

Changes proposed for LR30.101 (two views)

Rules of Procedure

Section V. Rules of Procedure

D. Voting

6. 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 and conducts a Regular or Special Meeting either by telephone or videoconference, members of the Board of Representatives must identify themselves as being present at said Board meeting prior to voting, either during roll call or subsequent thereto. ~~Members shall notify the Clerk of the Board when joining or leaving the meeting, who shall announce that such member has joined or left the meeting. Members who fail to notify the clerk will not be considered present.~~ The meeting shall be conducted in such a manner so that all participating members can hear each other vote, or if by video conference see and hear each other. No member shall be permitted to vote by email, text or telephone call to another member or to the Clerk of the Board.

Comment [1]: Redundant with existing language found in F.

Comment [2]: Should not be limited to emergency meetings.

Comment [3]: Matt concerned with impact on multi format meeting (some combination of in-person, telephone, and/or video conference; **perhaps just strike this language.**

F. Miscellaneous

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.

Comment [4]: Entered here the language would apply to all meetings.

or as an alternative, since we already have an emergency meetings section:

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.~~

Comment [5]: Matt concerned with impact on multi format meetings (some combination of in-person, telephone, and/or video conference.

a. The meeting shall be conducted in such a manner that all participating members can hear each other debate and vote, or if by video conference, see and hear each other debate and vote.

Comment [6]: Deleted based on discussion with Matt about how to handle multi format meeting; **perhaps just strike this language.**

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.

~~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

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.