

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES AND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER FOR 2025

WHEREAS, the Valencia County Commission met upon notice of a Special Business Meeting duly published on January 8, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. in the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners will conduct their meetings using Robert's Rules of Order (10th ed.) as a guide to parliamentary authority, except as modified by this document; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioner has five elected Commissioners representing five districts, and collectively, set policy for Valencia County outside of incorporated areas; and,

WHEREAS, collectively, the Board of County Commissioners, through simple majority, elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among themselves, whose terms last until the first meeting of the next year; and,

WHEREAS, individually, the Board of County Commissioners are equal in their authority to represent not only their district but the entire County; and,

WHEREAS, to give equal representation for all five members of the Commission is appropriate to adopt special rules modifying Robert's Rules of Order.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners incorporates the above recitals, to be made a part of this resolution with the same force and effect as the remainder of this document.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners adopts the following "Special Rules" modifying Robert's Rules of Order for the purpose of conducting business during the meetings of the Board:

1. The Chairperson may make motions and shall have the same voting rights, no less and no more, as any other member of the Board.

- 2. The Chairperson shall not have any administrative, procedural, contractual or similar authority different than any other member of the Board, except as provided by statute.
- 3. Should the Chairperson vacate the office of Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall serve the remainder of the term, and a new Vice-Chairperson shall be selected by a simple majority of a quorum of the Board.
- 4. Members of the Board are required to obtain the floor (i.e., must be recognized by the Chairperson) before making motions or speaking.
- 5. Any and all motions need to have a second before a vote may be taken, with the exception of adjournment.
- 6. Items appearing on the agenda of meetings of the Board shall be those necessary for the proper consideration and management of County business, as determined by the County Manager. Additionally, the County Manager shall place any item necessary for the proper consideration and management of County business requested by any individual member of the Board of County Commissioners on the agenda for the meetings of the Board.
- 7. During any 1 year period items may only be reconsidered or placed again on the agenda by a commissioner who voted on the prevailing side.
- 8. The Chairperson or his/her designee shall approve agenda final versions for publication.
- 9. This Resolution repeals and replaces Resolution 2024-02, including previous parliamentary procedure resolutions, and will remain in effect until repealed or replaced.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 8th day of January, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Gerard Saiz

Commissioner, District I

Troy Richardson

Commissioner, District II

Morris Sparkman

Commissioner, District III

Joseph Bizzell

Commissioner, District IV

Dante Berry

Commissioner, District V

Attest:

Mike Milam, County Clerk

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