

ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- I. **Policy:** This shall be known as the _____ (the “District”) Electronic Board Meeting Policy (the “Policy”).
- II. **Electronic Meetings:**
 - A. **General:** A Board meeting may be convened and conducted by means of telephonic, telecommunications, or computer conference by satisfying the requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207.
 - B. **Participation:** The primary purpose for holding electronic meetings is to enable members of the Board to participate in the meeting electronically. Nevertheless, provision may be made for a member of the public to monitor an open meeting of the Board through electronic means provided that the member of the public so requests in writing at least three days prior to the meeting, and further provided that the District will not be required to acquire any equipment, facilities or expertise which the District does not already possess in order to accommodate the request. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Policy, with the exception of a public hearing, the general public and other interested persons need not be provided an opportunity to participate in, as opposed to attend and monitor, an electronic meeting.
 - C. **Anchor Location:** One or more anchor locations must be established for all electronic meetings. The anchor location is the physical location from which the electronic meeting originates or from which the participants are connected. At least one anchor location for an electronic meeting must be in the building where the Board would normally meet if not holding an electronic meeting. A quorum of the Board need not be present at a single anchor location for an electronic meeting to be held. As few as one Board member may be present at the anchor location, as long as all other requirements of this Policy and of Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207 are satisfied for a meeting to be held as an electronic meeting, provided that the Board member who chairs the meeting is physically present at the anchor location. Space and facilities must be provided at the anchor location(s) so that all interested persons may attend and monitor the open portions of the meeting. In addition, if the meeting is a public hearing, space and facilities must be provided at the anchor location(s) so that interested persons and the public may attend, monitor and participate in the hearing.
 - D. **Notice:** Not less than 24 hours’ advance public notice, including the agenda, date, time, location, and a description of how the Board Members will be connected to the electronic meeting, will be given for each electronic meeting of the Board by posting a written notice at the principal office of the District (or at the building where the meeting is to be held if no principal office exists) and providing written or electronic notice to at least one

newspaper of general circulation in the District and to a local media correspondent, and by posting the notice on the Utah Public Notice Website created under Utah Code Ann. § 63F-1-701. In addition, the notice must be posted at the anchor location (which may be the principal office of the District) and must be provided to all Board Members at least 24 hours before the meeting. These notice requirements are minimum requirements and are not to be construed as precluding such additional postings and notifications as may be directed by the Board.

- E. **Budget or Logistical Considerations:** The Chair, or the Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence, may determine, based upon budget or logistical considerations, that it is not in the best interest of the District to hold an electronic meeting, in which event the meeting will not be held as an electronic meeting. The Chair, or the Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence, may also restrict the number of separate electronic connections that are allowed for an electronic meeting based on available equipment capacity. The request from a member of the public to participate in a meeting electronically may be denied by the Chair, or Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence, based on budget, public policy or logistical considerations deemed sufficient by the Chair or Vice-Chair.
- F. **Conduct of Meeting:** No action may be taken and no business may be conducted at a meeting of the Board unless a quorum, consisting of a simple majority of the members of the Board, is present. A Board Member who is not physically present may nevertheless participate in the meeting through electronic means and be counted toward the required quorum in accordance with Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207. Any Board Member participating via electronic means may make, second and vote on all motions and participate in the discussion as though present, except that the Board Member who chairs the meeting must be present at the anchor location. If neither the Chair nor the Vice Chair is physically present at the anchor location (but there is still a quorum) a Board Member who is physically present at the anchor location will preside over the meeting.

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