

ESTUARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS RULES OF ORDER

To enable discussion of an item, there must first be a motion by a member of the board, followed by a second.

The president will then restate the motion for the minutes and will open open discussion among the board. A board member will not speak twice on a motion until all other board members have had the opportunity to speak.

Board members may move to split the question, offer amendments or postpone discussion to a later time.

After board discussion is finished, the president will invite comments from Estuary members, not to exceed 3 minutes per speaker. Such comments must be relevant to the question being considered, or will be ruled out of order by the president.

Following Estuary members' comments, the president will ask if there is further board member discussion. Any board member may call the question for a vote.

The president will poll the board members individually for a voice vote and announce the decision for the minutes. Members may vote "yes," "no" or "abstain."

Other procedural rules:

- Board members may interrupt discussion at any time to raise a point of order, a point of privilege, or to move to suspend the rules.
- Committee reports are recommendations only and not motions. Following a committee report, the board member with that portfolio (if applicable) will be given the first opportunity to comment on the report and make a motion or motions relating to the report. Other board members may make subsequent motions.
- Comments by Estuary members during Residents Forum will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker.
- All discussion and comments by board and Estuary members must be respectful, or may be ruled out of order by the president with further discussion or comments by the member relating to the subject being curtailed.