

## OPEN MEETINGS VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS POLICY

## AGENCY INELIGIBILITY

The French Quarter Management District does not meet the criteria pursuant to Act 393 to be eligible to conduct open public meetings via electronic means, because it has powers, duties, or functions that are limited in scope to a particular political subdivision or region.

## **DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS**

- A. Despite ineligibility to conduct open meetings via electronic means, nonetheless the French Quarter Management District is obligated to provide for participation via electronic means on an individualized basis by people with disabilities.
  - B. People with disabilities are defined as any of the following:
    - 1. A member of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
    - 2. A designated caregiver of such a person; or
    - 3. A participant member of the agency with an ADA-qualifying disability.
- C. The French Quarter Management District shall ensure that the written public notice for an open meeting, as required by R.S. 42:19, includes the name, telephone number and email address of the agency representative to whom a disability accommodation may be submitted.
- D. Upon receipt of an accommodation request, the designated agency representative is only permitted to ask if the requestor has an ADA-qualifying disability or is a caregiver of such a person (yes or no). The requestor shall not be required to complete a medical inquiry form or disclose the actual impairment or medical condition to support a disability accommodation request.
- E. The designated agency representative shall provide the requestor with the accommodation, including the teleconference and/or video conference link, for participation via electronic means as soon as possible following receipt of the request, but no later than the start of the scheduled meeting.
  - F. Participation via electronic means shall count for purposes of establishing quorum and voting.