

Centennial Academy
Governance Committee Meeting Report
Response to Bylaws Review
September 26, 2022

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After reviewing current adopted Bylaws, we have discovered a need to revise with an Amendment to be in compliance in regards to our Zoom meetings.

Currently, our Bylaws state the following:

In ARTICLE IV, Section 5, it states that:

"A Board member may not participate in more than two meetings via teleconference per year, unless there is a medical reason or other emergency preventing his or her presence at such meetings."

The Governance Committee would like to bring to the board the following language to amend the Bylaws to remain in compliance of the Open Meetings Act, OCGA 50-14-1(g):

1. "circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety or the preservation of property or public services, agencies or committees thereof not otherwise permitted by subsection (f) of this Code section to conduct meetings by teleconference may meet by means of teleconference so long as the notice required by this chapter is provided and means are afforded for the public to have simultaneous access to the teleconference meeting." The statute was amended in 2021 to provide that "emergency conditions" include "declarations of federal, state, or local states of emergency."