



TMRS Governance Discussion – Board Telephone Conferencing and Videoconferencing Policy

TMRS Board of Trustees Meeting

Presented in Connection with TMRS Strategic Plan Goal 3

February 13-14, 2020



Discussion Overview



- A law enacted in 2019 (SB 1337) now allows TMRS board meetings to be conducted by teleconference or video conference, if desired.
- At the July 2019 Board meeting, the Board requested to consider establishing a policy to address the new options.
- Considerations:
 - Current Boardroom is equipped to handle some, but not all options.
 - Law requires when using video conference to audio record the meeting and make it available to the public.
- Staff reached out to three other Texas statewide systems to understand their practices.
- If the Board is interested in developing a policy, staff and Mosaic have provided some general questions to discuss.

What is the Consensus Preference of the Board?

1. Does the Board prefer that Trustees attend meetings in person, rather than remotely?

2. Would the Board want to specify that, if a Trustee does participate remotely, they are expected to participate with the same level of focus and professionalism that they do when they attend meetings in person?

3. Can the Board Chairman participate remotely? If so, should the meeting then be presided over by the Vice Chairman?

4. Should roll call votes on agenda items be required when any Board members are participating remotely?

What is the Consensus Preference of the Board? (continued)



5. Would the Board want to:
 - a. Utilize such meetings for a variety of purposes or more as a “last resort” option? If as a “last resort”, what does the Board mean by that?
 - b. Limit the number of meetings per year that could be done by teleconference or video conference?
 - c. Limit the number of Trustees that could participate remotely at each meeting?
 - d. Limit the number of meetings per year that each Trustee could participate remotely?
 - e. Require annual reporting, perhaps at the time of Board self-evaluations, of each Trustee’s record of attending meetings in person or by teleconference or video conference?



Next Steps | Open Discussion