

The League of Minnesota Cities and the Minnesota School Boards Association have been looking at some proposed language that would allow local governing bodies to meet outside the jurisdictional boundaries of a governmental unit in certain limited circumstances. Notably, one of those circumstances would be in situations of intergovernmental cooperation. In that regard, please find attached draft language making modifications to the Minnesota Open Meeting law. The language, which is for discussion purposes only, would add a new subdivision to Minn. Stat. 13D.01 to read as follows:

Subd. 7. Location of meetings

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), meeting subject to this section must be held within the jurisdictional boundaries of the government entity for which the governing body is responsible.

(b) Meetings may be held beyond the jurisdictional boundary of the government entity in the following circumstances:

(1) When necessary to conduct business with another government entity, including a joint powers entity created pursuant to Minn. Stat. 471.59. A meeting held pursuant to this clause may be held within the jurisdictional boundaries of the other government entity or within the jurisdictional boundary of any of the governmental entities participating in a joint powers a joint powers activity; or

(2) In the case of an emergency or other unique circumstance that would make it impractical to hold the meeting within the jurisdictional boundaries

(c) Meetings held beyond the jurisdictional boundaries of the governing pursuant to paragraph (b), shall be held as close as reasonably practical to the entity's jurisdictional boundaries in order to help ensure reasonable public access to the meeting.