

## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**October 14, 2025**

### ***SUBJECT:***

Adoption of the following policy:

Policy BEA Livestreaming of Board Meetings

### ***BACKGROUND INFORMATION:***

This act amends the South Carolina Code of Laws by adding Section 59-19-85 to make school board meetings more accessible to the public. It requires school boards to create and follow policies that provide livestreams or other electronic ways to view meetings. The State Board of Education will set related guidelines and all provisions must be in place by January 1, 2026.

### ***ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:***

Administration recommends the adoption of Policy BEA Livestreaming of Board Meetings as stated in South Carolina Code of Laws requiring school boards to create and follow policies that provide livestreams or other electronic ways to view school board meetings.

### ***RECOMMENDATION:***

Approve the following policy:

Policy BEA Livestreaming of Board Meetings, First Reading

### ***ATTACHMENTS:***

Policy BEA Livestreaming of Board Meetings

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written plan outlining how it will achieve compliance. If noncompliance persists, the district may be referred to the State Board of Education, which can impose additional penalties of up to one percent of the district's state funding.

Adopted 10/28/25

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### Legal References:

- A. United States Code of Laws, as amended:
  - 1. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C.A. Section 12101, *et seq.*
- B. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
  - 1. Section 30-4-10, *et seq.* - South Carolina Freedom of Information Act
  - 2. Section 59-1-340 - Board meetings
  - 3. Section 59-19-85 - Board meetings livestream mandate
- C. Other:
  - 1. Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 (2023).