

## **RESOLUTION 26-015 – First Reading of Amended Board Policy-BBDD-Board Attendance**

**Background:** This policy has been updated to align with ORS 334.095 regarding Education Service District board member duties and vacancies. The statute provides that a board position may be declared vacant if a member ceases to discharge the duties of office for two consecutive months, unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable cause.

The revised policy clarifies expectations for Board member attendance at Executive Sessions, Regular Sessions, and Special Sessions, and establishes a clear process for excused and unexcused absences. It further outlines the procedure for review and potential action should a Board member's absences exceed allowable limits under statute.

These updates ensure statutory compliance, promote accountability, and provide a transparent and consistent process for addressing attendance concerns while honoring circumstances permitted under law.

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**WHEREAS**, the Multnomah Education Service District Board of Directors Policy Committee reviewed and discussed Board Policy BBDD-Board Attendance;

**WHEREAS**, the Multnomah Education Service District Board of Directors Policy Committee recommends the Board adopt Board Policy BBDD-Board Attendance;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Board Policy BBDD-Board Attendance is approved as written or as further modified.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if no further discussion is required, Board Policy BBDD-Board Attendance is approved as proposed and does not require a second reading.

## Board Attendance

MESD Board members are expected to attend all Board meetings (Executive Sessions, Regular Board Session and Special Board Sessions) unless excused in advance by the chair of the Board and/or the superintendent.

Failure to seek and be granted an excused absence in advance will cause any absence to be considered unexcused. ~~The maximum number of allowable unexcused meetings is one-fifth of all Board meetings.~~  
~~If a Board member ceases to discharge the duties of office for two consecutive months unless prevented from discharging the duties by sickness or other unavoidable cause,~~ the Board member's record will exceed the allowable unexcused absences. At this time the Board chair and vice chair will, within 30 days of such violation, address the Board member's absences and the reasons for such absences. Thereafter, the Board chair and vice chair may make a recommendation for action to the MESD Board.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 334.090](#)

[ORS 334.095](#)  
[ORS 408.240](#)