

E. Association Meetings

E.1 Meeting Participation

Policy

Article VI of the VSBA Bylaws states that each regular member Supervisory Union/District in good standing shall be entitled to one vote at association annual and special meetings. Each member designates a delegate to cast the vote. Each member may be represented by as many school board members as it chooses, and those school board members shall determine the method for casting its one vote. When an individual casts a vote at a meeting, the individual is presumed to have authority to vote for his or her regular member entity. All school board members have the right of discussion.

In order to increase participation and voting at association meetings, Article VI of the VSBA Bylaws authorizes the Board of Directors to adopt policies and procedures permitting attendance, participation and voting at association meetings through remote electronic communication. In no case shall an individual be permitted to participate or vote unless the individual is able to hear and/or see the proceedings as they happen substantially and concurrently with such proceedings.

Conditions for Remote Voting by Delegates

Attendance at association meetings in person is highly preferable for voting delegates. Regardless of location, all delegates will vote using the remote voting platform. If there is a technological failure, delegates who are present at the association meeting will vote by paper ballot.

It is the policy of the VSBA to allow voting delegates to vote remotely if the following conditions are met:

1. The delegate notifies the VSBA in writing thirty calendar days before the meeting that he or she will be voting remotely and provides the following information:
(a) name; (b) e-mail address; (c) mobile telephone number (d) name of member Supervisory Union/Supervisory District which the delegate represents; and (e) verification of access to 5 Mbps internet connection speed.
2. Voting delegates shall be provided with a unique identification code to use in casting votes on behalf of the member Supervisory Union/District. Each delegate is responsible for keeping the identification code secure.
3. All votes cast shall be open and identifiable.

4. By requesting to vote remotely, a delegate acknowledges that technology has limitations which may interfere with voting remotely in the association's meeting. In the event that there is a technological problem which prevents a participating delegate's vote from being cast, VSBA will count those votes cast in person and those votes received through remote voting at the time of the count. VSBA will not delay counting votes due to a technological issue and may determine the result of a vote based only on those votes cast in person.

Conditions for Remote Participation of School Board Members

Attendance at association meetings in person is preferable. In the event that a school board member is not able to be physically present at an association meeting, it is the policy of the VSBA to allow remote participation if the following conditions are met:

1. The school board member notifies the VSBA in writing ten calendar days before the meeting that he or she would like to participate remotely and provides the following information: -(a) name; (b) e-mail address; (c) telephone number and (d) name of school board.
2. Remote participation shall be limited to written comments and questions. All participants in the meeting will be able to view comments and questions as they are submitted.
3. The President of the Association or other Board officer running the meeting shall have discretion to address comments and questions as he or she deems appropriate.
4. By requesting to participate remotely, a school board member acknowledges that technology has limitations which may interfere with participating in the association's meeting. In the event that there is a technological problem which prevents a school board member from participating, the VSBA will attempt to address the issue, if possible or practicable, but makes no guarantee that it will be able to do so in a timely manner.