

RRABB POLICY FOR PUBLIC
MEETINGS - AMERICANS WITH
DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)



Effective Date:

December 2023

SECTION I

POLICY STATEMENT

1. ACT 393 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature provided amendments that allow any ***member of the public*** with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (<http://www.ada.gov>), or a designated caregiver of such a person, to participate in the meetings of public bodies, including the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District (RRABB), via teleconference or videoconference if the person requests that accommodation prior to the meeting and if the person complies with the rules, regulations, and procedures adopted by RRABB for such participation.
2. ACT 393 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature provided amendments that allow any ***member of the entity's board*** with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (<http://www.ada.gov>), to participate in the meetings of public bodies, including the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District (RRABB), via teleconference or videoconference if the person requests that accommodation prior to the meeting and if the person complies with the rules, regulations, and procedures adopted by RRABB for such participation.

SECTION II

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This policy becomes effective upon the date approved by the RRABB Levee District Board of Commissioners.
2. RRABB reserves the right to make any necessary changes to this policy upon Levee Board approval.

SECTION III

PROCEDURE

1. Any member of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, or their caretakers, are to notify RRABB at least 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting by contacting RRABB Administration at 318-443-9646 so that proper arrangements can be made for remote participation.

- a. A statement verifying compliance with applicable laws may be required as follows:

“I understand that an individual with a disability is defined by the ADA as a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities or a person who has a history or record of such an impairment. Act 393 of the 2023 Legislative Session only authorizes electronic participation in Board Meetings by “any member of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act or a designated caregiver of such a person.” By signing below, I certify that I am a person with a disability recognized by the ADA or a designated caregiver for a person with a disability recognized by the ADA.

Name

Signature

2. Any member of the Board of Commissioners of RRABB with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act are to notify RRABB Administration at least 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting so that proper arrangements can be made for remote participation. Any member of the Board of Commissioners of RRABB participating in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be considered acting in their full capacity with their participation electronically counting towards a quorum along with voting rights.

- a. A statement verifying compliance with applicable laws may be required as follows:

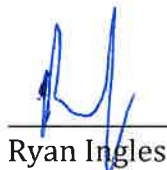
“I understand that an individual with a disability is defined by the ADA as a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits

one or more major life activities or a person who has a history or record of such an impairment. Act 393 of the 2023 Legislative Session only authorizes electronic participation in Board Meetings by "any board member of RRABB with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act." By signing below, I certify that I am a RRABB Board Member with a disability recognized by the ADA.

Name

Signature

3. The preferred means of remote participation will be by teleconference. A call in number will be provided to any remote participant in accordance with this policy.



Ryan Ingles
Executive Director
RRABB Levee District

12-5-2023

Date

Adopted via resolution dated 12-5-2023 (68-2023)