

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

SECTION: Board
Procedures/Bylaws
TITLE: Attendance at
Meetings via Electronic
Communications
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005.1 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS VIA ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Purpose

Members of the Board are expected to attend each meeting in person. However, the Board recognizes that factors such as illness, travel, schedule conflicts and weather conditions can make impossible the physical presence of a Board Member at a Board meeting, and that electronic communications can enable a Board Member to participate in a meeting from a remote location.

A Board Member shall be able to attend a meeting, and participate in Board deliberations and voting, through electronic communications, but only under limited circumstances.

The Board authorizes the administration to provide the equipment and facilities required to implement this policy.

Authority

A Board Member who attends a meeting through electronic communications shall be considered present only if the member can hear everything said at the meeting and all those attending the meeting can hear everything said by that member.

If the President of the Board of Education determines either condition is not occurring, s/he shall terminate the Board Member's attendance through electronic communications.

To attend a Board meeting through electronic communications, a Board member shall comply with the following:

1. Where practical, submit a request to the Board President or designee at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. The Board President or designee may excuse this requirement in the event of exigent circumstances.
2. Ensure that the remote location is quiet and free from background noise and interruptions.
3. Participate in the entire Board of Education meeting.

Legal References:

1. [Public School Code](#) – 24 P.S. Sec. 407
2. [Home Rule Charter](#) – 12-209