

V. Rules of Procedure

E. Emergency Meetings

1. In event of a declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor of the State of Connecticut or the Mayor of the City of Stamford or other similar circumstance in which the Board of Representatives is unable to meet in person, the President may permit a Regular, Special, or Emergency Meeting of the Board of Representatives or its Committees to meet either by telephone or videoconference. In the event of the declaration of an emergency in the City of Stamford, the President may elect to permit Board members to participate in a special meeting through telephone or video conference.

a. The meeting shall be conducted in such a manner that all participating members can hear each other debate and vote.

b. Members of the Board of Representatives must be present at said meeting to vote. No member shall be permitted to vote by email, text or telephone call to any other member, provided, however, that nothing herein shall prohibit a member from contacting the Clerk or administrative staff member(s) present at the meeting for assistance in making their voice heard (e.g., by means of putting such member on speaker-phone or conference line).

~~b.c.~~ To the extent practicable, members of the public shall be permitted to participate in any such meeting by telephone or video conference, although members of the public will be excluded from any executive session.

F. Miscellaneous

1. Persons other than members of the Board of Representatives shall not converse with Board members on the floor of the Board while the Board is in session.

2. Members that join the meeting after the Roll Call, or leave the meeting prior to adjournment, shall notify the Clerk so that the Clerk can keep track of the number of members present. Members who fail to notify the clerk will not be considered present.

3. The silencing of all personal electronic devices is required at all Board meetings.