

VOTING METHODS

Policy: 2342

Voting will normally be electronic or by voice vote on all matters coming before the Board for action, but, ~~– However,~~ any member may call for a division, in which case the vote will be by show of hands. For remote meetings held during a state-declared emergency, however, all votes will be taken by roll call. ~~In either event~~ Regardless of the method of voting, the minutes will reflect the vote of each member voting and the abstention of any member present but not voting, unless the vote is unanimous.

A Board member must vote on all issues unless the member has a conflict of interest or is unable to remain impartial in a judicial matter before the Board. If a Board member recuses himself or herself from a vote, the member will state the reason before the vote is taken and the reason will be recorded in the minutes.

No secret ballots are permitted. If the Board decides, by majority vote, to vote by electronic or written ballot, each member must sign (electronically or in writing) his or her ballot, and the ballots must be available for public inspection in the Superintendent’s office immediately following the meeting and until the minutes are approved. The minutes of the meeting must specify the vote of each member’s electronic or written ballot. The ballots may be destroyed after the minutes of the meeting have been approved. Written ballots may not be used for remote meetings held during a state-declared emergency.

Legal References: G.S. 143-318.13; 166A-19.24; *Crump v. Board of Education*, 93 N.C. App. 168, *aff’d*, 326 N.C. 603 (1990); N.C. Attorney General Advisory Opinion, 54 Op. Att’y. Gen. 86 (1985)

Cross References: Board Member Conflict of Interest (policy 2121)

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