

RESOLUTION NO. 23PUC-003

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY ALLOWING VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE
OF DULUTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETINGS BY MEMBERS ON
AN AD HOC AS-NEEDED BASIS.**

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota passed a statute that changed the ability to attend public meetings in electronic format under certain circumstances as stated in Laws of Minnesota 2023 chapter 62, article 3, section 1; and

WHEREAS, the Duluth Public Utilities Commission (DPUC) has chosen to adopt this legislation as a policy on an ad hoc as-needed basis as we are able to; and

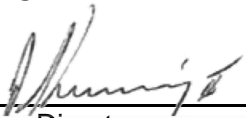
RESOLVED, that:

- (a) Any member may attend a meeting electronically if they have been advised by a health care professional against being in a public place for medical reasons for up to three times in a calendar year.
- (b) Members participating electronically must be able to see all other members and be seen by all other members and the public.
- (c) All votes would need to be taken by roll call if a member is participating electronically.
- (d) The DPUC is not obligated to provide electronic attendance if it is impractical due to technology or other reasons.

Approved by the DPUC: 8/15/2023
(date)

Submitted to City Council: 8/17/2023
(where appropriate) (date)

ATTEST:



Director
Public Works and Utilities
City of Duluth

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

By this resolution, the DPUC adopts a policy allowing Commission members to attend meetings electronically as needed if the requirements of Minnesota State Statutes are met and if it is not impractical to accommodate their request.