

Amending Board Rules to Allow for Remote Committee Meetings



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Quick Recap

- Governor rescinded State of Emergency on August 15, 2022
- Regular meetings and work sessions now in person
- Board leadership directed staff to continue planning for remote committee meetings
- Staff advised Board to amend Rules of Procedure
- Staff have prepared rule changes
- Today – Staff seek “thumbs up” to prepare agenda item to approve the change

Rule 16, Proposed Edits

- **Proposed Change** Part A. Presence at meetings. Unless otherwise permitted under these Rules, a member may only participate at meetings in person and no telephonic or other electronic means may be used as a substitute for the physical presence of the member at a meeting.
- Part B. Extraordinary meetings. Under extraordinary or exigent circumstances such as those necessitating a special or emergency meeting contemplated by Article 33C of Chapter 143 of the North Carolina General Statutes, telephonic or electronic meetings of the Board may occur if so, directed by the Chair or by the Vice-Chair if the Chair is not available.
- **Proposed Change** Part C. Remote meetings. The Chair may authorize for Board committee meetings established in accordance with Rule 16 to be held on a remote basis, provided all members must participate using the same method, either remote or in-person.

Rule 22, Proposed New

Committee Meetings. The Board may create committees from its membership to facilitate the efficiency and effectiveness of the board's business by researching, studying, and deliberating issues on behalf of, and at the direction of, the full board. There shall be no public comment period at committee meetings, but they are public meetings and must comply with the open meetings law. Remote participation is permissible in accordance with Rule 16.