



On March 30, 2020, Governor Scott signed H.681 into law, making the following temporary changes to Vermont's Open Meeting Law which are in effect during the declared state of emergency due to COVID-19:

Designated Meeting Location Not Required

1. A quorum or more members of a school board may attend a regular, special or emergency meeting by electronic or other means without being physically present at a designated meeting location.
2. The school board is not required to designate a physical meeting location where the public may attend.
3. School board members and staff are not required to be physically present at a designated meeting location.

Public Access to Electronic Meetings

1. When a school board meets electronically, it must use technology that permits the attendance of the public through electronic or other means.
2. Whenever feasible, the board must allow the public to access the meeting by telephone.
3. School boards must post information on how the public may access meetings electronically and must include this information in the published agenda for each meeting.

Recording of Meetings is Required

Each school board is required to record its meetings unless unusual circumstances make it impossible for them to do so.

Extension of Time for Posting of Minutes in Event of Staffing Shortage

In the event of a staffing shortage during the declared state of emergency, a school board may extend the time limit for posting of minutes required by 1 VSA § 312(b)(2) to not more than 10 days from the date of the meeting.