

From the Charter:

Sec. C2-10-10. - President.

The Board of Representatives, at its Organization Meeting, shall elect from among its members its President to hold office for the term for which the Board was elected. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board. In the event of the President's absence, the members present may by majority vote elect a Chairperson of the meeting. The President or other Chairperson of the meeting shall have the same right to vote as any member of the Board.

(Referendum 11-3-1987)

This is the language as originally presented for LR30.094:

6. In the event of the President's absence during any Regular or Special Meeting of the Board of Representatives, the members present may, by majority vote, elect a Chairperson for any such Regular or Special meeting. The Clerk of the Board shall convene and preside upon any such meeting until the election of a Temporary Chair. In the absence of the Clerk of the Board, the Majority Leader shall convene and preside upon any such meeting until the election of a Temporary Chair. In the absence of both the Clerk of the Board and the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader shall convene and preside upon any such meeting until the election of a Temporary Chair. The Temporary Chair shall then preside upon the election of a Chairperson. The Chairperson elected shall then preside upon the remainder of any such Regular or Special meeting, and shall have the same right to vote as any member of the Board (C2- 10-10).

Proposed changes:

6. In the event of the President's absence ~~during at~~ any ~~Regular or Special Meeting meeting~~ of the Board of Representatives, the members present may, by majority vote, elect a Chairperson ~~for any such Regular or Special~~ of the meeting. The Clerk of the Board, acting as temporary Chairperson, shall convene and preside ~~over the upon any such~~ meeting until after the roll call when the next item of business will be the election of ~~a the Temporary Chairperson~~. In the absence of the Clerk of the Board, ~~the Majority Leader shall convene and preside upon any such meeting until the election of a Temporary Chair. In the absence of both the Clerk of the Board and the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader shall convene and preside upon any such meeting until the election of a Temporary Chair. The Temporary Chair shall then preside upon the election of a Chairperson. The Chairperson elected shall then preside upon the remainder of any such Regular or Special meeting, and shall have the same right to vote as any member of the Board~~ the member present with the longest record of service to the Board of Representatives will assume the role of temporary Chairperson executing the role as previously described. It will be the Clerk's responsibility to track and publish a list of members sorted by their length of service each time the membership of the Board of Representatives changes (but no more than once a month).

Final form:

6. In the event of the President's absence at any meeting of the Board of Representatives, the members present may, by majority vote, elect a Chairperson of the meeting. The Clerk of the Board, acting as temporary Chairperson, shall convene and preside over the meeting until after the roll call when the next item of business will be the election of the Chairperson. In the absence of the Clerk of the Board the member present with the longest record of service to the Board of Representatives will assume the role of temporary Chairperson executing the role as previously described. It will be the Clerk's responsibility to track and publish a list of members sorted by their length of service each time the membership of the Board of Representatives changes (but no more than once a month).