



Local School Board Meetings Livestream Policies

Pursuant to General Assembly Bill A25, R46, S77

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Model Policy Requiring Livestreaming School Board Meetings

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that each public school governing body, including the governing bodies of charter schools and special schools, must make reasonable efforts to ensure the entirety of all meetings subject to the provisions of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act are open and accessible to the public and also available by means of live video and audio electronic access, hereafter referred to as livestream access, except during a lawful executive session.

The Model Policy Requiring Livestreaming School Board Meetings has been developed in compliance with the General Assembly Bill A28, R46, S77.

This bill requires each public school governing body to adopt a policy adopted by the State Board of Education that requires the livestreaming of school board meetings. Each public school governing body must adopt a local policy applicable to its meetings within three months of the adoption of the State Board of Education model policy. A local policy must include, at a minimum, the State Board of Education model policy.

School districts are required to submit a copy of the local policy to the State Superintendent of Education for the State Board of Education approval.

Model Policy Language

I. Applicability

- A. This policy refers to all meetings of a public school governing body, as defined under the Freedom of Information Act or Section 30-4-20(d). This includes but is not limited to: regular school board meetings; special called school board meetings; committee and/or subcommittee meetings; board workshops; budget workshops and/or hearings; and/or public hearings.

II. Policy Implementation

- A. All portions of livestreamed meetings must be visible and audible in real time;
- B. Subsequently, all livestreamed meetings must be posted on applicable school district websites within no more than two business days of the meeting;

- C. Districts may consider using an online video service such as YouTube, Vimeo, or Facebook Live and should post visible links to livestreams in advance on the district's webpage and/or social media accounts upon the posting of public notice of all livestreamed public meetings.
- D. The broadcast of livestreamed meetings must be of sufficient video and audio quality so that viewers can easily hear the comments and be able to identify who is making comments. The use of a closed captioning service is strongly encouraged. Livestreamed meetings must be held in a location with sufficient access to quality audio/video equipment;
- E. Districts must publicize the availability of livestreamed meetings;
- F. This policy does not apply to lawful executive sessions.

III. Access to Broadband

- A. Districts are encouraged to work with technology partners to develop and implement their ability to provide, expand or improve existing livestream capacity.
- B. Upon a showing of reasonable efforts to comply with the requirement, a district's governing body with evidence of limited or no broadband access may request approval from the State Board of Education's Policy & Legislative Committee for up to an additional twelve months to comply.

IV. Noncompliance

- A. Penalties for policy violations or noncompliance will be based on escalating tiers based on frequency, duration, and severity. For a first offense, technical guidance may be provided through the South Carolina Department of Education. For subsequent offenses, a warning will be issued, and the district may be required to submit a written plan to the South Carolina Department of Education with specific details on how they will attain compliance. Persistent and egregious violations may be referred to the State Board of Education for review and penalties may be assessed but such determination shall not exceed one percent of state funds to the district, charter school, or special school.

Submitted Livestream Policies:

- Abbeville
- Anderson 1 (correct policy)
- Anderson 3
- Anderson 4
- Anderson 5
- Beaufort
- Calhoun
- Dillon 4
- Florence 3
- Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe
- Marlboro
- Union
- Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
- York 4

Livestreaming School Board Meetings

Code **BEA** Issued **9/25**

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Policy Implementation

- A. All portions of livestreamed meetings will be visible and audible in real time and made available for public viewing;
- B. Visible links to livestreams will be posted on the district's webpage at the same time as the meeting notice and agenda are posted;
- C. The broadcast of livestreamed meetings will be of sufficient video and audio quality so that viewers can easily hear the comments and identify speakers;
- D. Within two business days of the meeting, the district will publicize the availability of the livestreamed meeting on the district's website.
- E. This policy does not apply to **lawful executive sessions**;

Technical Disruptions

In the event of an interruption of the livestream during a meeting, the board will make reasonable efforts to restore livestream access. If livestream access cannot be restored, the board will make a clear audio and video recording accessible on the district's website within seven days after the meeting, except for executive sessions held in accordance with state law.

Access to Broadband

- A. The District will make reasonable efforts to collaborate with technology partners to develop, enhance, or expand their livestreaming capabilities;
- B. In the event that the district has limited or no broadband access, it may request a 12-month extension to comply with the livestream requirements. The request must be submitted to the South Carolina Board of Education's Policy & Legislative Committee, along with proof that reasonable efforts were made to meet the requirements.

Special Accommodations

The board will make reasonable accommodations to ensure accessibility in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Adopted 9/23/25

Legal References:

- A. United States Code of Laws, as amended:
 - 1. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C.A. Section 12101, *et seq.*

B. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 30-4-10, *et seq.* - South Carolina Freedom of Information Act
2. Section 59-1-340 - Board meetings
3. Section 59-19-85 - Board meetings livestream mandate

C. Other:

1. Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 (2023).

Policy BEA Livestreaming of School Board Meetings

Issued 9/25

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The meeting will be livestreamed on a platform such as the district website, YouTube, Vimeo, Facebook Live, or other online streaming platform) and made available for public viewing. Visible links to the livestreams will be posted on the district's webpage at the same time as the meeting notice and agenda are posted.

All portions of livestreamed meetings will be visible and audible in real-time and be of sufficient video and audio quality to allow viewers to hear the comments and identify speakers.

Within two business days of the meeting, the district will publicize the availability of the livestreamed meeting on the district's website.

Technical Disruptions

In the event of an interruption of the livestream during a meeting, the board will make reasonable efforts to restore livestream access. If livestream access cannot be restored, the board will make a clear audio and video recording accessible on the district's website within seven days after the meeting, except for executive sessions held in accordance with state law.

Noncompliance

Penalties for policy violations or noncompliance will be based on escalating tiers based on frequency, duration, and severity. For a first offense, technical guidance may be provided through the South Carolina Department of Education. For subsequent offenses, a warning will be issued, and the district may be required to submit a written plan to the South Carolina Department of Education with specific details on how they will attain compliance. Persistent and egregious violations may be referred to the State Board of Education for review and penalties may be assessed but such determination shall not exceed one percent of state funds to the district, charter school, or special school.

Access to Broadband

The district will make every effort to collaborate with technology partners to develop, enhance, or expand their existing livestreaming capabilities.

In the event that the district has limited or no broadband access, it may request a 12-month extension to comply with the livestream requirements. The request must be submitted to the South Carolina Board of Education's Policy & Legislative Committee, along with proof that reasonable efforts were made to meet the requirements.

Special Accommodations

The board will make reasonable accommodations to ensure accessibility in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Adopted 9/30/25

Legal References:

United States Code of Laws, as amended:

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, [42 U.S.C.A. Section 12101](#), *et seq.*

S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

[Section 30-4](#)-10, *et seq.* - South Carolina Freedom of Information Act

[Section 59-1](#)-340 - Board meetings

[Section 59-19](#)-85 - Board meetings livestream mandate

Other:

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 (2023).

Anderson School District One

Policy: BEA Livestreaming of Board Meetings

Issued 11/25

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The meeting will be livestreamed on *YouTube* and made available for public viewing. Visible links to the livestreams will be posted on the district's webpage at the same time as the meeting notice and agenda are posted.

All portions of livestreamed meetings will be visible and audible in real-time, and be of sufficient video and audio quality to allow viewers to hear the comments and identify speakers.

Within two business days of the meeting, the district will publicize the availability of the livestreamed meeting on the district's website.

Technical Disruptions

In the event of an interruption of the livestream during a meeting, the board will make reasonable efforts to restore livestream access. If livestream access cannot be restored, the board will make a clear audio and video recording accessible on the district's website within seven days after the meeting, except for executive sessions held in accordance with state law.

Special Accommodations

The board will make reasonable accommodations to ensure accessibility in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Violation and Penalties

Policy violations or instances of noncompliance may result in penalties that escalate based on the frequency, duration, and severity of the offense. The first violation may result in the board receiving guidance from the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE). Subsequent violations will result in SCDE issuing a warning, and the district may be required to submit a written plan outlining how it will achieve compliance. If noncompliance persists, the district may be referred to the State Board of Education, which can impose additional penalties of up to one percent of the district's state funding.

Anderson School District 3

Adopted ^

Legal References:

- A. United States Code of Laws, as amended:
 - 1. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C.A. Section 12101, *et seq.*
- B. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
 - 1. Section 30-4-10, *et seq.*-South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.
 - 2. Section 59-1-340- Board meetings.
 - 3. Section 59-19-85- Board meetings livestream mandate.
- C. Other:
 - 1. Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WAAG) 2.1 (2023).

Livestreaming of Board Meetings

Code **BEA Issued MODEL/25**

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The meeting will be livestreamed on (*option: the district website, YouTube, Vimeo, Facebook Live, or other online streaming platform*) and made available for public viewing. Visible links to the livestreams will be posted on the district's webpage at the same time as the meeting notice and agenda are posted.

All portions of livestreamed meetings will be visible and audible in real-time, and be of sufficient video and audio quality to allow viewers to hear the comments and identify speakers.

Within two business days of the meeting, the district will publicize the availability of the livestreamed meeting on the district's website.

Technical Disruptions

In the event of an interruption of the livestream during a meeting, the board will make reasonable efforts to restore livestream access. If livestream access cannot be restored, the board will make a clear audio and video recording accessible on the district's website within seven days after the meeting, except for executive sessions held in accordance with state law.

Access to Broadband

The district will make every effort to collaborate with technology partners to develop, enhance, or expand their existing livestreaming capabilities.

In the event that the district has limited or no broadband access, it may request a 12-month extension to comply with the livestream requirements. The request must be submitted to the South Carolina Board of Education's Policy & Legislative Committee, along with proof that reasonable efforts were made to meet the requirements.

Special Accommodations

The board will make reasonable accommodations to ensure accessibility in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Adopted ^

Legal References:

A United States Code of Laws, as amended:

1. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C.A. Section 12101, *et seq.*

B. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 30-4-10, *et seq.* - South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.
2. Section 59-1-340 - Board meetings.
3. Section 59-19-85 - Board meetings livestream mandate.

C. Other:

1. Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 (2023).

Policy BEA Livestreaming of Board Meetings

Issued 10/25

The board is committed to conducting its business in an open and accessible manner in accordance with state law. Therefore, all regular meetings, work sessions, budget workshops, budget hearings, committee meetings, subcommittee meetings, special-called meetings, and public hearing meetings of the board, except for lawfully convened executive sessions, will be live-streamed and recorded for public access. All meetings will be held in a location with sufficient access to quality audio and video equipment.

The meeting will be livestreamed on YouTube and made available for public viewing. Visible links to the livestreams will be posted on the district's webpage at the same time as the meeting notice and agenda are posted.

Within two business days of the meeting, the district will publicize the availability of the livestreamed meeting on the district's website.

In the event of an interruption of the livestream during a meeting, the board will make reasonable efforts to restore livestream access. If livestream access cannot be restored, the board will make a clear audio and video recording accessible on the district's YouTube page within two business days of the meeting.

Adopted 10/21/25

Legal References:

B. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 30-4-10, et seq. - South Carolina Freedom of Information Act
2. Section 59-1-340 - Board meetings
3. Section 59-19-85 - Board meetings livestream mandate

Appendix 1: Livestreaming of Board meetings

All Board meetings includes but is not limited to: regular school board meetings; special-called board meetings; Board Committees and/or subcommittee meetings; Board work sessions; and/or public hearings. These meetings shall be available by means of live video and audio electronic access, hereafter referred to as livestream access, except during a lawful executive session.

- A. Online video services with YouTube and the County Channel shall be utilized and visible links to these livestream services shall be available on the BCSD's webpage upon the posting of public notice of all livestreamed public meetings. BCSD shall work with technology partners to develop and implement the BCSD's ability to provide, expand or improve existing livestream capacity.
- B. All portions of livestreamed meetings must be visible and audible in real time and shall be posted on the BCSD website within no more than two business days of the meeting. In the event of an interruption of the livestream during a meeting, reasonable efforts will be made to restore livestream access. If livestream access cannot be restored, a clear audio and video recording shall be accessible on the BCSD's website within seven days after the meeting.
- C. The broadcast of livestreamed meetings must be of sufficient video and audio quality so that viewers can easily hear the comments and be able to identify who is making comments. Closed captioning service shall be available via the livestreaming services. Livestreamed meetings shall be held in a location with sufficient access to quality audio/video equipment.
- D. The availability of livestreamed meetings shall be publicized on the BCSD website.
- E. Lawful executive sessions shall not be livestreamed.
- F. Penalties for policy violations or noncompliance will be based on escalating tiers based on frequency, duration, and severity. For a first offense, technical guidance may be provided through the South Carolina Department of Education. For subsequent offenses, a warning will be issued, and the BCSD may be required to submit a written plan to the South Carolina Department of Education with specific details on how they will attain compliance. Persistent and egregious violations may be referred to the State Board of Education for review and penalties may be assessed but such determination shall not exceed one percent of state funds to the BCSD.
- G. Reasonable accommodations to ensure accessibility will be provided in accordance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA).

Policy BEA Livestreaming of Board Meetings

Issued 11/25

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The meeting will be livestreamed on the district website and made available for public viewing. Visible links to the livestreams will be posted on the district's webpage.

All portions of livestreamed meetings will be visible and audible in real-time and be of sufficient video and audio quality to allow viewers to hear the comments and identify speakers.

Within two business days of the meeting, the district will publicize the availability of the livestreamed meeting on the district's website.

Technical Disruptions

In the event of an interruption of the livestream during a meeting, the board will make reasonable efforts to restore livestream access. If livestream access cannot be restored, the board will make a clear audio and video recording accessible on the district's website within seven days after the meeting, except for executive sessions held in accordance with state law.

Access to Broadband

The district will make every effort to collaborate with technology partners to develop, enhance, or expand their existing livestreaming capabilities.

Special Accommodations

The board will make reasonable accommodations to ensure accessibility in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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Adopted 11/17/25

Legal References:

United States Code of Laws, as amended:

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, [42 U.S.C.A. Section 12101](#), *et seq.*

S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

[Section 30-4](#)-10, *et seq.* - South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

[Section 59-1](#)-340 - Board meetings.

[Section 59-19](#)-85 - Board meetings livestream mandate.

Other:

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 (2023).

Calhoun County Public Schools

Livestreaming of Board Meetings

Code BEA Issued MODEL/25

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The meeting will be livestreamed on the district website and made available for public viewing. Visible links to the livestreams will be posted on the district's webpage at the same time as the meeting notice and agenda are posted.

All portions of livestreamed meetings will be visible and audible in real-time, and be of sufficient video and audio quality to allow viewers to hear the comments and identify speakers.

Within two business days of the meeting, the district will publicize the availability of the livestreamed meeting on the district's website.

Technical Disruptions

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Access to Broadband

The district will make every effort to collaborate with technology partners to develop, enhance, or expand their existing livestreaming capabilities.

In the event that the district has limited or no broadband access, it may request a 12-month extension to comply with the livestream requirements. The request must be submitted to the South Carolina Board of Education's Policy & Legislative Committee, along with proof that reasonable efforts were made to meet the requirements.

Special Accommodations

The board will make reasonable accommodations to ensure accessibility in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Adopted ^

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3. Section 59-19-85 - Board meetings livestream mandate.

C. Other:

1. Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 (2023).

Policy

LIVESTREAMING OF BOARD MEETINGS

Code **BEA** Adopted: **10/16/2025**

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The meeting will be livestreamed on YouTube, and made available for public viewing. Visible links to the livestreams will be posted on the district's webpage at the same time as the meeting notice and agenda are posted.

All portions of livestreamed meetings will be visible and audible in real-time, and be of sufficient video and audio quality to allow viewers to hear the comments and identify speakers.

Within two business days of the meeting, the district will publicize the availability of the livestreamed meeting on the district's website.

Technical Disruptions

In the event of an interruption of the livestream during a meeting, the board will make reasonable efforts to restore livestream access. If livestream access cannot be restored, the board will make a clear audio and video recording accessible on the district's website within seven days after the meeting, except for executive sessions held in accordance with state law.

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Special Accommodations

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Adopted 10/16/25

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- B. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
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Livestreaming of Board Meetings

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The meeting will be livestreamed on YouTube and made available for public viewing. Visible links to the livestreams will be posted on the agency's webpage at the same time as the meeting notice and agenda are posted.

All portions of livestreamed meetings must be visible and audible in real-time and be of sufficient video and audio quality to allow viewers to hear the comments and identify speakers.

Within two business days of the meeting, the agency will publicize the availability of the livestreamed meeting on the agency's website.

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Violation and Penalties

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Adopted 9/12/25

Legal References:

A. United States Code of Laws, as amended:

Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe

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The meeting will be livestreamed on YouTube and made available for public viewing. Visible links to the livestreams will be posted on the district's webpage at the same time as the meeting notice and agenda are posted.

All portions of livestreamed meetings must be visible and audible in real-time and be of sufficient video and audio quality to allow viewers to hear the comments and identify speakers.

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Adopted 10/13/25

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The meeting will be livestreamed on YouTube or comparable streaming platform and made available for public viewing. Visible links to the livestreams will be posted on the district's webpage at the same time as the meeting notice and agenda are posted.

All portions of livestreamed meetings must be visible and audible in real-time and be of sufficient video and audio quality to allow viewers to hear the comments and identify speakers.

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Violation and Penalties

Policy violations or instances of noncompliance may result in penalties that escalate based on the frequency, duration, and severity of the offense. The first violation may result in the board receiving guidance from the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE). Subsequent violations will result in SCDE issuing a warning, and the district may be required to submit a written plan outlining how it will achieve compliance. If noncompliance persists, the district may be referred to the State Board of Education, which can impose additional penalties of up to one percent of the district's state funding.

Adopted 9/22/25

Legal References:

- A. United States Code of Laws, as amended:
 - 1. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C.A. Section 12101, *et seq.*

- B. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
 - 1. Section 30-4-10, *et seq.* - South Carolina Freedom of Information Act
 - 2. Section 59-1-340 - Board meetings
 - 3. Section 59-19-85 - Board meetings livestream mandate

- C. Other:
 - 1. Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 (2023).

POLICY REGARDING LIVESTREAMING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETINGS

I. Applicability

This policy is adopted by the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School (WLGOS) Board of Trustees pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 59-19-85 and direction of the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDOE) requiring the livestreaming of Board meetings and applies to all meetings of the WLGOS Board occurring on and after January 1, 2026. This includes but is not limited to: regular Board meetings; special called Board meetings; Board committee and/or subcommittee meetings; Board workshops; Board budget workshops and/or hearings; and/or Board public hearings.

II. Policy Implementation

- A. All public meetings of the WLGOS Board, including regular Board meetings; special called Board meetings; Board committee and/or subcommittee meetings; Board workshops; Board budget workshops and/or hearings; and/or Board public hearings, must be livestreamed. All portions of livestreamed meetings must be visible and audible in real time.
- B. All livestreamed meetings must be posted on the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School's website within no more than two business days of the meeting.
- C. The WLGOS Board may consider using an online video service such as YouTube, Vimeo, or Facebook Live and should post visible links to livestreams in advance on the WLGOS webpage and/or social media accounts upon the posting of public notice of all livestreamed public meetings.

- D. The broadcast of livestreamed meetings must be of sufficient video and audio quality so that viewers can easily hear the comments and be able to identify who is making comments. The use of a closed captioning service is strongly encouraged but not required. Livestreamed meetings must be held in a location with sufficient access to quality audio/video equipment.
- E. Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School must publicize the availability of livestreamed meetings.
- F. The requirement of livestreaming Board meetings and this policy do **not** apply to lawful executive sessions.

III. Access to Broadband

SCDOE encourages School districts to work with technology partners to develop and implement their ability to provide, expand or improve existing livestream capacity.

IV. Special Accommodations

The board will make reasonable accommodations to ensure accessibility in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

V. Noncompliance

SCDOE may, in its discretion, impose penalties for violations of or noncompliance

with this policy. Penalties will be based on escalating tiers based on frequency

duration, and severity. For a first offense, technical guidance may be provided through the SCDOE. For subsequent offenses, a warning will be issued by SCDOE

and the district may be required to submit a written plan to SCDOE with specific details on how the district will attain compliance. Persistent and egregious violations may be referred to the State Board of Education for review and penalties may be assessed but such determination shall not exceed one percent of state funds to the district, charter school, or special school.

ADOPTED by the Board this 3 day of December 2025.

Mrs. Moser

WLGOS Board Chair

Policy BEA Livestreaming of Board Meetings

Issued 11/25

The board is committed to conducting its business in an open and accessible manner in accordance with state law. Therefore, all regular meetings, work sessions, budget workshops, budget hearings, committee meetings, subcommittee meetings, special-called meetings, and public hearing meetings of the board, except for lawfully convened executive sessions, will be live-streamed and recorded for public access. The meeting will be held in a location with sufficient access to quality audio and video equipment.

The meeting will be livestreamed on YouTube and made available for public viewing. Visible links to the livestreams will be posted on the district's webpage at the same time as the meeting notice and agenda are posted.

All portions of livestreamed meetings must be visible and audible in real-time and be of sufficient video and audio quality to allow viewers to hear the comments and identify speakers.

Within two business days of the meeting, the district will publicize the availability of the livestreamed meeting on the district's website.

Technical Disruptions

In the event of an interruption of the livestream during a meeting, the board will make reasonable efforts to restore livestream access. If livestream access cannot be restored, the board will make a clear audio and video recording accessible on the district's website within seven days after the meeting, except for executive sessions held in accordance with state law.

Access to Broadband

The district will make every effort to collaborate with technology partners to develop, enhance, or expand their existing livestreaming capabilities.

In the event that the district has limited or no broadband access, it may request a 12-month extension to comply with the livestream requirements. The request must be submitted to the South Carolina Board of Education's Policy & Legislative Committee, along with proof that reasonable efforts were made to meet the requirements.

Special Accommodations

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Violation and Penalties

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Adopted 11/18/25

Legal References:

United States Code of Laws, as amended:

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, [42 U.S.C.A. Section 12101](#), *et seq.*

S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

[Section 30-4](#)-10, *et seq.* - South Carolina Freedom of Information Act

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Other:

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