

Rule

Meetings of the District's Board of Directors are open to the public. The District's Board recognizes the importance of protecting the right of the media and all citizens to photograph and record meetings of the District's Board and encourages citizen participation in the local government process. The District's Board also recognizes the necessity for conducting orderly and efficient meetings to complete District business in a timely manner.

The use of still cameras is permitted during the District's Board meetings provided flash attachments are used with discretion and do not present an unnecessary disruption to the proceedings as determined by the Chair of the Board. Photographers may photograph from the back of the room or the center aisle of public seating but not beyond the first row of seats.

The use of video cameras is permitted during the District's Board meetings, provided the videotaping does not present an unnecessary disruption to the proceedings as determined by the Chair of the Board. Camera operators may videotape from the back of the meeting room or the center aisle of public seating but not beyond the first row of seats.

The Facility Manager shall ensure the room for all Board meetings is open at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the beginning of Board meetings to allow microphones for video and audio recording to be placed on the Board table before the meeting is called to order. Microphones for video or audio recording may only be removed with permission from the Chair of the Board during the meeting or during recess or after adjournment.

Persons videotaping or taking photographs are asked to be courteous to those in attendance by not blocking their view of the proceedings. Anyone failing to follow this Rule will be asked by the Chair of the Board to comply.

Persons shall not videotape, audio tape, or take photographs of the closed portion of any meeting of the District's Board without permission from the District's Board.

The Chair of the Board may file a criminal complaint with the County Prosecutor's Office against anyone who videotapes, audio tapes, or takes photographs of a closed portion of a meeting of the Board without permission from the District's Board.

Anyone refusing to obey the orders of the Chair of the Board to comply with this Rule shall not be considered orderly or decorous as defined by *Standing Rule #007*.

STANDING RULE: **Photographing and Recording Board Meetings #010**
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STATUTORY REFERENCES

RSMo §§321.220(12) and 321.600(12)
RSMo §610.020.3

REVISION HISTORY

| Revision Date | Author | Revision Details |
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| August 18, 2021 | Monte Olsen | Initial version |
| October 10, 2021 | Monte Olsen | Removal of redundant fully spelled out District and Board wording; harmonized use of “seats” instead of “seats” and “chairs”; clarified that the room will be open for all Board meetings; spelled out “15”; softened “shall” to “will” or “may” regarding asking videographers to not block viewers and filing a criminal complaint; corrected grammar “permission of the Board” to “permission from the Board”; broadened with whom a criminal complaint can be filed, i.e., “Prosecutor’s Office” not just the “Prosecutor”; capitalized “Rule”; and added statutory reference |
| April 3, 2022 | Monte Olsen | Added footer and removed District name from rule; removed reference to a specific County |