

NEW SECTION

WAC 434-262-016 Canvassing board meeting—Emergency procedure.

If a member cannot attend a canvassing board meeting due to an emergency, a designee may be appointed according to RCW 29A.60.140 at any time, including the day of the meeting. If a designee cannot be appointed, the member may participate in the meeting remotely.

(1) When ballots are considered during the meeting, the remote member must have access to an online computer application which allows viewing of ballots. Images of ballots cannot be recorded, copied, scanned, e-mailed, or faxed to the member nor can the member record ballot images. The computer application is not required if ballots are not considered during the meeting.

(2) As per RCW 29A.60.200, all three county canvassing board members or designees must certify an election. If an election is certified during the meeting where a member or designee is attending remotely, a copy of the certification document must be sent electronically to the remote member. The certification document must be signed in the following manner:

(a) The members physically present at the meeting must sign the certification document.

(b) A copy of the signature page is sent electronically to the remote member.

(c) The remote member must print the signature page, sign the document, and return the signed document electronically to the canvassing board meeting location.

(d) The remote member's signed signature page is printed and attached to the certification document signed by the other members of the board, completing the certification document.

(3) If a member or a designee cannot attend in person or remotely due to an emergency, a quorum of the board may accept or reject ballots, determine the validity of challenged ballots, determine the validity of provisional ballots, and certify the returns of a primary or election.