**Open Meetings Electronic Communications Policy**

[Act 393](https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1332592) of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session amended the Open Meetings Law to require accommodations for persons with disabilities and their participation in open meetings, and to provide for electronic participation in meetings of public bodies that serve persons in more than one political subdivision or region (i.e. Type 2 charters).

**Policy for ADA-compliant electronic participation for schools that have teleconferencing or videoconferencing capabilities:**

Any member of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act who is unable to attend a meeting of the F.A.M.E. board in person because of their disability, or their designated caregiver, may participate in the meeting via [teleconference or videoconference system] upon request. To participate by [teleconference or videoconference system], the member of the public with a disability, or their designated caregiver, shall submit a written request for such participation by emailing the CEO/Steve Corbett at [scorbett@auduboncharter.org](mailto:scorbett@auduboncharter.org) no later than 2 days, exclusive of weekends and holidays, before the scheduled meeting to request access and allow the board to make the appropriate accommodations.

If a member of the public or their designated caregiver has been permitted to participate via [teleconference or videoconference system], the member of the public may submit public comment to the board by sending an email to CEO/Steve Corbett at [scorbett@auduboncharter.org](mailto:scorbett@auduboncharter.org) no later than 2 hours before the start of the scheduled meeting.

In addition, any Board member with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act who is unable to attend a meeting of the board in person because of their disability may participate and vote in the meeting via [teleconference or videoconference]. The board member’s electronic participation will count toward quorum.