

BROADCASTING AND TAPING OF PUBLIC BODY MEETINGS

Public body meetings, as pertains to school board policy, are school board meetings and/or school board appointed advisory committee meetings.

Any person shall be permitted to use recording devices including, but not limited to, tape recorders, cameras and videotape equipment at regular, special, and emergency public body meetings legally open to the public according to the following guidelines:

- 1) photographing, broadcasting and/or recording devices will be in plain public view
- 2) persons operating cameras, broadcasting and/or recording devices must do so with a minimum of disruption to those present at the meeting. Specifically, the view between public body members and the audience must not be obstructed, interviews must not be conducted during the meeting, and no commentary is to be given in a manner that distracts public body members or the audience;
- 3) the public body chairperson has the right to halt any recording that interrupts or disturbs the meeting.

Legal References:

RSA 91-A:2, II, *Access to Governmental Records and Meetings; Open to the Public*

RSA 91-A:3, III, *Access to Governmental Records and Meetings; Non Public Sessions*

RSA 91-A:4, I, *Access to Governmental Records and Meetings; Minutes and Records Available for Public Inspection*

HB 145, *Permitting the Audio and Video Recording of a Public Official (2012)*

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