

RESOLUTION 151

WHEREAS, as allowed by Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act and Section 2.04.330 of the Sangamon County Code, a Board member may participate in a meeting remotely if the need for remote participation is caused by an allowed circumstance and other prerequisites are satisfied; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 100-477, effective July 28, 2023, amended Section 7 of the OMA to include an additional circumstance (i.e., “unexpected childcare obligations”) whose existence may allow a Board member to participate remotely in a meeting; and

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act requires that Section 2.024.330 of the Sangamon County Code conform to Section 7’s requirements and restrictions, thus necessitating an amendment to Section 2.024.330 to bring about the required conformity given the aforementioned amendment to Section 7.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Members of the Board of Sangamon County, Illinois, in session this __8th__ day of __October__ 2024, that Section 2.04.330 of the Sangamon County Code is hereby amended, all as shown on Exhibit A hereto, so that “unexpected childcare obligations” is included as one of the circumstances whose existence allows a Board member to participate remotely in a meeting if the other requirements to remote participation are satisfied.

Approved by the ___ Finance Committee ___ October 8, 2024 ___

_____, Chairman

Chairman, Sangamon County Board

ATTEST:

County Clerk

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Sangamon County Clerk

2.04.330 Attendance: Absence Deemed Cause for Removal When

Each member shall regularly and promptly attend all of the duly called meetings of his committee(s) and of the board.

In order to have an excused absence, a member must contact the county board coordinator not less than one hour before the scheduled committee or board meeting.

Excused absences without limit are allowed only due to illness, a work-related issue beyond the member's control or travel outside of Sangamon County. A member may have four excused absences in a fiscal year for reasons other than illness or out of county travel. Any absences in excess of four shall be deemed unexcused.

If a member exceeds five unexcused absences from committee or board meetings, or any combination thereof, his/her pay shall be reduced at the rate of thirty-five dollars per meeting missed.

Special rules regarding the conduct of committee meetings, such as starting time, use of cell phones, etc., shall be determined by the committee chairman.

Repeated unexcused absences from duly called meetings of a committee to which a member has been assigned or appointed shall be cause for the removal of such member from such committee, at the discretion of the chairman of the board.

If a quorum of the members of the County Board or any of its committees is physically present, a majority of the Board or committee may allow a member of that body to attend the meeting by other means (audio or video conferencing) if the member is prevented from physically attending because of:

1. Personal illness or disability;
2. Employment purposes or the business of the County Board; ~~or~~
3. A family or other emergency; or
4. Unexpected childcare obligations

The member must notify the recording secretary or Sangamon County Clerk before the meeting unless advance notice is impractical.

(Res. 15, January 8, 2002; Res. 12 (part), June 12, 2001).

(Res. No. 29, 5-14-2019)