Policy

**NEWS MEDIA SERVICES AT BOARD MEETINGS**

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The board believes that one of its paramount responsibilities is to keep the public informed about the district’s operations, programs, and progress. Therefore, the press and public are welcome to attend board meetings.

The superintendent will send a copy of the agenda in advance of all official board meetings to members of the press who request it. In the event that representatives of news media are unable to attend a meeting, they will be provided the meeting minutes upon request.

When individual board members receive requests from news media representatives for information about board meetings, members will refer the information seekers to the board chair. The board chair is the official public spokesperson for the board (except as the board specifically delegates this responsibility to others). If a board member speaks to the media in his/her individual capacity, he/she will inform the media he/she is not speaking for the board.

Adopted 1/29/19

Legal References:

A. 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; meetings open to news media.