



Policy 1.6  
**BOARD MEMBER VOTING**  
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### **Establishment of a Quorum**

A quorum of the Board is a majority of the membership of the Board. No vote or other board action may be taken unless there is a quorum present. Except as provided in Policy 1.6.1—ATTENDING MEETINGS REMOTELY, a Board member must be physically present at a meeting to be counted toward establishing a quorum or to be eligible to vote. A majority of the quorum voting affirmatively is necessary for the passage of any motion. A quorum must be physically present for a board to enter executive session.

### **Voting and failure to vote**

Except as provided in Policy 1.6.1—ATTENDING MEETINGS REMOTELY, all Board members, including the President, shall vote on each motion, following a second and discussion of that motion.

Failure of any Board member to vote, while physically present in the meeting room, shall be counted as a “no” vote, i.e., a vote against the motion.

Only those votes taken by the Board in open session are legally binding. No motion made or vote taken in executive session is legally binding, although a non-binding, unofficial and non-recorded vote may be taken in executive session to establish consensus or further discussion.

### **Abstentions from Voting**

In order for a Board member to abstain from voting, he must declare a conflict and remove himself from the meeting room during the vote. A Board member who removes himself/herself from a meeting during a vote due to a conflict of interest shall not be considered present at the meeting for the purpose of establishing a quorum until the member returns to the meeting after the vote.

<p>Cross Reference: 1.6.1-ATTENDING MEETINGS REMOTELY Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-13-619 © Former Policy: 1.6R Adopted: ND History BOE: 7/11/2013, 5/11/2015 Revised: 7/1/2011, 7/16/2013</p>
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