

COUNTY OF AROOSTOOK
Remote Participation Policy
Adopted Pursuant to Title 1 MRSA § 403-B

Purpose

It is the policy of the County of Aroostook to allow elected members of the Board of County Commissioners and Finance Committee, appointed County employees and the general public to participate in all public meetings as defined by Title 1 § 403 M.R.S.A. by remote means including but not limited to telephonic and video conferencing capabilities.

Conditions and Requirements

Members of the public body (elected officials) are expected to be physically present for public proceedings except when being physically present is not practicable. Circumstances in which physical presence for one or more members is not practicable shall include:

1. The existence of an emergency or urgent issue that requires the public body to meet by remote methods;
2. Illness, other physical condition or temporary absence from the jurisdiction of the body that causes a member of the body to face significant difficulties traveling to and attending in person at the location in the notice provided by Title 1 § 406 M.R.S.A.; and

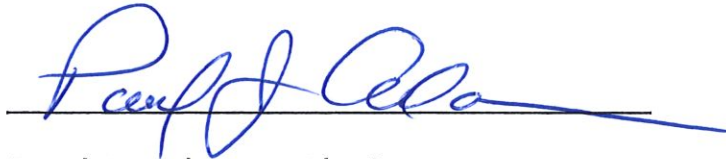
8. All votes taken during a public proceeding using remote methods must be taken by roll call vote that can be seen and heard if using video technology, and heard if using only audio technology, by other members of the public body and the public; and
9. All documents and other materials considered by the public body will be made available electronically or otherwise to the public who attend by remote methods to the same extent customarily available to members of the public who attend the proceedings in person.
10. This policy repeals County of Aroostook Policy on Telephone Conferencing/Video Conferencing adopted on December 7, 2011 and Amended October 3, 2012.

Effective Date

The policy is effective on the date it is adopted following a public hearing held on July 21, 2021 at Houlton, Maine. It may be amended by the Board of County Commissioners following the provisions on Title 1 § 403-B M.R.S.A.

Aroostook County Board of County Commissioners

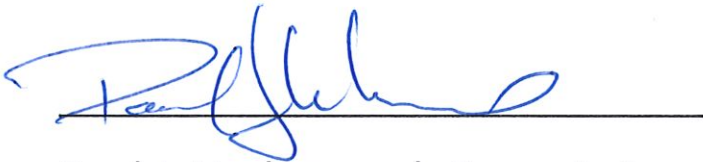
July 21, 2021 at Houlton, Maine:

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Paul J. Adams, Chairperson

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Norman L. Fournier", written over a horizontal line.

Norman L. Fournier, Commissioner

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Underwood", written over a horizontal line.

Paul J. Underwood, Commissioner

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan D. Pelletier", written over a horizontal line.

Ryan D. Pelletier, County Administrator/County Clerk