



Exclusion of the public:

- The meeting may, by resolution, exclude the public (going into committee) and news media from the whole or part of the proceedings in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act unless specifically asked to stay. The wording to be used in the motion to exclude the public is found in Schedule 2A of that Act. Excluding the public is most often used to ensure privacy of individuals or financially sensitive issues.*

Public participation:

- The board meeting is a meeting held in public rather than a public meeting.
- Public participation is at the discretion of the board.
- Public attending the meeting are given a notice about their rights regarding attendance at the meeting. *Public Attending Board Meetings Policy.*

Motions/amendments:

- A motion is a formal proposal for consideration. All motions and amendments moved in debate must be seconded unless moved by the chair and are then open for discussion.
- Motions and amendments once proposed and accepted may not be withdrawn without the consent of the meeting.
- No further amendments may be accepted until the first one is disposed of.
- The mover of a motion has a right of reply.
- A matter already discussed may not be reintroduced at the same meeting in any guise or by way of an amendment.

Tabling documents

- When written information is used in support of a discussion, it should be tabled so that it can be examined by those present. It then forms part of the official record.

Correspondence

- The board should have access to all correspondence. Correspondence that requires the board to take some action should be photocopied/scanned and distributed prior to the meeting. Other correspondence can be listed and tabled so that board members can read it if required.

Termination of debate:

- All decisions are to be taken by open voting by all board members present.

Lying on the table

- When a matter cannot be resolved, or when further information is necessary before a decision can be made, the matter can be left unresolved for future discussion.



Points of order

- Points of order are questions directed to the Presiding Member which require an answer or a ruling. They are not open to debate and usually relate to the rules for the running of a meeting.

Suspension of meeting procedures:

- The Board's normal meeting procedures may be suspended by resolution of the meeting.

Agenda:

- Agenda items are to be notified to the Presiding Member 5 days prior to the meeting.
- Late items will only be accepted with the approval of the board and in rare circumstances where a decision is urgent.
- The order of the agenda may be varied by resolution at the meeting.
- All matters requiring a decision of the board are to be agended as separate meeting items.
- All items in the agenda are to carry a recommended course of action and where appropriate be supplemented by supporting material in the agended documentation.
- The agenda is to be collated with the agenda items placed in the agenda order and marked with the agenda number.
- Papers requiring reading and consideration will not normally be accepted if tabled at the meeting.
- Papers and reports are to be sent to the board prior to the start of the weekend before the board meeting.

Minutes

- The principal is to ensure that secretarial services are provided to the Board.
- The minutes are to clearly show resolutions and action points and who is to complete the action.
- A draft set of minutes is to be completed and sent to the chair for approval within one week of the board meeting, and then distributed to trustees within 7 working days of the meeting.

Review schedule: June 2029

(an * denotes legislative requirement)