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0165.2 - SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Board shall be public. R.C. 121.22

- A. Special meetings which include emergency meetings, shall be called by the President or the Treasurer or by two (2) members of the Board by serving a written notice of the time and place of such meeting upon each Board member at least two (2) days in advance of the meeting. The notice shall be signed by the official or members calling the meeting. R.C. 3313.16
- B. The agenda for a special meeting, ~~other than a rescheduled regular meeting~~, is limited to the purpose(s) set forth in the public notice that is provided at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting. At the special meeting, the Board may only discuss those issues set forth on the agenda, whether in open session or executive session.
- C. (X) Emergency meetings are a subset of special meetings of the Board, and may be called by the President, Treasurer, or by two (2) members of the Board. Notice of the time, place, and purpose(s) of an emergency meeting will be given immediately to Board members and to the news media that have requested notification. The agenda for an emergency meeting is confined to the announced purpose(s) of the meeting.

~~DRAFTING NOTE: Emergency meetings are not addressed in State law; however, case law suggests that public bodies may convene this type of special meeting when a situation requires immediate official action. If such action is not actually necessary, eg., where a Board has waited until the last minute to act on a matter that could have been addressed earlier, courts have and may well again invalidate the action as a violation of the Open Meeting law. As such, emergency meetings should be carefully considered and we recommend consultation with legal counsel prior to calling one.]~~

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