

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ACT NO. 302

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 42§17.1 provides for exemptions for meetings during a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Louisiana declared a Public Health Emergency due to the threat posed to public safety by the COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, in Proclamation Number 137 JBE 2021, the Governor renewed the emergency declaration for the Covid-19 Emergency;

WHEREAS, the Governor found it necessary to renew certain provisions of the Proclamation Number 132 JBE 2021 and measures are necessary to protect the health and the safety of the people of Louisiana, the Governor did extend through Proclamation No. 145 JBE 2021 and extension of the emergency provisions due to Covid-19 Public Health Emergency;

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 42§17.1 provides that notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a public body may conduct and its members may participate and attend in a meeting via electronic means provided: (1- the Governor has declared a state of emergency....);

WHEREAS, Section 17.1 of the Act authorizes all local political subdivisions of the State, including charter school boards (the “School Board”) to provide for attendance at essential governmental meetings via teleconference or video conference during the pendency of the emergency;

WHEREAS, Section 17.1(2) further mandates that, before invoking this authority, the School Board is required to certify that it would be unable to operate due to quorum requirements;

WHEREAS, the School Board needs to conduct essential business of the school;

WHEREAS the agenda of the meeting is limited to one or more of the following:

- a. matters that are directly related to the charter schools’ response to the COVID-19 emergency and are critical to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.
- b. matters that if they are delayed will cause curtailment of public education services.
- c. matters that are critical to continuation of the business of the charter school and that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of the Open Meeting law due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed by the charter school .

WHEREAS, due to underlying health concerns of several members of the School Board, which could be negatively affected by COVID-19, the School Board will not be able to obtain a quorum of the members of the School Board and will otherwise be unable to operate due to quorum requirements;

WHEREAS, the School Board, therefore, needs to implement the authorization located in the Act;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority contained in Act No. 302, the School Board hereby certifies on this **7th day of February, 2022**, that it is unable to obtain an in-person quorum for its Special Board Meeting scheduled for **February 8, 2022**, due to the threat of COVID- 19, and that, therefore, its members may participate in such meeting via teleconference or video conference. Additionally, all efforts will to be made to provide for observation and input by members of the public. The public may access the board meetings electronically via Google Meet. Information about the video/audio meeting ID, dial-up number, and public comment procedures can be found on the school website: www.universityview.academy.

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