

150 – Board Electronic Meeting Policy



Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish the means and procedures by which George Washington Academy’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) may conduct electronic meetings in accordance with the provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act (the “Act”), including Utah Code § 52-4-207. The Board adopts the definitions as established in Utah Code § 52-4-103 and Utah Code § 52-4-209.

Policy:

Electronic Meetings

The Board may, from time to time as needed, convene and conduct electronic board meetings in which one or more members attend and participate in the meeting through electronic means. For the purpose of this policy, an “electronic board meeting” is defined as a meeting convened and conducted in accordance with the Act by means of telephone, teleconferencing, or other electronic telecommunications media by which all participants participate by audible oral communication.

The Board shall establish one or more anchor locations for the electronic board meeting, at least one of which is the building where the Board would normally meet if they were not holding an electronic meeting. A quorum does not have to be present at the anchor location, however there must be a quorum participating to vote on any noticed items. The Board shall provide space and facilities at the anchor location so that interested persons and the public may attend and monitor the open portions of the meeting. If public comments will be accepted during the electronic meeting, the Board shall provide space and facilities at the anchor location so that interested persons and the public may attend, monitor, and participate in the open portions of the meeting.

The Board shall follow all requirements under Subsection (5) of the Act if the chair determines that conducting the meeting presents a substantial risk to the health or safety of those present or who would otherwise be present at the anchor location; or the location where the public body would normally meet has been ordered closed to the public for health or safety reasons.

Notice

Prior to conducting an electronic meeting, notice shall be provided to all Board members, as well as to members of the public in accordance with the provisions of the Act. Each notice shall describe the means of communication by which members will be connected to the electronic meeting and the anchor location.

Utah Code 52-4-209: Electronic Meetings for Charter School Board.