

# Youth Leadership Academy Policy: Livestreaming of Board Meetings

## Purpose

In compliance with South Carolina General Assembly Bill A28, R46, S77, and pursuant to the State Board of Education's Model Policy Requiring Livestreaming of School Board Meetings, Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) is committed to maintaining transparency and ensuring public access to all meetings of its governing board that are subject to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

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## I. Applicability

This policy applies to all meetings of the Youth Leadership Academy Governing Board as defined under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (Section 30-4-20(d)). This includes, but is not limited to:

- Regularly scheduled board meetings
- Special-called meetings
- Committee or subcommittee meetings
- Board workshops or budget hearings
- Public hearings

This policy does not apply to lawful executive sessions.

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## II. Policy Implementation

A. Youth Leadership Academy provides **livestream access** for all governing board meetings via **YouTube**, which is started at the beginning of each meeting and concludes at adjournment.

B. The **livestream link** is publicly available on the Youth Leadership Academy website ([www.ylaofsc.com](http://www.ylaofsc.com)) under the “**Board**” section, where it is posted in advance of each meeting along with the official meeting notice.

C. The livestream includes both **video and audio** so that members of the public can see and hear proceedings in real time.

D. If we cannot provide such livestream access ... we will make a clear audio and video

recording of the meeting in its entirety available on its website as soon as practicable and in no more than seven days after the meeting.

E. When possible, **closed captioning** will be enabled to enhance accessibility.

F. Meetings will be held in a location with sufficient broadband access and equipment to ensure clear video and audio quality.

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### **III. Access to Broadband**

A. Youth Leadership Academy will continue to utilize available broadband resources and technology tools to support livestreaming of all meetings.

B. In the event of broadband limitations, YLA may notify the South Carolina Department of Education and request technical guidance or temporary relief as outlined by state policy.

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### **IV. Noncompliance**

A. YLA will make every reasonable effort to ensure full compliance with this policy.

B. In the event of a technical issue or service interruption, YLA will document the incident and post the meeting recording as soon as possible for public access.

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### **V. Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Youth Leadership Academy Governing Board to ensure continued compliance with state law and the State Board of Education's model policy.