

ATTENDING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS REMOTELY

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to create a procedure for members of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas to attend public meetings of the Board remotely and to ensure that Arkansas residents have reasonable access to attend public meetings remotely in compliance with Arkansas law.¹

II. Remote Attendance by Board Members

“Remotely” means through electronic means, including without limitation by telephone, video conference, or video broadcast.²

Members of the Board may attend public meetings of the Board remotely and may be counted as present for purposes of a quorum and voting. At any meeting attended by one or more members of the Board remotely, the method used to permit the member(s) of the Board to attend remotely shall:

- (a) Provide a method to verify the identity of the member(s) of the Board attending remotely;
- (b) Allow other members of the Board and members of the public, whether physically present at the meeting or attending remotely, at all times to:
 - (1) Hear the member(s) of the Board attending remotely;
 - (2) Observe or otherwise understand a vote of the member(s) of the Board attending remotely;
 - (3) Know the identity of the member of the Board attending remotely when that member is speaking or voting; and
- (c) Allow member(s) of the Board attending remotely to hear the other members of the Board and any public comment.

A Board member who attends a public meeting remotely shall not receive mileage or per diem for attending the public meeting.

¹ Act 505 of 2025; Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-106.

² Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-103(16).

III. Remote Attendance by the Public

If the Board holds a public meeting that is attended remotely by one or more members of the Board, Arkansas residents shall also be allowed to attend the meeting remotely. Members of the public shall be able to attend the meeting remotely by the same means that members of the Board attend the meeting remotely.

IV. Recording of Public Meetings with Remote Attendance

If a member of the Board attends a public meeting of the Board remotely, the remote portion of the meeting shall be recorded in the format in which the meeting is conducted.

V. Notice of Public Meetings with Remote Attendance

Notice of the method the public may attend the public meeting remotely shall be published with the notice of the public meeting.

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