

LR32.003_AMENDMENT

V.B.5. Time Limits on Debate

These debate rules shall apply solely to meetings of the full Board of Representatives. During meetings of any committee of the Board, the Committee Chair shall be responsible for maintaining decorum, managing recognition, and ensuring that all debate remains germane to the specific agenda item under discussion.

- (a) First Recognition. A member recognized to speak on any matter shall be limited to five (5) minutes for their initial remarks.
- (b) Second Recognition. A member who has already spoken once on the same matter may be recognized for a second time, consistent with subsection V.B.2, for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes.
- (c) Further Recognition. No member shall speak more than twice on the same matter without permission of the President, as provided in subsection V.B.2.
- (d) Enforcement. The President, with the assistance of the Clerk, shall enforce these time limits and may alert members when their remaining time is limited.
- (e) Presidential Discretion. The President may, at their discretion, allow additional time for clarification, responses to personal remarks, or matters requiring further explanation.
- (f) Effect of Amendments. If a motion to amend the item under consideration is made and seconded, the time limits set forth in subsections (a) and (b) shall reset, such that each member shall again be entitled to speak for up to five (5) minutes for a first speech and up to three (3) minutes for a second speech on the amendment.
- (g) Non-Transferability of Time. Debate time allotted to any member under this Section is personal to that member and may not be transferred, yielded, or otherwise reassigned to another member or speaker.
- (h) Suspension of Debate Limits for a Specific Item. The assembly may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, suspend the debate-limit rules set forth in this Section for a single, specific agenda item. A motion under this subsection shall not be debatable and must clearly identify the agenda item to which the suspension applies. During the period of suspension, all other provisions of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall remain in full force, and the question may be moved in accordance with those rules if the motion receives a second and is adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Upon the completion of debate and final disposition of the identified item, the standard debate limits established in subsections (a) through (g) shall automatically resume.