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### School Board Meetings

The Board transacts all business at official meetings of the Board. These may be either regular or special meetings. At the organizational meeting, the Board shall fix the time for holding its regular meetings, which shall be held at least once every two months. Special meetings are called between the regularly scheduled meetings to consider specific topics.

All regular and special Board meetings and Board-appointed committee meetings are open to the public. All Board meetings are publicized and conducted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act (Sunshine Law). No action may be taken by the Board in executive session.

#### Legal References

ORC 121.22(B)  
 ORC 121.22(C)  
 ORC 121.221(B)(5)  
 ORC 3313.14  
 ORC 3313.15  
 ORC 3313.16

#### Cross References

BCA, Board Organizational Meeting  
 BCE, Board Committees  
 BDC, Executive Sessions  
 BDDA, Notification of Meetings  
 BDDF, Voting Method  
 BDDH, Public Participation at Board Meetings (Also KD)  
 BDDJ, Broadcasting and Taping of Board Meetings (Also KBCD)

**NOTE:** The above sample policy covers both regular and special meetings and thus is filed under the general term, School Board Meetings, code BD. More extensive policies on regular and special meetings might be separated and filed under the codes pertaining to each type, BDA and BDB, respectively. The cross-references are to codes in which information directly related to school board meetings is filed in this manual.

House Bill (HB) 257, effective April 9, 2025, enacts Ohio Revised Code (RC) 121.221 authorizing some public bodies to meet virtually in specific circumstances.

Even though a school board of education and its committees and subcommittees are public bodies, RC 121.221(B)(5)(a) provides that no public body may hold virtual meetings or hearings if the members of the public body either:

- receive compensation (other than reimbursement for expenses) for their positions as members or
- are elected by vote of the general public to their positions as members.

*This means that, even though school boards are public bodies, boards whose members are either elected or receive compensation for their service would not be permitted, under RC 121.221, to hold virtual meetings. In other words, most, if not all, school boards and educational service center governing boards cannot hold virtual meetings under the newly enacted provision.*

#### Legal

[ORC 121.22\(B\).](#)

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