

## FOIA: ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

FOIA allows a public body:

- (1) To permit an individual member to participate electronically
- (2) To arrange in advance to hold a hybrid meeting at which at least a quorum is physically present at the meeting site and others are participating electronically
- (3) During a declared emergency, to meet electronically to deal with the emergency

The rules regarding (1) changed slightly in 2021 General Assembly

The rules for (1) require that the Board have a policy in place to allow the Chair to approve or disapprove the electronic participation by the individual member

The Board has a policy in place

The changes in 2021 necessitate that the policy be updated:

- Request related to the medical condition of a family member
- Requests related to personal matter now limited to no more than 25% of meetings

## 2021 CHANGES

### Two reasons for an individual member request:

- Due to the member's medical condition or disability, or medical condition of a family member that requires the member's assistance
- A specifically identified personal matter, but limited to 2 meetings per calendar year, or 25% of the meetings held per calendar year, whichever is greater

The document before you updates the policy to incorporate the new changes under FOIA