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Policy BGAA Question

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To: Will Phillips <wphillips@nhsba.org>

Hi, Will. Our School Board is in the process of adopting the NHSBA sample policy BGAA. At their first reading, they've asked what the difference is between the two options below to suspend the policy process.

If we need to address a policy change urgently and not go through the usual two-reading process, we follow #1. But then, it seems like #2 would be for a similarly urgent situation, for which we *don't* need prior notification to the Board.

What would be the difference between #1 and #2? What would make us choose one over the other? Is it just different levels of urgency? :)

Thank you.

-Jennifer.

F. Suspension of Policy Process.

1. The Board may adopt, amend, or repeal written policies at any meeting by a majority vote of Board members in attendance, provided that public notice of the proposed action was given at least 48 hours prior and that each Board member was notified of the proposed action. For purposes of notification, a meeting agenda delivered to each Board member is deemed sufficient if it identifies the policy to be acted upon.

2. On matters of unusual or unexpected urgency, the Board may waive the second meeting limitation and take immediate action to adopt a new policy or revise an existing policy.

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Hello Jennifer,

The only difference is one of urgency. Perhaps the thing to do is modify #2 to read:

2. On matters of greater urgency, and provided a majority of the Board in attendance at a meeting find that immediate undelayed action is deemed imperative, the Board may waive the second meeting limitation and take immediate action to adopt a new policy or revise an existing policy. The minutes of the meeting shall include a general statement regarding the nature of the emergency and/or why immediate action is deemed imperative.

I hope this helps. Feel free to call/write with any further questions.

Will Phillips

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