



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE III - COUNTY BOARD, DIVISION 2 - RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE, SECTION 2-102 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 2-102. Interpretation, force and effect.

(a) *Applicability.* The meetings and actions of the Board, including all of its committees, shall be governed by this division.

(b) *Effect of State law.* Except as otherwise specifically provided in this division, this division supersedes all provisions of Illinois statute to the extent of any conflict or inconsistency, except for statutes that, by their terms, specifically limit home rule units pursuant to Article VII, Section 6(g) or 6(h) of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois.

(c) *Effective date.* This division shall be in full force and effect upon adoption, and shall remain in full force and effect except as amended in accordance herewith, or until superseded by new rules adopted as part of the organization of a newly constituted Board at the commencement of a term.

(d) *Interpretation.* This division shall be interpreted and applied to foster the goals and purposes set forth in Section 2-101. This division is to be construed in accordance with the customary American usage and meaning of parliamentary terms and expressions and the plain meaning of the ordinary words appearing herein. In case of ambiguous application, this division shall be applied in a manner that fosters openness, accountability and fairness in the operation of the Board.

(e) *Adoption of rules.* At the commencement of a term, the Board may adopt new rules of organization and procedure by ordinance setting forth such rules in their entirety and repealing these rules. Such ordinance must be adopted by a majority of those elected. Rules so adopted shall supersede these rules.

(f) *Rules for committee meetings.* The rules of procedure for all committee, subcommittee and special committee meetings shall be the same as for Board meetings, except that committees composed of less than the entire Board shall require only a majority of the committee members for a quorum.

(g) *Amendment or suspension of rules.* Any provision of this division may be temporarily suspended by majority vote, upon motion of any Commissioner specifying the rule to be suspended.

(h) *Remote meetings.* All public meetings of the Board and its committees, joint committees, and subcommittees may be conducted by means of electronic, video, audio, or telephonic connection ("remote meeting") for the duration of the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, including any extensions thereto, related to COVID-19 or a public health crisis. A member who desires to attend and participate in a remote public meeting shall do so by the designated electronic means. For purposes of conducting a remote meeting, the terms "written", "in writing", "document" and "copy" in these rules includes printed or electronic means, and a rule that requires an instrument to be handed to another member or the meeting Chair may be accomplished by electronic transmission.

(i) Remote Participation in Meetings. At any meeting where a quorum of the body is physically present, a majority of the public body may vote to allow a member to participate and vote remotely (by audio or visual means) if the member is unable to be physically present due to:

(1) A personal illness or disability;

(2) Employment purposes or the business of the public body; or

(3) A family or other emergency.

(4) The member desiring to participate remotely gives notice to the Secretary of the Board no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting in case of personal illness or disability or employment purposes or business of the public body or as soon as practically able in the case of a family or other emergency.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.