# Advisory Board Training 2024



#### **Purpose of Committees**

- Committees help the Assembly by considering and proposing policies and laws that affect Haines Borough residents.
- Committees hear and consider the input from a diverse cross-section of Haines residents and stake-holders, including the public, and make recommendations to the Assembly.
- Research and explore a specific or focused issue for presentation to the Assembly.

#### **Board Authority...**

- Charter, Code and Bylaws
- Advisory" means...
- A board by any other name...
- What a board MAY NOT do...



#### **Board Member Appointments...**

- Requirements
- Considerations
- Mechanics
- Ex–Officio Members
- Assembly Liaisons



#### **Advisory Board Officers**

- Per HBC 2.60.020- the committee shall appoint one of its members as chair for a term to be fixed by the committee.
- The Chair may still make motions and must still vote.
- There shall also be a deputy chair to act in the absence of the chair, or the inability of the chair to act.

#### **Role of Officers**

- In addition to running the meeting, the chair is responsible for setting the agenda and communicating with the Clerk's office.
- In addition to acting as the chair when the chair is not available, the Deputy Chair is usually called upon by the chair to make procedural or parliamentary motions.

#### Meetings

- Regular meetings will be held at such time and place as may from time to time be designated by the committee, but meetings need not be held if no business is pending (HBC 2.60.070).
- A schedule showing the time and date and place of the meeting shall be publically posted at least 3 days prior to the meeting.

#### **An Effective Board Member...** Comes to meetings Reviews agenda; does homework Is not a single issue member Takes part in debate Knows all sides of issues Relies on facts, not opinions Does not micromanage Maintains good relations with staff Understands the basic rules Becomes acquainted with borough code

#### Removal from the Board

- Haines Borough Charter 5.06(B) provides: Persons appointed by the mayor serve at the pleasure of the mayor.
- Failure to attend three consecutive meetings without excuse (HB 2.60.050).
- Failure to attend a majority of meetings during any calendar year without excuse.
  - A member intending to be absent shall request to be excused by the Chair in advance of the meeting.
- HB Code Section 2.62.020 compels the mayor to remove committee members from the board if the above applies.

### Seat Terming

- If you would like to remain on the board, apply for reappointment.
- If your seat has not been replaced, you may continue to attend and vote (so that the board may continue to act).
- Understand that you might not be reappointed if there are others who have applied to be on the board. The Mayor strives for diversity on each board.

# Filling a Vacancy

- Let the Clerk know there is a vacancy so that it can be advertised.
- Solicit applications.
- Provide completed applications to members prior to the scheduled meeting.
- If the committee can seat a quorum, discuss applicants during the noticed meeting; allow time for applicants to speak.
- If there are more applicants than seats available, may utilize the scoring rubric.

#### **Scoring Tool for Applications**

#### **Score Sheet Template**

Please rank the following applicants between your first and last choice (1-5) to fill three seats, where 1 is your first choice and 5 is your last choice.

APPLICANT	RANK (1-5)	SCORE (Staff Only)
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Bill Boardmember		
Colin Commissioner		
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Please note any specific **reasons** for your <u>top three</u> choices:

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Choice #2:		

Choice #3:

Please return score sheet to the Deputy Clerk.

#### **Report of Recommendation**



Haines Borough **REPORT OF** RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT

DATE:

TO: Haines Borough Mayor

FROM: XXXX Board

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT:** [put motions and voting results here]

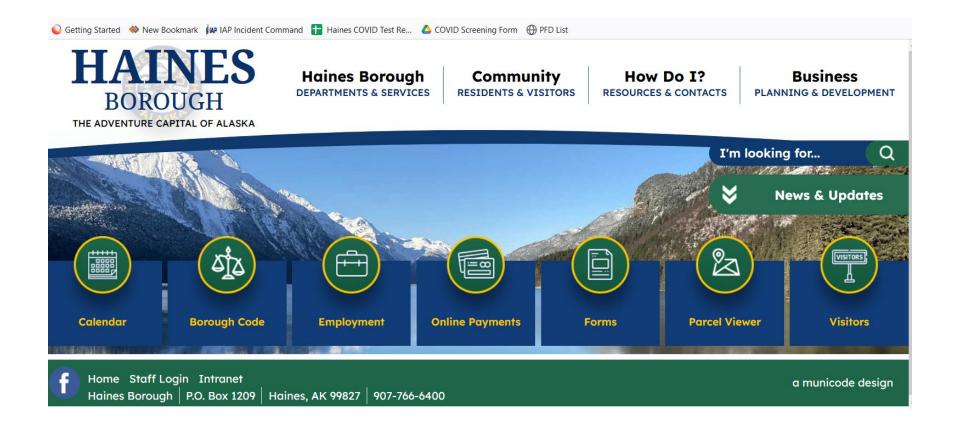
RATIONALE: [outline the board's reasons here...attach more information, if necessary]

MAYORAL REQUEST: [Put here specifically what the board wants the mayor to do]

(signature)

SUBMITTED BY \_\_\_\_\_[Usually the Board Chair]

#### **Borough Website**



#### **Boards and Committees Webpage**

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Code Review Commission				Chilkat Center Advisory Board	
<ul> <li>Library Advisory Board*</li> <li>Museum Board of Trustees</li> </ul>	*			Code Review Commission	
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Planning Commission				Fire Service Area Boards	
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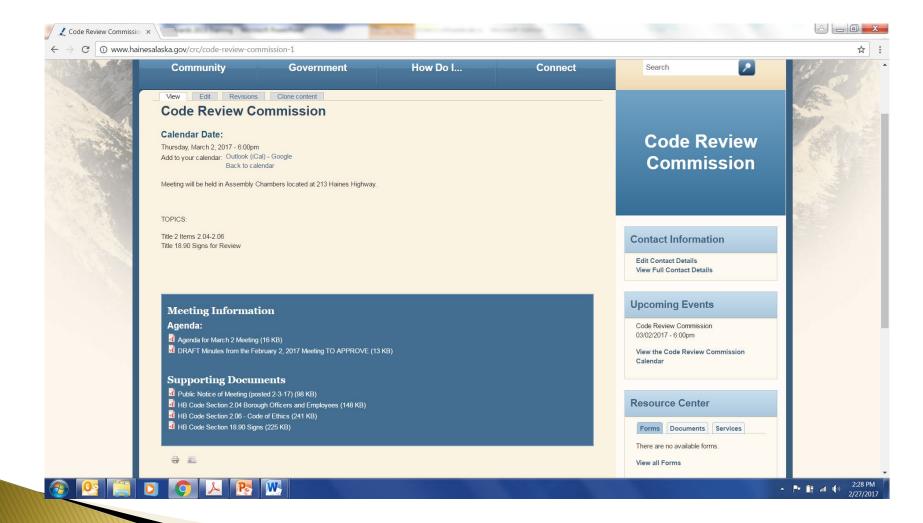
# **Committee Webpage**

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Code Review Comm	nission			Upcoming Events			
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#### **Borough Calendar**

	February 2017 « Prev Next »							
Departments			d Commissions					100
- Any -	•	- Any -		• Res	et			100
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	5 Solid Waste Work 3:00pm	4	7 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee 5:00pm	8 Joint Assembly/School Board Meeting 6:30pm		10	11	
	12	13 6	14 Assembly Meeting 5:30pm	1 Library Board Meeting 4:00pm	5 16 Tourism Advisory Board 10:00am Solid Waste Working Group 4:00pm Upper Lynn Canal Fish and Game Advisory Committee 4:30pm	17	18 Personnel Committee 1:00pm	
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	26	27	28 Assembly Meeting 5:30pm	1	2		.4	

#### **Meeting Date**



#### The Public's Right to Know...

- Open Meetings Act (OMA) AS 44.62.310
- <u>All</u> Meetings are Open, except Executive Sessions and Staff Meetings
- Clerk Must Post Notice
- Reasonable Notice is Required
- Unwise to Change Agenda After Posting
- Biggest Consequence: Public Distrust
- Remedy: Do over



#### **Open Meetings Act – Public Notice**

What is "reasonable" notice?

To meet the requirements of the OMA, Notice must:

- be provided within a reasonable amount of time prior to the meeting;
- include the date, time, and place of the meeting;
- be posted at the principal office of the public entity, in addition to any other methods and locations stated in local ordinance; and
- be done in the same way each time (consistent).

# Open Meetings Act- What is a meeting?

- The OMA makes a distinction between the requirements for a decision-making body and an advisory body:
- Decision-Making (Assembly/PC): a meeting occurs when more than three members, or a majority of the members, whichever is less, engage collectively in discussion of a *subject that the body is authorized to act and set policy on (doesn't matter when or where the meeting is)*

• Advisory Board: a meeting is only a pre-arranged gathering to consider a matter on which the entity is *authorized to advise and assist the decision-making body (only applies to gatherings prearranged for the purpose of conducting any business of the entity)* 

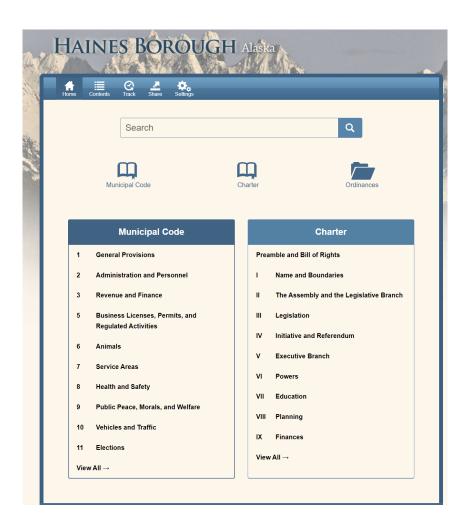
#### **Creating an Agenda**

- Creating a template for your meeting will save time and will provide an effective "shortcut" for the public.
- Roll Call
- \*Approving of Agenda/Consent Agenda
- (Approving of draft minutes)
- Staff Updates
- Public comment
- Adjournment

## Making Meetings Easier

- Chair: Create your Agenda at least a week in advance of the meeting; send to Clerk to post and send to members
  - Set a regular meeting schedule (ex: First Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm at Assembly Chambers)
- Members: Read your packet with enough time to think about the items and conduct your own research (depending on your role)

### **Borough Code Online**



#### How to Read a Code Citation

# HBC 12.20.020 (B) Title Section Sub-section

#### Communication...

- Board to/from mayor & assembly
- Manager & staff to/from board
- Board members to/from each other
- Public to/from board
- Between Committees

#### An Effective Board Chair...

- Works with the Secretary to set the agenda
- Disseminates information to other members
- Controls the meeting
- Restates the motion and states the name of the person making it after it's made
- Makes sure each component of a motion is clear
- Acknowledges public comment
- Encourages respectful discourse
- Encourages alternate views

#### Ex Parte Communication...

- Definition: When someone who wants something from the board contacts a member outside of the public forum to offer information and gain the member's support for an action within the board's power to confer
- If the info is in writing, distribute it to the other board members
- Seek opposing viewpoints
- Ask the person to share the info with the whole board
- If they don't, share the info yourself



#### **CRC Referral Form**



Haines Borough CODE REVIEW COMMISSION REVIEW REQUEST

DATE:

- TO: Code Review Commission
- FROM: XXXXXX Committee

Code to be reviewed:

Concern to be addressed:

What are you trying to accomplish:

Proposed Language:

Deadline (if any):

SUBMITTED BY \_

, Chair XXX Advisory Committee

#### **Request for Action**



Haines Borough BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ACTION REQUEST

DATE:

- TO: Borough Assembly
- FROM: XXXXXX Comittee

ACTION:

[put motions and voting results here]

RATIONALE:

[outline the board's reasons here...attach more information, if necessary]

BOARD REQUEST:

[Put here specifically what the board/commitee wants the Assembly to do]

SUBMITTED BY

[Name], Chair XXX Advisory Committee

#### Conflict of Interest...

#### • **Policy Declaration** (HBC 2.06.010)

- A. The purpose of this chapter is to set reasonable standards of conduct for borough officials so that the public may be assured that its trust in such persons is well placed and that the borough officials are aware of what is expected of them.
- B. Because Haines is a small community, with a limited number to serve in an official capacity, it is not the intent of this chapter to set unreasonable barriers that will serve only to deter aspirants from public service.
- C. This chapter also defines conflict of interest and partiality, the standards stating when and to whom it applies, and the procedures for declaration and the proper action of the body when possible conflicts and partiality arise.
- D. This chapter is also intended to establish a process which will ensure that complaints or inquiries regarding the conduct of borough officials are resolved in the shortest practicable time in order to protect the rights of all parties.
- E. The borough assembly intends this code to be interpreted to promote fair, honest, and impartial dealings with members of the public, to ensure proper use of borough resources, and to avoid conflicts of interest.

## Conflict of Interest...

- Some conflicts may only appear to be improper; perception is nearly everything
- The key word is "substantial" personal or financial interest.
- Not unusual, especially in rural communities
- If you're not sure, declare it! Members are only required to declare. Then it is up to the chair to decide.
- Borough contracts



#### Effective Meetings...

- Working together
- Procedures & Protocols
- Quorum and Voting
- Carefully Planned Agendas
- Respectful of people's time
- Parliamentary Procedure

## **Quorum and Voting**

- A quorum is a majority of the committee members. You must have a quorum to have a meeting. Ex: If 7 voting members, then 4 is a quorum.
- Voting may be by voice vote unless a 2/3 majority is required. If the Chair is uncertain about the vote, s/he may request a show of hands.
- All motions require an affirmative vote of the majority of the committee members present.

#### If no Quorum:

> You should reschedule and end the meeting.

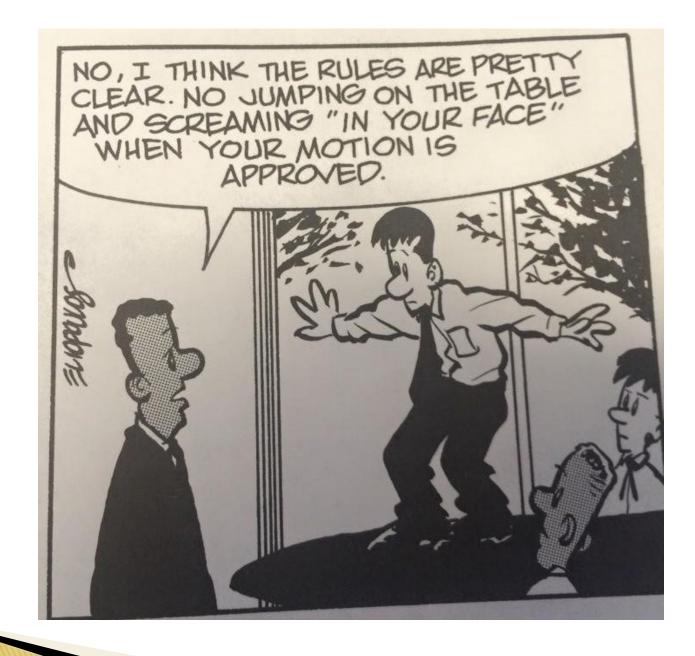
- 1. Reschedule the Meeting (Fix the time to which to adjourn). Continues the same agenda to another time.
- 2. Take a Break (Motion for Recess and wait a few minutes to see if other board members appear)
- 3. Take Measures to obtain a Quorum (call people).
- 4. End the Meeting (using a Motion to Adjourn)
- If the group MUST take an action, can do it but it is not an action of the group until ratified at the next meeting.
- Ex: Grant proposal due Friday but won't meet again until Tuesday. Only if CERTAIN it will be ratified. This is VERY rare.

#### Making a Motion

- If you know you will be making a motion, try to write it out beforehand. It will be more articulate and will contain all of the components you want (it will also be easier for the chair to restate)
- Please word your motion in the affirmative (doublenegatives are hard for everyone).
- Do not second a motion "for the sake of discussion" if you have no interest in the subject- do not second it and the body can move on.
- If you make a motion, you are entitled to speak first but you may not speak against the motion (but you can vote against it).
- \*Unlike the Assembly: A motion may be withdrawn by its maker only before it is restated by the chair.

## Robert's Rules of Order...

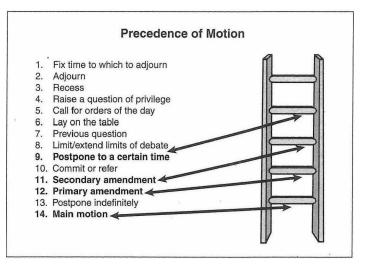
- Required by HBC 2.60.080 unless determined otherwise.
- Facilitates effective meetings and provides for fair, consistent decision-making
- Protects rights
- Meant to assist, not impede or obstruct business
- More than a set of rules; it's a process for conducting business



#### Basic Robert's Rules...

#### Main Motion

- Primary Amendment (changes the main motion)
- Secondary Amendment (changes the primary amendment)
- Precedence of Motions
- Chair should restate motion prior to vote



#### Amending the Main Motion

- During Debate, a member may move to amend the motion
- Second Amendment is in order- a third is not since any further amendment would be out of order since it would be confusing.
- There can be as many primary amendments as the body wants.

#### **Unacceptable Amendments**

#### Certain kinds of amendments are not allowed

Robert's Rules specifies that these kinds of amendments are improper:

- 1. An amendment that is not germane (relevant).
- 2. An amendment which means that if the group voted "yes," it would be equivalent to voting "no" on the original motion.
- 3. An amendment that changes one type of motion into another type.
- 4. An amendment that strikes out the words that put the motion into effect.
- 5. An amendment that is frivolous or absurd.
- 6. An amendment that would result in wording that doesn't make sense.

#### Amendment Example

- Main motion is "I move to paint the Public Safety Building"
  - <u>Primary Amendment</u>: "I move to amend the motion to paint the PSB Green"
    - <u>Secondary amendment</u> "I move to amend the amendment to paint the PSB lime green" – this secondary amendment is in order since it modifies the primary amendment. BUT
    - Proposed <u>secondary amendment</u> "I move to limit the cost of painting to \$100,000" would be out of order since it does not modify the color which was the primary amendment.
- However, the assembly could offer an additional primary amendment to limit the cost of the painting AFTER the secondary amendment and the primary amendment are voted upon since the limitation on the cost would still modify the main motion.

#### Not Everything needs a Motion

- Chair: "You have received the minutes of the last meeting. Are there any corrections to the minutes? Hearing none, if there is no objection, the minutes are approved as written".
- Or, "Is there any objection to making the change? Hearing no objection, the change is made". If there is an objection, the motion to change the minutes is on the floor, the amendment is seconded, restated, discussed, voted on, then announced.

# Adjourning

- If the agenda is complete, there is no need for a motion to adjourn.
- The chair simply announces, "Since there is no other business, the meeting is adjourned".
- Motion can be made at any time. It is a privileged motion so it is not debatable or amendable.

- If there is a motion, it must be seconded and pass by majority vote.
- Chair: "The motion carries and the meeting is adjourned. When we meet next "Motion A" will be on the agenda under Unfinished Business" as will anything else not addressed on the agenda.

#### Meeting Record...

#### Audio Recording

#### Minutes

Action only minutes