

<i>Rainy River District School Board</i>	SECTION 1 <i>Governance</i>
BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS ELECTRONICALLY	1.42

POLICY

The Rainy River District School Board will provide the supports necessary for Board and committee members to meet electronically.

RATIONALE

Under certain circumstances, Board and committee members may not be able to physically attend Board or committee meetings.

IMPLEMENTATION

As per guidelines.

GUIDELINES

1.0 General Guidelines

- 1.1 Members who participate electronically shall be deemed to be present at the meeting.
- 1.2 Board or committee members shall inform the Secretary of the Board or designate, if they wish to participate electronically.
- 1.3 The Board may refuse to provide a member with electronic means of participation in a meeting of the Board, a meeting in private session or a meeting of any other committee of the Board, if conditions outlined in this policy are not possible.
- 1.4 At every meeting of the Board, all of the following people must be physically present:
 - the chair of the Board or designate.
 - at least one additional member of the Board.
 - the Director of Education or designate.
- 1.5 The Chair of the Board may preside over a meeting electronically if any of the following applies:
 - the distance from the chair’s current residence to the meeting location is 200 km or greater;
 - weather conditions do not allow the chair to travel to the meeting location safely;
 - the chair cannot be physically present at a meeting due to health-related issues.
 No more than half of these meetings in a 12-month period can be chaired electronically due to the above circumstances.

1.5 For Board advisory committee meetings, the chair may participate electronically provided that at least one other committee member and the Director of Education or designate **is** **are** present within the meeting room.

The chair of the committee may preside electronically if any of the following applies:

- the distance from the chair’s current residence to the meeting location is 200 km or greater;
 - weather conditions do not allow the chair to travel to the meeting location safely;
 - the chair cannot be physically present at a meeting due to health-related issues.
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2.0 Exceptions

2.1 Exceptions to these requirements may occur through amendments made to O. Reg. 463/97.

<u>CROSS REFERENCE</u>	<u>Date Approved</u> February 2, 2021	<u>LEGAL/MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REFERENCE</u>
Board Procedural Bylaws	<u>Board Motion</u> 158	<i>Education Act</i> Regulation 463/97
Policy 1.20 First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Advisory Committee	<u>Review Prior to</u> 2026	
Policy 1.60 Schools Councils and Parent Involvement Committee		
Policy 5.01 Special Education		