

Board Meeting Participation

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Presenters: Office of Board Governance

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Legal Requirements

- The Board has long recognized the value of broad community
- The Board has consistently adhered to the requirements of Statute 19.81(2), by holding meetings in places reasonably accessible to members of the public and open to all citizens at all times unless otherwise expressly provided by law.
- While the law only requires the Board to take public testimony at the Statutory budget hearing, the Board has maintained a decades-long practice of receiving public comment at its Committee meetings and certain Regular and Special meetings.
- Access is provided via WYMS Radio 88.9, Spectrum Channel 13, and the MPS livestream. Access via YouTube was added for all meetings due to the pandemic.
- Virtual participation replaced in-person participation due to the pandemic.



Participation Data

	One Year Pre- Pandemic	1 st Year Post- Pandemic	2 nd Year Post- Pandemic
Number of Meetings	68	55	70
Attendance in-person	3,245	0	0
Attendance (views) via You-Tube	181	73,955	75,829
Speakers	1312	441	458

Hybrid Meeting Considerations

Technology Current Capabilities:

- All virtual meetings with virtual public testimony (identical to current process)
- All in-person meetings with all board members on the stage with no public testimony (Regular Board meetings recently)

TESTING: All in-person meetings with hybrid public testimony (public could call in via Zoom as well as participate in-person from the auditorium)

Needs:

- System modifications
- Equipment (hardware and software)
- Staffing
- Testing
- Possible policy /procedure updates
- Publication and notice



Other Options

1. Discontinue virtual meetings (except where Board Rule 1.05, Public Notice and/or Board Rule 1.30, Virtual Meetings apply). Public access and participation would be in-person only.
2. Continue to hold meetings virtually. All public access and participation would be digital. Individuals providing comment would do so via Zoom.
3. The Board determines another option for public access and participation.



Thank you.

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