions.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to procure and/or make available any resources or equipment reasonably needed to implement this Board Policy.

A Board member who attends a Board meeting remotely shall be considered present only if they can hear everything said at the meeting and be heard by all of those attending the meeting.

There is no limit to the number of Board members or other participants who may remotely attend a Board meeting and participate in deliberations and voting. A Board member who wishes to attend and participate in a Board meeting remotely shall submit such request to the Board President or Presiding Officer at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. The Board President or Presiding Officer shall inform the Superintendent or designee of such request. This timeline may be waived at the discretion of the Board President or Presiding Officer, in consultation with the Superintendent or designee. Except for meetings that are conducted primarily or entirely via remote means, individual Board members shall not be permitted to remotely attend or participate in public meetings of the Board of School Directors more than three (3) times per fiscal year, absent compelling circumstances, as determined by the Board President or Presiding Officer, in consultation with the Superintendent or designee.

At the discretion of the Board President or the Presiding Officer, in consultation with the Superintendent or designee(s), a Board meeting may be conducted primarily or entirely

via remote means. Under the scenario, the Superintendent or designee(s) shall work with the District's Solicitor or other legal counsel, as necessary, to ensure proper legal advertising of the meeting and that procedures are in place for such meeting to otherwise be conducted in accordance with the Sunshine Act and other applicable law. All rules normally applicable to in-person meetings of the Board shall be observed in meetings held primarily or entirely via remote means to the extent practicable and appropriate to the nature and features of the technology used. Under these circumstances, the requirement that individual Board members submit a request to participate in the meeting remotely shall be waived.

Board members shall follow the below procedures when attending and participating in a Board meeting remotely.

1. Ensure that the remote location where they will be located during the meeting is quiet and free from background noise and interruptions; and
2. Attend and participate in the entire Board meeting, if possible. If a Board member is not able to attend and participate in the entirety of a Board meeting, the official minutes will indicate when the Board member joined and left the meeting. Board members are only able to vote on matters during the period of time that they are present, either physically or remotely.