

Proposed Friendly Amendment

I strongly recommend that the Second to last FURTHER RESOLVED be substituted with the following language:

FURTHER RESOLVED, That members of board of directors and Committee Chairs shall limit debate on each issue to two rounds of comments. The Chair will determine the length of the debate on an issue.

Rationale

To limit the time of board members to the time provided to the public for public input is contrary to the public's interest in ensuring that board members they elect to office have the appropriate time to advocate on an issue. It further limits rigorous discussion of an issue. We are not the public. As board members, we are privy to information that the public may not have, and we have a policy and fiduciary obligation that the public does not have. Debate on an issue may necessarily require additional time to explore issues. The Chair of the Board or of a Board Committee may determine how long to pursue an issue, staying within the limit of two rounds of comments.