

BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS VIA TECHNOLOGY

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The School Board's business requires the active and direct attention of all Board members. Conducting Board business via telephone conference, video conference, or other technology is not a perfect substitute for the in-person dialogue and exchange of views that occurs at Board meetings. The Board strongly encourages all individual Board members to be physically present at all Board meetings in which they intend to participate in any capacity. An individual Board member has no right to insist upon the ability to participate, in any capacity, in any Board meeting remotely via telephone conference, video conference or other technology.

Participation via technology is a privilege that may be granted, withdrawn or limited at the discretion of a majority vote of the Board.

No meeting of the Board need be delayed, cancelled, or rescheduled solely to accommodate a Board member's request that the Board consider a motion to authorize any level of remote participation in any meeting. To lessen the risk that a technical limitation or technology-related problem may prevent otherwise-authorized remote participation in a Board meeting, an individual Board member who wishes to exercise any privilege of remote participation shall inform the District Administrator and presiding officer of the meeting as far in advance as possible of his/her desire to attempt remote participation.

This policy shall also apply to Board committee meetings where the committee in question is a subunit of the School Board, except that in the case of such a committee meeting, references to individual Board members within this policy shall be understood to refer to individual committee members, and all discretionary authority held by the Board under this policy shall be held by the committee. A committee may also opt out of this policy and require all committee members to be physically present at the meeting.

Legal References:

[Section 19.81\(2\)](#) [public accessibility of board meetings]

Cross References:

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