

Open Meeting Law Update – Hybrid Meeting Flexibility

The 2025 Minnesota State Legislature passed **SF3045**, the *Omnibus State and Local Government and Elections Policy and Appropriations Bill*. This bill was signed into law and includes a number of updates to Minnesota’s Open Meeting Law, codified in Chapter 13D.

Article 6 of the bill introduces key changes to local government meeting procedures. Most notably, it expands the permissible use of hybrid and remote meetings by allowing:

- Greater flexibility in where and how members participate remotely
- Fewer publishing requirements for physical remote locations
- Streamlined quorum and accessibility rules for committees and subunits of government bodies

These changes will go into effect on August 1st, 2025. They will make it more feasible for the LMRWD and its standing committees to hold virtual and hybrid meetings—especially when coordinating geographically dispersed participants or reducing travel burden for evening work sessions. We will continue to monitor guidance from the League of Minnesota Cities and legal counsel to ensure our practices remain compliant while leveraging this increased flexibility.
