

9.6 ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS. Any member may participate in a meeting, including any public hearings, by electronic means during work travel, personal or medical necessity, or if authorized by the Council President.

(a) Work travel is official city business that is more than 50 miles from Denver city limits to attend conferences, trainings, meetings, or events, provided such travel is in compliance with the City's fiscal rules and is related to the official or ceremonial duties of the member.

(b) Personal necessities are personal and family events that prevent the member from attending in person but do not prevent the member from fully participating in the meeting. Examples include taking care of an ill family member or being out of town for a funeral.

(c) Medical necessities are medical issues that prevent the member from attending the meeting in person but do not prevent the member from fully participating in the meeting. Examples include recovering from surgery, a need to quarantine, or nursing of an infant.

(d) The Council President may approve participation in an extraordinary situation or if a member's attendance is required to achieve quorum for a committee or Council meeting.

Under no circumstances may members participate from a moving vehicle.

9.7 NOTIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION. Notification of electronic participation for any reason must be submitted by the member to the executive director of City Council on a provided form no later than three (3) hours before the start of the meeting. The member must state the reason for electronic participation and must fill out a form indicating which meeting(s) they would like to attend via electronic means. Notification of electronic participation pursuant to Rule 9.6 (a)-(c) shall not require approval. The Council President shall have the discretion to approve or deny requests submitted under Rule 9.6(d).