

NEWS MEDIA SERVICES AT BOARD MEETINGS

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for news media notification of and attendance at board meetings.

The board believes that one of its paramount responsibilities is to keep the public informed of its actions. 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 working press who request it. In the event that representatives of news media are unable to attend a meeting, upon request they will be provided a summary of important board actions.

All reports approved by the board will be a matter of official record and, upon request, the superintendent will make these reports available to the press or other members of the public.

When individual board members receive requests from news media representatives for information about board meetings, members will refer the information seekers to the board chairman. The board chairman will be the official public spokesperson for the board (except as the board specifically delegates this responsibility to others).

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Legal references:

- A. S.C. Code 1976, as amended:
 - 1. Section 30-4-10, et seq. - South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.
 - 2. Section 59-1-340 - Board meetings open to news media.