

Substitute Amendment to Rules of Procedure, Rule 50

Madam President:

I move to amend the 2023-2027 Metropolitan Council Rules of Procedure by amending Rule 50 as shown below:

50. Election to boards and commissions

In the event of a vacancy for a board or commission not otherwise addressed in these rules and for which Council is charged with selecting a successor, the following procedure shall apply:

1. The Vice Mayor shall by letter notify members of the Council of the existence of a vacancy on said boards or commissions. Such notice letter shall be sent to the Executive Director of the relevant board or commission. At the next regularly scheduled Council meeting following a notification by the Vice Mayor, the Vice Mayor shall call for nominations from the membership of the Council to fill the vacancy on said board or commission, and the date for the election shall be declared.

2. ~~Those persons nominated~~ Nominees shall be referred to the Rules Committee for recommendation. The Committee shall meet, ~~and determine the relative qualifications of the various candidates~~ interview candidates, and report to the Council its recommendation at the next regular Council meeting at least two weeks following the Rules Committee meeting wherein ~~the~~ any candidates were considered. No action may be taken upon such nominee until and unless such completed questionnaires have been sent to the Clerk by noon and Council members by 4:00 p.m. five days preceding a nominee appearance before the Rules Committee. Any nominee who does not submit their questionnaire in time to meet this deadline shall be deemed to have withdrawn their name for nomination. Any nominee who fails to appear before the Rules Committee shall be deemed to have withdrawn their name for nomination. A nominee's appearance before the Rules Committee may be deferred once, for no more than one meeting, upon the separate approvals of the Rules Committee and the Council. If such a deferral occurs, the date of the election shall be deferred for one additional meeting. A committee recommendation to defer shall not constitute a failure to appear.

3. Upon receiving the recommendation of the Rules Committee, the Council shall conduct an election to fill the vacancy, ~~elect a person to the board or commission.~~ ~~Any person nominated~~ The election for all vacant seats on a board shall be held concurrently, with each Council member allowed to vote for a number of nominees equal to the total number of vacancies. Each vacancy will be filled by the top ~~recipient of the requisite number of votes~~ vote recipient and any ~~other~~ additional nominee(s), provided they receive the requisite number of votes, ~~receiving the requisite number of votes~~ in order of most votes received until all vacancies are filled. In the event of multiple vacancies, all nominees for the scheduled election shall be eligible for subsequent votes until all vacancies are filled. ~~each person nominated and not elected on the election for the first vacant position shall be deemed nominated for such succeeding election for a vacant position~~

~~being voted upon at such meeting.~~ Vacancies will be filled first for full terms, then for partial terms, beginning with the partial term with the most time remaining and continuing through the partial term with the least time remaining. Ties shall be broken by the Vice Mayor, first to ensure the number of elected nominees equal the number of vacancies, then to determine who receives the longer of available partial terms, then to determine who receives available full terms, if necessary.

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