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Electronic Meetings Policy
Adopted: September 22, 2021

Purpose/Background:
The Indiana Public Defender Commission (Commission) Electronic Meetings Policy is intended to comply with Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-3.6 (version effective 7-1-2021) and to provide the framework for participation in and the conduct of public meetings where a member of the Commission participates in the meeting by an electronic means of communication.

This policy is in effect if the Governor of Indiana has NOT declared a disaster emergency. In the case of a disaster emergency, electronic meetings shall be conducted under the provisions of IC 5-14-1.5-3.7, including any additional provisions permitted via the order of the Governor. This policy also does NOT apply to Executive Sessions.

In Person Attendance:
At least 4 members (or 1/3 of the total Commission membership in the case of vacancies) must be physically present at the place where the meeting is conducted.

Votes:
All votes must be conducted by roll call.

Electronic Participation Limitations:

(1) Each Commission member must be physically present at a minimum of 1 meeting per calendar year annually.
(2) Members wishing to participate via electronic communications must notify the Commission's Director/Chief Counsel or designee at least 2 days prior to the scheduled meeting.
(3) A member may participate via electronic means only if the member, all other members participating in the meeting, and all members of the public physically present at the place where the meeting is conducted and are able to simultaneously communicate with each other during the meeting.

Adopted by a favorable vote of 11-0 and posted on the Commission's website: September 23, 2021.

Mark W. Rutherford, Chair

Attest: Mark W. Rutherford, Commission Chair