

It is the decision of the Southeastern Illinois College Board of Trustees that any member of the Board may attend any open or closed meeting of the Board via electronic means (such as by telephone, video or Internet connection) provided that such attendance is in compliance with these rules and any applicable laws.

A Board member may participate in any open or closed Board meeting via video or audio conferencing if a quorum of Board members is physically present and the member is prevented from physically attending because of: (1) personal illness or disability; or (2) employment purposes; or (3) business of the public body; or (4) a family or other emergency; or (5) unexpected childcare obligations. The Board shall follow the requirements and rules for remote attendance as set forth in the Illinois Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/7. Consideration of a member's request for electronic participation shall occur immediately after roll call is taken. Any member requesting to attend the meeting by electronic means must have such request approved by a majority vote of those members physically present.

The member participating electronically, and other members of the Board must be able to communicate effectively, and members of the audience must be able to hear all communications at the meeting site. Before allowing electronic attendance at any meeting, the Board shall provide equipment adequate to accomplish this objective at the meeting site.

Any member attending electronically shall be considered an off-site attendee and counted as present electronically for that meeting. The meeting minutes shall also reflect and state specifically whether each member is physically present or present by electronic means.

A member permitted to attend electronically will be able to express his or her comments during the meeting and participate in the same capacity as those members physically present, subject to all general meeting guidelines and procedures previously adopted and adhered to. The member attending electronically shall be heard, considered, and counted as to any vote taken. Accordingly, the name of any member attending electronically shall be called during any vote taken, and his or her vote counted and recorded by the Executive Assistant to the President and placed in the minutes for the corresponding meeting. A member attending electronically may leave a meeting and return as in the case of any member, provided the member attending electronically shall announce his or her leaving and returning.

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