

DeKalb Public Library Electronic Participation Policy

POLICY STATEMENT:

The DeKalb Public Library Board of Trustees complies with the Illinois Open Meetings Act and allows for remote participation in Board meetings by Board members for the following OMA-allowed reasons: (1) personal illness or disability, (2) employment purposes or the business of the Library, (3) a family or other emergency, or (4) unexpected childcare obligations. Remote participation is not allowed for Board members who are not present due to vacations.

The request to attend remotely should come to the Library Director at a minimum of 24 hours in advance of the meeting, unless advance notice is impractical. The Board will vote to authorize the remote attendance at the start of the meeting. A member of the Board who has been authorized to attend a meeting remotely will be able to participate in the meeting in the same capacity as those members physically present, will have the right to be heard, considered, and counted as to any vote taken during the meeting, and will have the right to participate in any closed session remotely. Voting by the remote attendee will be allowed. A physical quorum must be present to hold any meeting where remote attendance is authorized.

The Board may also hold remote participation Board Meetings without a physical presence of a quorum of members so long as the conditions provided for under Section 120/7(e) of the Open Meetings Act are satisfied.

Approved by the DeKalb Public Library Board of Trustees 07/2025