

Petersburg Borough Assembly -- Policy Regarding Use of Cellular Phone During a Public Meeting – DRAFT

To ensure public confidence that Assembly Members are directing their attention to the business at hand during a public meeting, cellular phone usage by Members should be limited to emergency circumstances only.

If an Assembly Member feels it necessary to conduct online research during a public meeting, the Borough-provided iPad should be used for this purpose rather than a Member's cellular phone.

Assembly members should not be reading or responding to texts from members of the public during a public meeting regarding a subject on the agenda. As outlined in PMC 3.08.150(B), all remarks from persons desiring to address the borough assembly during a public meeting shall be addressed to the assembly as a body and not to any individual assembly member. There is opportunity provided during every public meeting for public participation where the Assembly may be addressed as a body.

Further, to ensure compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Assembly Members should refrain from texting other Members during a public meeting.