

## **Section 20: BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Issues related to communications are intrinsically interwoven into the ethics statutes and executive orders. The Ethics Act is at [W.S. 9-13-101 through -109](#), and the two executive orders are Executive Order [1997-4](#) and [1981-12](#). Linked are the Attorney General's office lobbying memos as well - the lobbying statutes are at [W.S. 28-7-101 through -201](#).

**Policy purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to identify the various channels of communication within the State Board of Education, their intended purposes, and the roles and responsibilities of board members in accessing and using them. It also attempts to inform board members about the channels and best practices for interacting with the educational community and broader public throughout Wyoming.

### **Policy statement:**

The State Board of Education has the objective of enhancing and streamlining internal communications to reinforce the board's vision and strategic priorities. This involves ensuring that information is equitably disseminated to board members and is relevant, easy to access, accurate, and appropriate in both content and quality.

Each member of the state board has a digital device allowing them to access and collaborate about key documents and information, primarily in email and on the shared platform. The board will continue to develop and expand new communication platforms, channels, and tools to improve information sharing and collaboration among state board members.

This policy is to be implemented in a way that ensures compliance with the Wyoming Public Meetings Act and standards of best practice. In no event will any technology-assisted communication be used to circumvent the Act's purpose.

Board members are encouraged to share information with their peers and the broader education community about activities and events that have an association with the Wyoming State Board of Education.

In some cases, the board chair or delegate will speak, write, and communicate virtually for the board on issues that have come before the board. Every effort will be made to make such communications known to the entire board as time allows. Every effort will be made to date and time-stamp communications emanating from the board.

It is the individual responsibility of each board member to refer communication issues to the board chair. The chair of the state board speaks for the board, but may ask other board members or board staff to represent the consensus views of the board.

