

Emergency Policy Relating to School Board Meetings

1. **Purpose.** The Board recognizes the need during the health emergency posed by the spread of COVID-19 to hold virtual or telephonic meetings as set forth in the March 17, 2020 Florida Department of Education's Additional Guidance for the 2019-20 School Year, or for reasons allowed by any subsequent Executive Orders, Florida DOE directives, Attorney General Opinions, or Florida Laws (hereinafter referred to as "Directives").
2. **Emergency Meetings During This Time.** This Policy modifies and supersedes Board Policy 1.03 on Board meetings. This Policy is consistent with the Directives to address items during this time and hold virtual or telephonic meetings where a quorum of Board members is not required to be physically present at the meeting in order to conduct and vote upon business. These meetings must be accessible to interested members of the public who wish to attend.
3. **Public Comment:** In addition, this Policy modifies certain provisions in Policy 1.03 relating to public comment and allows public comment on agenda items through the virtual meeting. The meeting Notice shall state:
 - a. how interested persons can attend virtually and
 - b. the method (such as telephone number) for public comments to be made verbally and in writing.
4. **Authority.** This policy supersedes any other policy and Policy 1.03 that is not consistent with the language herein relating to the emergency Board meetings.
5. **Duration of Policy.** This policy becomes effective upon its emergency adoption. This policy shall remain effective for 90 days.

Authority: FS 120.54 (4); 120.81 (1); 1001.32 (2); 1001.42 (28).

Implemented: FS 120.54 (4); 1001.41 (1) & (3); 1001.42, including (8); 1001.43, including (10); 1001.48; 1001.49; 1001.51.

Reference: Palm Beach School District Policy 1.032

History: New: 4/30/20