

**WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES**  
**USE OF VIDEOCONFERENCING**  
**DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES**

In compliance with Public Officers Law (“POL”) § 103-a(2)(a), the Western Suffolk BOCES Board, following a public hearing, authorized by resolution the use of videoconferencing as described in POL § 103-a.

Pursuant to Chapter 56, Section 103-a of the Open Meetings Law, the Western Suffolk BOCES Board authorizes its members and the members of any and all committees of the Board now existing or hereafter established to use videoconferencing to participate in a public meeting from a location that is not open to the public in the manner authorized by Section 103-a provided that a minimum number of members are present to fulfill the Board or the committee’s quorum requirement in the same physical location(s) where the public can attend; the members who are using videoconferencing can be seen, heard and identified while the open portion of the meeting is being conducted and where the members of the Board or committee who are using videoconferencing from a location(s) that is not open to the public experience an extraordinary circumstance, which is hereby defined to include: (a) a disability; (b) illness; (c) caregiving responsibilities; (d) isolation; or quarantine directive or another significant reason.