

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Board of Trustees

FROM: Rebecca Blackburn Hines
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DATE: August 12, 2025

RE: Model Policy Requiring Livestreaming of School Board Meetings

The State Board of Education (SBE) has adopted a Model Policy Requiring Livestreaming of School Board Meetings, pursuant to S.C. Code §59-19-85 as enacted by the General Assembly during the 2025 legislative session.

The policy adopted by the SBE includes several key provisions that must be followed to ensure full compliance:

1. This policy refers to all meetings of a public school governing body, including the governing bodies of charter schools and special schools, as defined under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.
2. Each local school district must adopt a policy that requires the livestreaming of school board meetings that includes, at a minimum, the SBE model policy.
3. Each local school district must adopt a policy requiring the livestreaming of school board meetings within three months of the adoption of the SBE model policy, which is no later than November 5th, 2025.
4. School districts are required to submit a copy of their local policy to the Superintendent of Education for SBE approval.

For additional information concerning the Model Policy Requiring Livestreaming of School Board Meetings or to submit a district's approved model policy, please contact Rebecca Blackburn Hines, Board & Policy Liaison, at rbhines@ed.sc.gov.