



# VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

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# AGENDA ITEM

**Agenda Item:** O

**Date:** July 21, 2022

**Title:** First Review of Proposed Revisions to the *Bylaws of the Virginia Board of Education*

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**Purpose of Presentation:**  
Review/action required by Board of Education bylaws.

### Executive Summary

The *Bylaws of the Virginia Board of Education* (“*Bylaws*”) are the rules governing the Virginia Board of Education (Board). The *Bylaws* were first adopted by the Board in 2000 and were subsequently amended in 2001, 2004, and 2016.

VDOE staff has made proposed revisions to the *Bylaws* in order to account for changes to Virginia law, clarify processes, and general technical edits. Notable changes have been made to the directions regarding identification of personal interest and recusal (Article Four, Section 10), electronic participation (Article Four, Section 11), directions for executive sections (Article Five), agenda for meetings (Article Seven), and constitutional responsibilities (Article Fourteen).

The suggested revisions are being presented by the Board for consideration and general discussion. VDOE staff will take note of additional changes requested by members of the Board to bring for final review in September.

According to Article Twelve of the *Bylaws*, any amendment requires a vote of at least seven members of the Board after a first and final review has been completed at two separate meetings. The requirement for a first and final review at two separate meetings may not be waived by the Board, unless such waiver is approved by every member of the Board.

**Action Requested:**

Action will be requested at a future meeting. Specify anticipated date below:  
September 15, 2022

**Superintendent’s Recommendation**

The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education receive the proposed revisions to the *Bylaws of the Virginia Board of Education* for first review.

**Previous Review or Action:**

No previous review or action.

**Background Information and Statutory Authority:**

Section [22.1-16](#) of the Code of Virginia states that “[t]he Board of Education may adopt bylaws for its own government and promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out its powers and duties and the provisions of this title.” The *Bylaws* were first adopted on June 22, 2000, and were subsequently amended in October 2000, October 2001, September 2004, and February 2016.

**Timetable for Further Review/Action:**

It is anticipated that this item will return to the Board for final review on September 15, 2022. Following Board approval, copies of the Bylaws will be provided to all members and posted on the Board’s webpage.

**Impact on Fiscal and Human Resources:**

This action will not affect the VDOE’s resources nor will it have an impact on local school divisions’ resources.