

CHAPTER 2.00 – SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATION

Emergency Policy Relating to School Board Meetings

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- I. **Purpose.** The Board recognizes the need during this 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 2019-2020 School Year, and for reasons allowed by Executive Order Number 20-69, DOE directive, Attorney General Opinion, or Florida Law (hereinafter referred to as “Directives”).
- II. **Emergency Meetings During This Time.** This Policy modifies and supersedes School Board Policy 2.05 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.
- III. **Public Comment.** In addition, this Policy modifies certain provisions in Policy 2.05 relating to public comment and allows public comment on agenda items through e-mailing comments to the following e-mail address, mmassey@lcsbmail.net. All emails received two (2) hours prior to the scheduled meeting will be provided to Board members in advance of the meeting and will be posted on the School Board’s website along with the minutes of the Board meeting. The Meeting Notice shall state:
 - A. how interested persons can attend and
 - B. the method for public comments to be made in writing.
- IV. **Authority.** This policy supersedes any other policy and Policy 2.05 that is not consistent with the language herein relating to these emergency Board meetings.
- V. **Duration of Policy.** This policy becomes effective upon its emergency adoption for the duration identified in the Governor’s order of March 14, 2020, and any subsequent extensions of the order, unless otherwise extended by the School Board upon a majority vote.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 120.54(4); 120.81(1); 1001.32(2); 1001.42(28), F.S.

LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED: 120.54(4); 1001.41(1) & (3); 1001.42, including (8); 1001.43, including (10); 1001.48; 1001.49; 1001.51 F.S.

HISTORY:

ADOPTED: _____
REVISION DATE(S): _____
FORMERLY: NEW