



**Board of County Commissioners
February 23, 2021 - Regular Meeting**

SUBJECT

DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURES FOR BOARD MEETINGS AND DECORUM

Category

COMMISSIONER AGENDA

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Commissioner Carol Whitmore, At Large

Action Requested

[Motion CARRIED TO RESCIND RESOLUTION R-20-191](#)

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Background Discussion

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Other (if applicable)

Reviewing Attorney

Instructions to Board Records

None

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

RESOLUTION R-20-

191

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REVISED RULES OF PROCEDURE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 20-065 WHICH GOVERN MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; SETTING FORTH FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF PARTS HEREOF DECLARED INVALID; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida ("Board") is empowered under Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, to adopt its own Rules of Procedure; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board to amend its rules of procedure adopted pursuant to Resolution 20-065 known as "Procedures for the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners" ("Board Rules") in accordance with applicable Florida law and practices of the Board, and in furtherance of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Manatee County; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to amend its rules to provide flexibility while seeking to encourage and accommodate public participation in its meetings, and so as to afford all participants due process, while recognizing the need for certain procedures to maintain orderly and efficient meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that:

Section 1. The findings set forth in the preamble above are hereby adopted as findings of the Board of County Commissioners and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Board Rules; entitled: "Procedures for the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners' Meetings," is hereby amended to add the underlined language to Section 7 as follows:

7. Conflicts; Use of Other Rules; Waiver

7.3 Waiver.

Any of the foregoing rules may be waived at any Board meeting then in session by a majority vote of the Board, unless such waiver is in conflict with state or local law.

Section 3. That the Table of Contents of the Board Rules be amended to add the underlined language in Section 7 as follows:

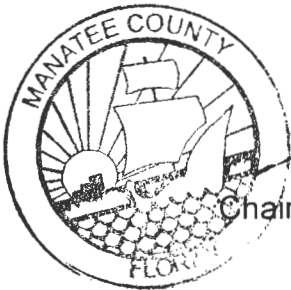
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Waiver.....16.

Section 4. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Resolution, be deemed severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section hereof is declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by the valid judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the vote to adopt this Resolution.

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting on this 19th day of November, 2020.

COMMISSIONERS
BOARD OF COUNTY
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA



BY: [Signature]

Chairperson

ATTEST: ANGELINA COLONNESO
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BY: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk

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