



## ABSENCE OF A BOARD MEMBER

Whenever possible, each director shall give advance notice to the President or Superintendent of his/her inability to attend a Board meeting. A majority of the board may excuse a director's absence from a meeting if requested to do so. If a board member is unable to attend a board meeting in person, he or she may attend remotely via zoom or over the phone. Remote attendance will not be counted as an absence.

The board may declare a director's position vacant after four (4) consecutive unexcused absences from regular board meetings if the absences were for reasons other than: 1) illness; 2) active or training military duty; or 3) those authorized by resolution of the board.

If a director is on active duty or training status with the military, the board will grant an extended leave of absence to cover the period of service or training. The extended leave of absence may not have the effect of extending the director's term. The board also has the authority to appoint a temporary successor to the absent director's position. The temporary successor shall serve until the board member returns or until the end of the director's term.

Cross References:                      1220 – Board Officers and Duties of Board Member  
                                                 1114 – Board Member Resignation and Vacancy

Legal References:                      RCW 28A.343.390 Quorum – Failure to attend meetings  
                                                 RCW 73.16.041 Leaves of absence of elective and judicial  
                                                 officers  
                                                 RCW 42.12.010 Causes of vacancy