

Title: TLDR: I believe there is a way to ensure your votes for beneficially owned shares are counted. GameStop proxy materials and the SEC describe how beneficially owned shares can be directly voted at the meeting through "legal proxy" (could be why they went virtual).

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As you may know, there is currently no real guarantee that brokers will vote your shares (one of the perks of beneficial ownership /s). This is one of the reasons the vast majority of my shares are DRSED but unfortunately some shares in my IRA are still held hostage at a broker because the tax penalties are adding up.

\*\*I believe not enough attention has been given to the "legal proxy" mechanism that allows you to directly vote your beneficial shares at the meeting. Both the SEC and GameStop describe how this works.\*\*

Please note this is distinct from voting through your broker's proxy service, which God only knows is being counted!

From the SEC:

[1\ DRS obviously provides a method for direct voting. 2\ Attending the meeting allows you to vote your shares \ "in person\" \ (virtually thanks to GameStop this year!)](<https://preview.redd.it/7netme744kw81.png?width=566&format=png&auto=webp&s=bd35240561bdd2269e03bcc7cd7618e6cd28b1b>)

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We also see mention of voting your beneficially owned shares at the meeting in GameStop's proxy materials.

[GameStop mentions voting at the meeting through \ "legal proxy\" ](<https://preview.redd.it/fcj8hvt5kw81.png?width=776&format=png&auto=webp&s=36c39bebe19a655d4683b1d9766d438709286b0c>)

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From Fidelity's email, there is an "Attend a Meeting" link that you can select after clicking "Vote Now" in their email.

[ \ "Attend a Meeting\" option should issue the \ "legal proxy\" ](<https://preview.redd.it/wn4lsidq6kw81.png?width=1394&format=png&auto=webp&s=1997602d55897fb1052175bc21f578bad15848d0>)

My hunch is that the virtual meeting this year is no mere Coincidence and provides the means for us to directly vote our beneficially owned shares! I think I'll be going this route instead of just trusting my broker to relay my votes!

Edit: If you already voted your shares, this "legal proxy" will override your vote, so don't worry if you already voted!