



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

## UPDATE TO POLICY ON ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD, AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD POLICY T.19

*"Obey the government, for God is the One who has put it there. There is no government anywhere that God has not placed in power. So those who refuse to obey the law of the land are refusing to obey God, and punishment will follow." Romans 13:1-2*

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### RECOMMENDATION REPORT

#### Vision:

*At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.*

#### Mission:

*The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.*

*We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.*



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## **A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report recommends updating the current Policy on Electronic Participation in Meetings of the Board, Committees of the Board, and the Committee of the Whole Board Policy T.19 to conform to current legal requirements and policies.

*The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 3 hours.*

## **B. PURPOSE**

This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of the Governance and Policy Committee as it recommends policy revision.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. The Policy was first approved in October 2013 and was amended in October of 2018.
2. Changes to this policy reflect current legal requirement alignment with related policies:
  - (i) Education Act
  - (ii) Ontario Regulation 463/97
  - (iii) Municipal Conflict of Interest Act
  - (iv) Student Trustee Policy T.02
  - (v) TCDSB Operating By-Laws #175

## **D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS**

This policy has been amended in consultation with staff from the Facilities and Communications Departments, Field Superintendents and Legal Services.

## **E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

1. Recommendations in this report will be monitored by policy development staff
2. Further reports will be brought to Board in accordance with the policy review schedule.

## **F. IMPLEMENTATION**

The updated policy as approved will be posted on the TCDSB policy register.

## **G. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Governance and Policy Committee recommends that the revised Policy on Electronic Participation in Meetings of the Board, Committees of the Board, and the Committee of the Whole Board Policy T.19 provided in Report Appendix A, and the accompanying Operational Procedures provided in Report Appendix B, be adopted.