

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Sitting/Acting as (if applicable) Policy Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: April 13, 2021 **Approx. Start Time:** 3:00 **Approx. Length:** 30 Minutes

Presentation Title: Robert's Rules of Order

Department: County Counsel

Presenters: Stephen L. Madkour, County Counsel

Other Invitees:

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

This session is informational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Board of County Commissioners has adopted Robert's Rules of Order as its form of parliamentary procedure. Oftentimes strict adherence to Robert's Rules can be clumsy and overly cumbersome. For example, the 10th edition of Robert's Rules covers 646 pages. Robert's Rules is primarily directed towards legislative assemblies of 12 members or more where more formality is required to advance the assembly's interests. However, as a governing body of just five members, the Board may benefit from a more informal and relaxed manner of conducting county business.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

Is this item in your current budget? YES NO

What is the cost? \$

What is the funding source?

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- How does this item align with your Department's Strategic Business Plan goals?
- How does this item align with the County's Performance Clackamas goals?

Building public trust through good government

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Parliamentary procedure has many attributes: Ensuring that a quorum is present before any business is conducted, providing for the smooth and orderly completion of county business, and providing an opportunity that all members of the governing body are heard.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

To date, there has been no involvement by PGA

OPTIONS:

1. Continue with a strict adherence to Robert's Rules of Order;
2. Agreed to follow a more informal version of Robert's Rules or Robert's Light; or
3. Resort to Robert's Rules if there is a dispute in procedure or as a default point of reference.

RECOMMENDATION:

2. Agreed to follow a more informal version of Robert's Rules or Robert's Light

ATTACHMENTS:

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval SLM
Department Director/Head Approval SLM
County Administrator Approval _____

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