
QUORUM

A simple majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Participating electronically from a remote location

When it is not reasonably practical for a member to attend in person, the member may attend via telephone, skype, or other electronic means in accordance with RSA 91-A:2, III. The following is required:

1. The reason it is not reasonably practical for the member to attend in person must be included in the minutes of the meeting.
2. The member participating electronically must:
 - a. State why their attendance is not reasonably practical;
 - b. Their means of participation;
 - c. Whether the member is able to simultaneously hear and speak to the other members; and
 - d. Identify all persons present at the member's location.
3. All votes taken during the meeting must be by taken by roll call vote.
4. The public attending the meeting and all members must be able to simultaneously hear or see communication between the member participating remotely and those participating in person. No meeting shall be conducted by electronic mail or any other form of communication that does not permit the public to hear, read, or otherwise discern the meeting discussion contemporaneously at the meeting location specified in the meeting notice.
5. Except for an emergency meeting, if a member is allowed to participate electronically from a remote location, there must be a quorum of the school board physically present at the location specified in the meeting notice. Except in an emergency, the members participating electronically from a remote location will not count towards satisfying the quorum requirement.
6. An "emergency" means that immediate action is imperative and the physical presence of a quorum is not reasonably practical within the period of time requiring action. The determination that an emergency exists shall be made by the chairman or presiding officer of the public body, and the facts upon which that determination is based shall be included in the minutes of the meeting. When, in "an emergency", the quorum requirement is satisfied in part by one or more members participating electronically from a remote location.

Legal Reference:

RSA 91-A:2, Meetings Open to the Public

***Legal References Disclaimer:** These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.*

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