COMMISSION SCOLAIRE EASTERN SHORES
EASTERN SHORES SCHOOL BOARD

By-Law Name:	Virtual Participation
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1. REFERENCE

Articles 169 and 182 of the Education Act (C I-1.13.3)

2. APPLICATION

Unless otherwise indicated this By-Law shall apply to commissioners and parent commissioners as defined under article 143 of the Education Act.

3. OBJECTIVE

This by-law is to determine the circumstances whereby commissioners may participate in a meeting of the Executive Committee and/or Council of Commissioners of which they are a member, with the help of methods allowing participants to communicate directly with each other.

4. PRESENCE:

- At least one commissioner or the director general must be physically present at the place of the meeting. (169 & 182)

- Any commissioner who participates in a meeting through methods allowing participants to communicate directly with each other is deemed to be present at the meeting. (169 & 182)

5.   BY-LAW APPLICATION

A member of a decision-making organization may participate in a meeting of the organization of which he is a member via tele-presence (telephone, video-conference, etc) which allows participants to communicate directly with each other in the following cases:

- when, for professional reasons, they cannot be physically present;
- when, due to distances, they cannot be physically present;
- when, exceptionally and for personal reasons, they cannot be physically present.

6.   CONDITIONS

In order to have access to such means of communication, a member of a decision-making organization must:

- advise the School Board (Director General or Secretary General) at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting;
- use an existing method of communication at the School Board.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This present by-law comes into effect on the date of publication of a notice of its adoption.

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Chairperson   Secretary General