

Electronic Participation in School Board Meetings

Board members may attend and participate by electronic means in regular or special meetings of the Board in accordance with this policy and state law. For purposes of this policy, "electronic means" shall be defined as attendance via telephone, video or audio conferencing, or other electronic device.

Board members may attend and participate by electronic means in a regular or special Board meeting only when extenuating circumstances prevent the Board member from physically attending the meeting. For purposes of this policy, "extenuating circumstances" as accepted by the Board means any compelling situation that prevents the Board member from physically attending the meeting.

A meeting at which one or more Board members attend and participate by electronic means shall be open to the public, except for periods in which the Board is in executive session. A quorum of the Board, including members physically present and members attending electronically, is required to convene a meeting.

The electronic means used shall allow the public to hear the comments made by the Board member(s) participating by electronic means and allow the Board member(s) to hear the comments made by the public. A Board member participating by electronic means will be included in the recording of the Board meeting.

A Board member who attends and participates by electronic means in a Board meeting shall have access to any materials that are presented and available to members who are physically present at the meeting.

A Board member who attends and participates by electronic means shall identify the location from which he or she is participating and, those who are present. If the Board convenes in executive session, the Board member attending and participating by electronic means shall ensure confidentiality during that portion of the meeting. A Board member may attend and participate by electronic means in a maximum of ten regular or special Board meetings per calendar year, unless there are extenuating circumstances making it necessary to conduct virtual meetings. Unless otherwise approved by the Board, additional requests to attend and participate by electronic means will be denied. In accordance with state law, the Board shall declare a vacancy if a Board member fails to attend three consecutive regular Board meetings, unless the Board member's absence is otherwise excused by the Board.

A Board member's failure to comply with this policy may result in the Board's refusal to allow the member to participate by electronic means in Board meetings.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-31-129 (*Board vacancies*)
C.R.S. 22-32-108 (7)(a) (*Board may adopt policy allowing board members to attend and participate electronically in regular or special board meetings*)
C.R.S. 24-6-401 *et seq.* (*open meetings law*)

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