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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION

H. F. No. 39

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to open meetings; requiring public comments at all open meetings of public
1.3 bodies, including those conducted by electronic means; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2020, sections 13D.015, subdivisions 2, 4; 13D.02, subdivision 1; 13D.021,
1.5 subdivisions 1, 3; 35.0661, subdivision 1; 41A.0235; 41B.026; 116L.03, subdivision
1.6 8; 116M.15, subdivision 5; 116U.25; 129C.105; 134.31, subdivision 7; 176.102,
1.7 subdivision 3c; 248.10; 256.482, subdivision 5b; 256.975, subdivision 2a; 256C.28,
1.8 subdivision 7; 268A.02, subdivision 3; 326B.32, subdivision 7; 326B.435,
1.9 subdivision 7; 326B.925, subdivision 7; 462A.041; proposing coding for new law
1.10 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

1.11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.12 Section 1. 13D.013 PUBLIC COMMENT REQUIRED.

1.13 (a) At an open meeting of a public body subject to this chapter, the body must allow a
1.14 public comment period to permit members of the public to directly address the body on any
1.15 agenda item before or during the body's consideration of that item. A public body is not
1.16 required to allow public comment during any closed meeting.

1.17 (b) A public body may adopt reasonable rules and regulations regarding public comments,
1.18 including but not limited to regulations limiting the total amount of time allocated for public
1.19 comments on a particular issue or for each individual speaker. A public body may limit the
1.20 scope of public comments to the specific agenda item currently before the body.

1.21 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 13D.015, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.22 Subd. 2. **Conditions.** An entity listed in subdivision 1 may conduct a meeting governed
1.23 by this section and section 13D.01, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, and 5, by telephone or other
1.24 electronic means so long as the following conditions are met:

2.1 (1) all members of the entity participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location,  
2.2 can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

2.3 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the entity can hear  
2.4 all discussion and all votes of members of the entity and participate in testimony or public  
2.5 comment periods;

2.6 (3) at least one member of the entity is physically present at the regular meeting location;  
2.7 and

2.8 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
2.9 identified and recorded.

2.10 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 13D.015, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

2.11 Subd. 4. **Monitoring from remote site; costs.** If telephone or another electronic means  
2.12 is used to conduct a meeting, the entity, to the extent practical, shall allow a person to  
2.13 monitor the meeting electronically from a remote location as well as participate in testimony  
2.14 or public comment periods. The entity may require the person making a connection to pay  
2.15 for documented marginal costs that the entity incurs as a result of the additional connection.

2.16 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 13D.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.17 Subdivision 1. **Conditions.** (a) A meeting governed by section 13D.01, subdivisions 1,  
2.18 2, 4, and 5, and this section may be conducted by interactive television so long as:

2.19 (1) all members of the body participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location,  
2.20 can hear and see one another and can hear and see all discussion and testimony presented  
2.21 at any location at which at least one member is present;

2.22 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the body can hear  
2.23 and see all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the body as well as  
2.24 participate in testimony or public comment periods;

2.25 (3) at least one member of the body is physically present at the regular meeting location;

2.26 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call so each member's vote on each issue can be  
2.27 identified and recorded; and

2.28 (5) each location at which a member of the body is present is open and accessible to the  
2.29 public.

2.30 (b) A meeting satisfies the requirements of paragraph (a), although a member of the  
2.31 public body participates from a location that is not open or accessible to the public, if the

3.1 member has not participated more than three times in a calendar year from a location that  
3.2 is not open or accessible to the public, and:

3.3 (1) the member is serving in the military and is at a required drill, deployed, or on active  
3.4 duty; or

3.5 (2) the member has been advised by a health care professional against being in a public  
3.6 place for personal or family medical reasons. This clause only applies when a state of  
3.7 emergency has been declared under section 12.31, and expires 60 days after the removal of  
3.8 the state of emergency.

3.9 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 13D.021, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

3.10 Subdivision 1. **Conditions.** A meeting governed by this section and section 13D.01,  
3.11 subdivisions 1, 2, 4, and 5, may be conducted by telephone or other electronic means so  
3.12 long as the following conditions are met:

3.13 (1) the presiding officer, chief legal counsel, or chief administrative officer for the  
3.14 affected governing body determines that an in-person meeting or a meeting conducted under  
3.15 section 13D.02 is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or an emergency  
3.16 declared under chapter 12;

3.17 (2) all members of the body participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location,  
3.18 can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

3.19 (3) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the body can hear  
3.20 all discussion and testimony and all votes of the members of the body as well as participate  
3.21 in testimony or public comment periods, unless attendance at the regular meeting location  
3.22 is not feasible due to the health pandemic or emergency declaration;

3.23 (4) at least one member of the body, chief legal counsel, or chief administrative officer  
3.24 is physically present at the regular meeting location, unless unfeasible due to the health  
3.25 pandemic or emergency declaration; and

3.26 (5) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
3.27 identified and recorded.

3.28 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 13D.021, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

3.29 Subd. 3. **Monitoring from remote site; costs.** If telephone or another electronic means  
3.30 is used to conduct a meeting, to the extent practical, the body shall allow a person to monitor  
3.31 the meeting electronically from a remote location and to participate in testimony or public

4.1 comment periods. The body may require the person making a connection to pay for the  
 4.2 documented additional cost that the body incurs as a result of the additional connection.

4.3 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 35.0661, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

4.4 Subdivision 1. **Disastrous animal disease outbreaks; declaration of emergency.** (a)  
 4.5 If the board determines that a confirmed case of a disease in this state presents a substantial  
 4.6 and imminent threat to the state's domestic animal population, it shall certify the case to the  
 4.7 governor. After receiving certification from the board, the governor may declare an  
 4.8 emergency under this section for purposes of allowing the board to establish quarantine  
 4.9 zones of control to protect the health of domestic animals from animal diseases of potentially  
 4.10 disastrous proportions. The governor may declare an emergency under this section without  
 4.11 declaring a peacetime emergency under section 12.31. A declaration under this section may  
 4.12 specify that it applies to all or certain units of state or local government, must specify the  
 4.13 time period for which it applies, and must be filed with the secretary of state. This section  
 4.14 is in addition to and does not limit authority granted to the governor or local government  
 4.15 officials by chapter 12 or other law.

4.16 (b) The board may meet by electronic means without violating state open meeting laws  
 4.17 for the purpose of declaring that a confirmed case of a disease in this state presents a  
 4.18 substantial and imminent threat to the state's domestic animal population. If the board meets  
 4.19 by electronic means for this purpose, it shall comply with the emergency meeting notice  
 4.20 provisions of section 13D.04, subdivision 3, and, to the fullest extent possible, provide  
 4.21 public and media access to the meeting, including the ability to participate in testimony or  
 4.22 public comment periods.

4.23 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 41A.0235, is amended to read:

4.24 **41A.0235 BOARD MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC**  
 4.25 **MEANS.**

4.26 (a) If compliance with section 13D.02 is impractical, the Minnesota Agricultural and  
 4.27 Economic Development Board may conduct a meeting of its members by telephone or other  
 4.28 electronic means so long as the following conditions are met:

4.29 (1) all members of the board participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location,  
 4.30 can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

4.31 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the board can:

4.32 (i) hear clearly all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the board;

5.1 (ii) participate in testimony or public comment periods; and,

5.2 (iii) if needed, receive those services required by sections 15.44 and 15.441;

5.3 (3) at least one member of the board is physically present at the regular meeting location;

5.4 and

5.5 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
5.6 identified and recorded.

5.7 (b) Each member of the board participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic  
5.8 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and  
5.9 participating in all proceedings.

5.10 (c) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, the board, to the  
5.11 extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote  
5.12 location and to participate in testimony or public comment periods. The board may require  
5.13 the person making such a connection to pay for documented marginal costs that the board  
5.14 incurs as a result of the additional connection.

5.15 (d) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or  
5.16 emergency meeting, the board shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the  
5.17 fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and of the  
5.18 provisions of paragraph (c). The timing and method of providing notice is governed by  
5.19 section 13D.04.

5.20 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 41B.026, is amended to read:

5.21 **41B.026 TELEPHONE OR ELECTRONIC MEETING.**

5.22 (a) Notwithstanding section 13D.01, the Rural Finance Authority may conduct a meeting  
5.23 of its members by telephone or other electronic means so long as the following conditions  
5.24 are met:

5.25 (1) all members of the authority participating in the meeting, wherever their physical  
5.26 location, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

5.27 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the authority can  
5.28 hear all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the authority as well as  
5.29 participate in testimony or public comment periods;

5.30 (3) at least one member of the authority is physically present at the regular meeting  
5.31 location; and

6.1 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
6.2 identified and recorded.

6.3 (b) Each member of the authority participating in a meeting by telephone or other  
6.4 electronic means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum  
6.5 and participating in all proceedings.

6.6 (c) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, the authority, to  
6.7 the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote  
6.8 location and to participate in testimony or public comment periods. The authority may  
6.9 require the person making such a connection to pay for documented marginal costs that the  
6.10 authority incurs as a result of the additional connection.

6.11 (d) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or  
6.12 emergency meeting, the authority shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of  
6.13 the fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and of  
6.14 the provisions of paragraph (c). The timing and method of providing notice is governed by  
6.15 section 13D.04.

6.16 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.03, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

6.17 Subd. 8. **Board meetings.** (a) If compliance with section 13D.02 is impractical, the  
6.18 Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board may conduct a meeting of its members by telephone  
6.19 or other electronic means so long as the following conditions are met:

6.20 (1) all members of the board participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location,  
6.21 can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

6.22 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the board can:

6.23 (i) hear clearly all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the board;

6.24 (ii) participate in testimony or public comment periods; and,

6.25 (iii) if needed, receive those services required by sections 15.44 and 15.441;

6.26 (3) at least one member of the board is physically present at the regular meeting location;

6.27 and

6.28 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
6.29 identified and recorded.

7.1 (b) Each member of the board participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic  
 7.2 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and  
 7.3 participating in all proceedings.

7.4 (c) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, the board, to the  
 7.5 extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote  
 7.6 location and to participate in testimony or public comment periods. The board may require  
 7.7 the person making such a connection to pay for documented marginal costs that the board  
 7.8 incurs as a result of the additional connection.

7.9 (d) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or  
 7.10 emergency meeting, the board shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the  
 7.11 fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and of the  
 7.12 provisions of paragraph (c). The timing and method of providing notice is governed by  
 7.13 section 13D.04.

7.14 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116M.15, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

7.15 Subd. 5. **Board meeting.** (a) If compliance with section 13D.02 is impractical, the  
 7.16 Minnesota Emerging Entrepreneur Board may conduct a meeting of its members by telephone  
 7.17 or other electronic means so long as the following conditions are met:

7.18 (1) all members of the board participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location,  
 7.19 can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

7.20 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the board can:

7.21 (i) hear clearly all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the board;

7.22 (ii) participate in testimony or public comment periods; and,

7.23 (iii) if needed, receive those services required by sections 15.44 and 15.441;

7.24 (3) at least one member of the board is physically present at the regular meeting location;  
 7.25 and

7.26 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
 7.27 identified and recorded.

7.28 (b) Each member of the board participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic  
 7.29 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and  
 7.30 participating in all proceedings.

8.1 (c) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, the board, to the  
8.2 extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote  
8.3 location and to participate in testimony or public comment periods. The board may require  
8.4 the person making such a connection to pay for documented marginal costs that the board  
8.5 incurs as a result of the additional connection.

8.6 (d) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or  
8.7 emergency meeting, the board shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the  
8.8 fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and of the  
8.9 provisions of paragraph (c). The timing and method of providing notice is governed by  
8.10 section 13D.04.

8.11 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116U.25, is amended to read:

8.12 **116U.25 EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM COUNCIL.**

8.13 (a) The director shall be advised by the Explore Minnesota Tourism Council consisting  
8.14 of up to 28 voting members appointed by the governor for four-year terms, including:

8.15 (1) the director of Explore Minnesota Tourism who serves as the chair;

8.16 (2) eleven representatives of statewide associations representing bed and breakfast  
8.17 establishments, golf, festivals and events, counties, convention and visitor bureaus, lodging,  
8.18 resorts, trails, campgrounds, restaurants, and chambers of commerce;

8.19 (3) one representative from each of the tourism marketing regions of the state as  
8.20 designated by the office;

8.21 (4) six representatives of the tourism business representing transportation, retail, travel  
8.22 agencies, tour operators, travel media, and convention facilities;

8.23 (5) one or more ex officio nonvoting members including at least one from the University  
8.24 of Minnesota Tourism Center;

8.25 (6) four legislators, two from each house, one each from the two largest political party  
8.26 caucuses in each house, appointed according to the rules of the respective houses; and

8.27 (7) other persons, if any, as designated from time to time by the governor.

8.28 (b) The council shall act to serve the broader interests of tourism in Minnesota by  
8.29 promoting activities that support, maintain, and expand the state's domestic and international  
8.30 travel market, thereby generating increased visitor expenditures, tax revenue, and  
8.31 employment.



9.1 (c) Filling of membership vacancies is as provided in section 15.059. The terms of  
9.2 one-half of the members shall be coterminous with the governor and the terms of the  
9.3 remaining one-half of the members shall end on the first Monday in January one year after  
9.4 the terms of the other members. Members may serve until their successors are appointed  
9.5 and qualify. Members are not compensated. A member may be reappointed.

9.6 (d) The council shall meet at least four times per year and at other times determined by  
9.7 the council.

9.8 (e) If compliance with section 13D.02 is impractical, the Explore Minnesota Tourism  
9.9 Council may conduct a meeting of its members by telephone or other electronic means so  
9.10 long as the following conditions are met:

9.11 (1) all members of the council participating in the meeting, wherever their physical  
9.12 location, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

9.13 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the council can:

9.14 (i) hear clearly all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the council;

9.15 (ii) participate in testimony or public comment periods; and,

9.16 (iii) if needed, receive those services required by sections 15.44 and 15.441;

9.17 (3) at least one member of the council is physically present at the regular meeting location;  
9.18 and

9.19 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
9.20 identified and recorded.

9.21 (f) Each member of the council participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic  
9.22 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and  
9.23 participating in all proceedings.

9.24 (g) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, the council, to  
9.25 the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote  
9.26 location and to participate in testimony or public comment periods. The council may require  
9.27 the person making such a connection to pay for documented marginal costs that the council  
9.28 incurs as a result of the additional connection.

9.29 (h) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or  
9.30 emergency meeting, the council shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the  
9.31 fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and of the

10.1 provisions of paragraph (g). The timing and method of providing notice is governed by  
10.2 section 13D.04.

10.3 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 129C.105, is amended to read:

10.4 **129C.105 BOARD MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC**  
10.5 **MEANS.**

10.6 (a) Notwithstanding section 13D.01 and if complying with section 13D.02 is impractical,  
10.7 the Board of the Perpich Center for Arts Education may conduct a meeting of its members  
10.8 by telephone or other electronic means when:

10.9 (1) all members of the board participating in the meeting, wherever the members' physical  
10.10 locations, can hear one another and all discussion and testimony;

10.11 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the board can hear  
10.12 all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the board as well as participate in  
10.13 testimony or public comment periods;

10.14 (3) at least one member of the board is physically present at the regular meeting location;  
10.15 and

10.16 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
10.17 identified and recorded.

10.18 (b) Each member of the board participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic  
10.19 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and  
10.20 participating in all proceedings.

10.21 (c) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, the board, to the  
10.22 extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote  
10.23 location and to participate in testimony or public comment periods. The board may require  
10.24 the person making such a connection to pay for documented marginal costs that the board  
10.25 incurs as a result of the additional connection.

10.26 (d) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or  
10.27 emergency meeting, the board shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the  
10.28 fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and of the  
10.29 provisions of paragraph (c). The timing and method of providing notice is governed by  
10.30 section 13D.04.

10.31 (e) The board must publish minutes of all meetings on the center's website.

11.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 134.31, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

11.2 Subd. 7. **Telephone or electronic meetings.** (a) Notwithstanding section 13D.01, the  
11.3 Advisory Committee for the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library may conduct a  
11.4 meeting of its members by telephone or other electronic means so long as the following  
11.5 conditions are met:

11.6 (1) all members of the committee participating in the meeting, wherever their physical  
11.7 locations, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

11.8 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the committee can  
11.9 hear all discussion, testimony, and votes of the members of the committee as well as  
11.10 participate in testimony or public comment periods;

11.11 (3) at least one member of the committee is physically present at the regular meeting  
11.12 location; and

11.13 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
11.14 identified and recorded.

11.15 (b) Each member of the committee participating in a meeting by telephone or other  
11.16 electronic means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining quorum  
11.17 and participating in all proceedings.

11.18 (c) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, to the extent  
11.19 practical, the committee shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a  
11.20 remote location and to participate in testimony or public comment periods. The committee  
11.21 may require the person making the connection to pay for the documented additional costs  
11.22 that the committee incurs as a result of the additional connection.

11.23 (d) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or  
11.24 emergency meeting, the committee shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, the  
11.25 fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and the  
11.26 provisions of paragraph (c). The timing and method of providing notice is governed by  
11.27 section 13D.04.

11.28 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 176.102, subdivision 3c, is amended to read:

11.29 Subd. 3c. **Rehabilitation review panel meetings.** (a) Except where the rehabilitation  
11.30 review panel is making a decision in a contested case matter under subdivision 3, 3a, or 3b,  
11.31 the panel may conduct a meeting of its members by telephone or other electronic means so  
11.32 long as the following conditions are met:

12.1 (1) all members of the panel participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location,  
 12.2 can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

12.3 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the panel can:

12.4 (i) hear clearly all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the panel;

12.5 (ii) participate in testimony or public comment periods; and,

12.6 (iii) if needed, receive those services required by sections 15.44 and 15.441;

12.7 (3) at least one member of the panel is physically present at the regular meeting location;  
 12.8 and

12.9 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
 12.10 identified and recorded.

12.11 (b) Each member of the panel participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic  
 12.12 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and  
 12.13 participating in all proceedings.

12.14 (c) If telephone or other electronic means are used to conduct a regular, special, or  
 12.15 emergency meeting, the panel, to the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the  
 12.16 meeting electronically from a remote location and to participate in testimony or public  
 12.17 comment periods. The panel or the Department of Labor and Industry may require the person  
 12.18 making such a connection to pay for documented costs that the panel or the Department of  
 12.19 Labor and Industry incurs as a result of the additional connection.

12.20 (d) If telephone or other electronic means are used to conduct a regular, special, or  
 12.21 emergency meeting, the panel shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the  
 12.22 fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and that a  
 12.23 person may monitor the meeting electronically from a remote location. The timing and  
 12.24 method of providing notice is governed by section 13D.04.

12.25 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 248.10, is amended to read:

12.26 **248.10 REHABILITATION COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND.**

12.27 (a) The commissioner shall establish a Rehabilitation Council for the Blind consistent  
 12.28 with the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Public Law 93-112, as amended. Council  
 12.29 members shall be compensated as provided in section 15.059, subdivision 3. The council  
 12.30 shall advise the commissioner about programs of the Division of State Services for the  
 12.31 Blind.

13.1 (b) Notwithstanding section 13D.01, the Rehabilitation Council for the Blind may conduct  
13.2 a meeting of its members by telephone or other electronic means so long as the following  
13.3 conditions are met:

13.4 (1) all members of the council participating in the meeting, wherever their physical  
13.5 location, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

13.6 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the council can hear  
13.7 all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the council as well as participate  
13.8 in testimony or public comment periods;

13.9 (3) at least one member of the council is physically present at the regular meeting location;  
13.10 and

13.11 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
13.12 identified and recorded.

13.13 (c) Each member of the council participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic  
13.14 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and  
13.15 participating in all proceedings.

13.16 (d) If telephone or another electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, the council  
13.17 to the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a  
13.18 remote location and to participate in testimony or public comment periods. The council may  
13.19 require the person making such a connection to pay for documented marginal costs that the  
13.20 council incurs as a result of the additional connection.

13.21 (e) If telephone or another electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or  
13.22 emergency meeting, the council shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the  
13.23 fact that some members may participate by electronic means, and of the provisions of  
13.24 paragraph (d). The timing and method of providing notice is governed by section 13D.04.

13.25 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256.482, subdivision 5b, is amended to read:

13.26 Subd. 5b. **Meetings.** (a) Notwithstanding section 13D.01, the Minnesota State Council  
13.27 on Disability may conduct a meeting of its members by telephone or other electronic means  
13.28 so long as the following conditions are met:

13.29 (1) all members of the council participating in the meeting, wherever their physical  
13.30 location, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

14.1 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the council can hear  
14.2 all discussion and all votes of members of the council and participate in testimony or public  
14.3 comment periods;

14.4 (3) at least one member of the council is physically present at the regular meeting location;  
14.5 and

14.6 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
14.7 identified and recorded.

14.8 (b) Each member of the council participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic  
14.9 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and  
14.10 participating in all proceedings.

14.11 (c) If telephone or another electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, the council,  
14.12 to the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a  
14.13 remote location and to participate in testimony or public comment periods. The council may  
14.14 require the person making such a connection to pay for documented marginal costs that the  
14.15 council incurs as a result of the additional connection.

14.16 (d) If telephone or another electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or  
14.17 emergency meeting, the council shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the  
14.18 fact that some members may participate by electronic means, and of the provisions of  
14.19 paragraph (c). The timing and method of providing notice is governed by section 13D.04.

14.20 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256.975, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

14.21 Subd. 2a. **Electronic meetings.** (a) Notwithstanding section 13D.01, the Minnesota  
14.22 Board on Aging may conduct a meeting of its members by telephone or other electronic  
14.23 means so long as the following conditions are met:

14.24 (1) all members of the board participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location,  
14.25 can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

14.26 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the board can hear  
14.27 all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the board as well as participate in  
14.28 testimony or public comment periods;

14.29 (3) at least one member of the board is physically present at the regular meeting location;  
14.30 and

14.31 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so that each member's vote on each issue can be  
14.32 identified and recorded.

15.1 (b) Each member of the board participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic  
15.2 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and  
15.3 participating in all proceedings.

15.4 (c) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, the board, to the  
15.5 extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote  
15.6 location and to participate in testimony or public comment periods. The board may require  
15.7 the person making a connection to pay for documented marginal costs that the board incurs  
15.8 as a result of the additional connection.

15.9 (d) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or  
15.10 emergency meeting, the board shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the  
15.11 fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and of the  
15.12 provisions of paragraph (c). The timing and method of providing notice is governed by  
15.13 section 13D.04.

15.14 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 256C.28, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

15.15 Subd. 7. **Electronic meetings.** (a) The commission is subject to the requirements of  
15.16 chapter 13D, but may conduct a meeting of its members by telephone or other electronic  
15.17 means so long as the following conditions are met:

15.18 (1) all members of the commission participating in the meeting, wherever their physical  
15.19 location, can communicate with one another and can hear, see, or feel all discussion and  
15.20 testimony;

15.21 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the commission can  
15.22 hear, see, or feel all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the commission  
15.23 as well as participate in testimony or public comment periods;

15.24 (3) at least one member of the commission is physically present at the regular meeting  
15.25 location; and

15.26 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so that each member's vote on each issue can be  
15.27 identified and recorded.

15.28 (b) Each member of the commission participating in a meeting by telephone or other  
15.29 electronic means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum  
15.30 and participating in all proceedings.

15.31 (c) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, the commission,  
15.32 to the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a

16.1 remote location and to participate in testimony or public comment periods. The commission  
16.2 may require the person making a connection to pay for documented marginal costs that the  
16.3 commission incurs as a result of the additional connection.

16.4 (d) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or  
16.5 emergency meeting, the commission shall provide notice of the regular meeting location,  
16.6 of the fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and  
16.7 of the provisions of paragraph (c).

16.8 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 268A.02, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

16.9 Subd. 3. **Electronic or telephonic meetings.** (a) Notwithstanding section 13D.01, the  
16.10 State Rehabilitation Council and the Statewide Independent Living Council may conduct  
16.11 a meeting of its members by telephone or other electronic means so long as the following  
16.12 conditions are met:

16.13 (1) all members of the council participating in the meeting, wherever their physical  
16.14 location, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

16.15 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the council can hear  
16.16 all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the council as well as participate  
16.17 in testimony or public comment periods;

16.18 (3) at least one member of the council is physically present at the regular meeting location;  
16.19 and

16.20 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
16.21 identified and recorded.

16.22 (b) Each member of the council participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic  
16.23 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and  
16.24 participating in all proceedings.

16.25 (c) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, the council, to  
16.26 the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote  
16.27 location and to participate in testimony or public comment periods. The council may require  
16.28 the person making such a connection to pay for documented marginal costs that the council  
16.29 incurs as a result of the additional connection.

16.30 (d) If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or  
16.31 emergency meeting, the council shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the  
16.32 fact that some members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and of the



17.1 provisions of paragraph (c). The timing and method of providing notice is governed by  
17.2 section 13D.04.

17.3 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.32, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

17.4 Subd. 7. **Board meetings.** (a) The board shall hold meetings at such times as the board  
17.5 shall specify. Notice and conduct of all meetings shall be pursuant to chapter 13D and in a  
17.6 manner as the bylaws may provide.

17.7 (b) If compliance with section 13D.02 is impractical, the board may conduct a meeting  
17.8 of its members by telephone or other electronic means so long as the following conditions  
17.9 are met:

17.10 (1) all members of the board participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location,  
17.11 can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

17.12 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the board can:

17.13 (i) hear clearly all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the board;

17.14 (ii) participate in testimony or public comment periods; and;

17.15 (iii) if needed, receive those services required by sections 15.44 and 15.441;

17.16 (3) at least one member of the board is physically present at the regular meeting location;  
17.17 and

17.18 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
17.19 identified and recorded.

17.20 Each member of the board participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic  
17.21 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and  
17.22 participating in all proceedings.

17.23 If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or emergency  
17.24 meeting, the board, to the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting  
17.25 electronically from a remote location and to participate in testimony or public comment  
17.26 periods. The board may require the person making such a connection to pay for documented  
17.27 costs that the board incurs as a result of the additional connection.

17.28 If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or emergency  
17.29 meeting, the board shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the fact that some  
17.30 members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and that a person may  
17.31 monitor the meeting electronically from a remote location. Any person monitoring the

18.1 meeting electronically from a remote location may be required to pay documented costs  
18.2 incurred by the board as a result of the additional connection. The timing and method of  
18.3 providing notice is governed by section 13D.04.

18.4 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.435, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

18.5 Subd. 7. **Board meetings.** (a) The board shall hold meetings at such times as the board  
18.6 shall specify. Notice and conduct of all meetings shall be pursuant to chapter 13D and in  
18.7 such a manner as the bylaws may provide.

18.8 (b) If compliance with section 13D.02 is impractical, the board may conduct a meeting  
18.9 of its members by telephone or other electronic means so long as the following conditions  
18.10 are met:

18.11 (1) all members of the board participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location,  
18.12 can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

18.13 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the board can:

18.14 (i) hear clearly all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the board;

18.15 (ii) participate in testimony or public comment periods; and;

18.16 (iii) if needed, receive those services required by sections 15.44 and 15.441;

18.17 (3) at least one member of the board is physically present at the regular meeting location;  
18.18 and

18.19 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
18.20 identified and recorded.

18.21 Each member of the board participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic  
18.22 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and  
18.23 participating in all proceedings.

18.24 If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or emergency  
18.25 meeting, the board, to the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting  
18.26 electronically from a remote location and to participate in testimony or public comment  
18.27 periods. The board may require the person making such a connection to pay for documented  
18.28 costs that the board incurs as a result of the additional connection.

18.29 If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or emergency  
18.30 meeting, the board shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the fact that some  
18.31 members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and that a person may

19.1 monitor the meeting electronically from a remote location. Any person monitoring the  
19.2 meeting electronically from a remote location may be required to pay documented costs  
19.3 incurred by the board as a result of the additional connection. The timing and method of  
19.4 providing notice is governed by section 13D.04.

19.5 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.925, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

19.6 Subd. 7. **Board meetings.** (a) The board shall hold meetings at such times as the board  
19.7 shall specify. Notice and conduct of all meetings shall be pursuant to chapter 13D, and in  
19.8 such a manner as the bylaws may provide.

19.9 (b) If compliance with section 13D.02 is impractical, the board may conduct a meeting  
19.10 of its members by telephone or other electronic means so long as the following conditions  
19.11 are met:

19.12 (1) all members of the board participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location,  
19.13 can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

19.14 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the board can:

19.15 (i) hear clearly all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the board;

19.16 (ii) participate in testimony or public comment periods; and;

19.17 (iii) if needed, receive those services required by sections 15.44 and 15.441;

19.18 (3) at least one member of the board is physically present at the regular meeting location;  
19.19 and

19.20 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
19.21 identified and recorded.

19.22 Each member of the board participating in a meeting by telephone or other electronic  
19.23 means is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and  
19.24 participating in all proceedings.

19.25 If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or emergency  
19.26 meeting, the board, to the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting  
19.27 electronically from a remote location and to participate in testimony or public comment  
19.28 periods. The board may require the person making such a connection to pay for documented  
19.29 costs that the board incurs as a result of the additional connection.

19.30 If telephone or other electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or emergency  
19.31 meeting, the board shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the fact that some

20.1 members may participate by telephone or other electronic means, and that a person may  
20.2 monitor the meeting electronically from a remote location. Any person monitoring the  
20.3 meeting electronically from a remote location may be required to pay documented costs  
20.4 incurred by the board as a result of the additional connection. The timing and method of  
20.5 providing notice is governed by section 13D.04.

20.6 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 462A.041, is amended to read:

20.7 **462A.041 MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS.**

20.8 (a) Notwithstanding sections 13D.01 and 13D.02, the Housing Finance Agency may  
20.9 conduct a meeting of its members by telephone or other electronic means so long as the  
20.10 following conditions are met:

20.11 (1) all members of the agency participating in the meeting, wherever their physical  
20.12 location, can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony;

20.13 (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the agency can hear  
20.14 all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the agency as well as participate  
20.15 in testimony or public comment periods;

20.16 (3) at least one member of the agency, the commissioner, the deputy commissioner, or  
20.17 an attorney for the agency is physically present at the regular meeting location; and

20.18 (4) all votes are conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be  
20.19 identified and recorded.

20.20 (b) Each member of the agency participating in a meeting by electronic means is  
20.21 considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and participating  
20.22 in all proceedings.

20.23 (c) If telephone or another electronic means is used to conduct a meeting, the agency to  
20.24 the extent practical, shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote  
20.25 location and to participate in testimony or public comment periods. The agency may require  
20.26 the person making such a connection to pay for documented marginal costs that the agency  
20.27 incurs as a result of the additional connection.

20.28 (d) If telephone or another electronic means is used to conduct a regular, special, or  
20.29 emergency meeting, the agency shall provide notice of the regular meeting location, of the  
20.30 fact that some members may participate by electronic means, and of the provisions of  
20.31 paragraph (c). The timing and method of providing notice is governed by section 13D.04.