

Chapter 2.25

GENERAL RULES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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2.25.010 Applicability.

Unless otherwise specially stated in this chapter or in the ordinance or Charter provision creating the particular board or commission, this chapter applies to all boards and commissions, whether created by City Charter, ordinance, state or other law. If there is a conflict between the Charter and the Municipal Code, Charter provisions shall prevail. (Ord. 3251 § 1, 2013; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.020 Definitions.

For purposes of this chapter, the following words are defined:

“Board” and “Commission” includes boards, commissions, and committees established by the Chula Vista Charter or ordinance.

“Brown Act” means the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Section [54950](#) et seq., commonly referred to as the Brown Act or the California Open Meeting Law.

“Entire Voting Membership” or “Entire Membership” means those individuals who have been appointed to, have been sworn in to serve on, have not been removed from, have not vacated their seat on, and who are eligible and entitled to vote as Members of a Board or Commission. It does not include Ex Officio Members or Youth Advisory Members and does not include any seat specified in the Charter provision or ordinance creating the Board or Commission that is unfilled due to a vacancy, pursuant to CVMC [2.25.105](#). Notwithstanding the foregoing, at least one-half of the voting seats specified in the Charter provision or ordinance creating the Board or Commission must be filled in order for the Board or Commission to act. For example, if a seven-Member board has two vacancies, the remaining five voting members constitute the “Entire Membership.” Accordingly, an action that requires a majority vote could be taken if at least three of the voting board members vote in its favor. The City Council intends that this definition clarify the term “Entire Membership” as used in Section [603](#) of the City Charter.

“Ex Officio Members” means the individuals who are appointed by the City Council to serve in an advisory capacity on a Board or Commission, but who are not entitled to vote or to make motions. “Ex Officio Members” do not include City staff who provide information to or sit with a board or commission.

“Interview” means the process by which applicants are given an opportunity to present themselves to the City Council, or other interview panel, and the City Council or other panel questions and evaluates the applicants.

Should an applicant be unable to attend an interview, the Council or panel may elect to consider a letter of interest or interview by other means, such as telephone or video conference, in lieu of an in-person meeting.

“Member” means an individual who has been appointed to, has been sworn in to serve on, has not been removed from, and who has not vacated his or her seat on a Board or Commission. “Members” includes Voting Members, Ex Officio Members, and Youth Advisory Members.

“Registered Voter” means an individual who is registered to vote in City of Chula Vista elections.

“Voting Member” means an individual appointed by the City Council who is entitled to vote and make motions in his or her capacity as a member of a Board or Commission.

“Youth Advisory Member” means the individuals who meet the qualifications specified in CVMC [2.25.030\(E\)](#) and are appointed by the City Council to serve in an advisory capacity on a Board or Commission. Youth Advisory Members are not entitled to make motions or vote but may offer an advisory opinion on matters considered by the Board or Commission. (Ord. 3539 § 1(A), 2022; Ord. 3490 § 1, 2020; Ord. 3435 § 1, 2018; Ord. 3380 § 1, 2016; Ord. 3268 § 3, 2013; Ord. 3251 § 1, 2013; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.030 Membership – Qualifications and eligibility.

Member qualifications and eligibility shall be in accordance with Chula Vista Charter Section [602](#) and this section:

- A. An individual is eligible to serve on only one Board or Commission at a time, unless the Member is filling a seat on another Board or Commission that was specifically created to represent the Board or Commission to which he or she was originally appointed.
- B. A paid officer or employee of the City is not eligible to be appointed to or to serve on a Board or Commission.
- C. A Member is ineligible to be appointed to another Board or Commission during the first 12 months of his or her term; this prohibition does not apply to appointments to serve as a representative Member on another Board or Commission, pursuant to subsection [\(A\)](#) of this section, or to appointments of Members to another Board or Commission when their original Board or Commission was disbanded within the first 12 months of their term.
- D. The City Council may appoint Ex Officio Members to any Board or Commission because of particular background or experience that the City Council deems will assist a particular Board or Commission in handling a discrete set of issues. Ex Officio Members are not required to be Registered Voters and are subject to term limits as described in the Charter and CVMC [2.25.080](#) and [2.25.100](#). Ex Officio Members are not entitled to vote or to make motions.
- E. E. The City Council may appoint Youth Advisory Members to Boards and Commissions as those seats are provided for in the Membership section of individual board and Commission chapters in this Code. Youth Advisory Members shall be between the ages of 16 and 22 years old at the time of their appointment, and are not required to be Registered Voters, but shall be a resident in the City and maintain that status throughout their tenure. Youth

Advisory Members are subject to term limits as described in CVMC [2.25.080](#) and [2.25.100](#). (Ord. 3539 § 1(A), 2022; Ord. 3435 § 1, 2018; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.035 Membership – Changes to seat qualifications.

- A. If changes are made to the qualifications for one or more seats on a board or commission, including redistricting having occurred, seats being changed from at-large to district-based, qualifications being changed for a seat, or a similar event, the City Clerk shall recommend to the City Council for approval the assignments of the seated members to the seats, with the intent of reducing disruption to the board or commission, to the extent possible.
- B. When a member is reassigned, the member shall retain the term dates they were originally assigned. Reassigning a seat shall not extend a term or allow a member to serve more consecutive terms than the member would otherwise be entitled to serve.
- C. Notwithstanding subsection [\(A\)](#) of this section, if a member does not qualify under the new requirements for the seat to which the member has been assigned, the member nonetheless shall be entitled to serve out the remainder of the member's term, with a qualified replacement to be appointed and seated for the succeeding term. (Ord. 3490 § 1, 2020).

2.25.040 Membership – Qualifications and eligibility as ex officio member.

Repealed by [Ord. 3435](#), 2018.

2.25.050 Membership – Applications and appointments – General.

- A. The City Clerk shall maintain applications for prospective membership on Boards and Commissions for a period of one year from the date of application. The application shall provide a place for an individual to state the reasons he or she seeks appointment to a particular Board or Commission and his or her qualifications for service on a particular Board or Commission.
- B. An individual who has submitted an application for appointment as a Voting Member, Ex Officio Member, or Youth Advisory Member of any Board or Commission may be interviewed as part of the nomination and selection process.
- C. If a vacancy occurs on any Board or Commission within one year of interviews being conducted for that Board or Commission, interviews are not required if all of the following criteria are met: (1) the vacancy was properly noticed and new applications solicited; (2) no new, qualified applications were received; (3) one or more qualified applicants from the original interviews remain eligible and interested in being appointed; and (4) the appointment process for the Board or Commission does not specifically prohibit this subsection.

D. Members of each board and commission shall be appointed by at least three affirmative votes of the City Council. (Ord. 3539 § 1(A), 2022; Ord. 3490 § 1, 2020; Ord. 3449 § 1, 2019; Ord. 3435 § 1, 2018; Ord. 3393 § 1, 2016; Ord. 3370 § 2, 2016; Ord. 3253 § 1, 2013; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.052 Membership – Appointment processes.

Processes described in this section apply to seats on one or more boards or commissions, as indicated in the board or commission chapter within this code. If no appointment process is specified for a board or commission, the general appointment process in subsection [\(A\)](#) of this section will apply.

A. *General Appointment Process.* When a vacancy occurs, the City Clerk shall forward applications received for the vacant position to the Mayor, who shall review the forwarded applications, select applicants to be interviewed, interview selected applicants, and make nominations for appointment, subject to the City Council's approval.

B. *Full Council Interview Appointment Process.* When a vacancy occurs, members shall be appointed in accordance with Chapter [2.53](#) CVMC.

C. *District Based Appointment Process.* Seats on applicable boards and commissions for which this process applies are tied to a particular Council district seat. When a vacancy occurs, the City Clerk shall forward applications to the Councilmember filling the corresponding district seat. The Councilmember shall review the applications, select applicants to be interviewed, interview selected applicants, and make nominations for appointment, subject to the City Council's approval.

D. *Designated Member Appointment Process.*

1. When a vacancy occurs, designated members shall be selected for nomination by the Nominating Authorities specified in the applicable Commission section in accordance with policies and procedures that each Nominating Authority establishes for itself. Up to three nominees may be presented for consideration. If any of the listed Nominating Authorities decline to exercise their nominating authority in a timely fashion, or if any ceases to function or exist, that party's nominating authority shall pass to a substantially similar organization selected by the City Council.

2. Nominating Authorities shall submit the names and contact information for their nominee(s) ("Designated Nominees") to the City Clerk on a form prescribed by the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall provide the Designated Nominees with instructions to complete and submit applications to the City Clerk within a specified time period. Completed applications timely received by the City Clerk shall be forwarded to the Mayor.

3. The Mayor shall interview all Designated Nominees who timely completed applications, and make nominations for appointment, subject to the City Council's approval.

4. If a Nominating Authority presents the Mayor with two or three nominees for consideration, and those nominees properly apply, the Mayor shall make the nomination by choosing among the two or three nominees presented. If a Nominating Authority presents the Mayor with only one nominee, the Mayor may

reject such nomination and request an alternative submittal. Once rejected, a nominee may not be resubmitted for the term at issue, but may be submitted for consideration for future terms.

E. *Administration.* The City Clerk shall administer the appointment processes set forth above, including the development and publication of all necessary forms. The City Clerk shall have the authority to develop additional administrative policies and procedures to the extent necessary to implement the terms of this chapter and other chapters within this code related to board and commission appointments. (Ord. 3490 § 1, 2020).

2.25.055 Membership – Reappointment process.

A. In the year of the expiration of a member’s term, unless otherwise requested by the nominating authority for the particular board or commission seat, the City Clerk shall schedule the reappointments for eligible and interested members at a meeting of the City Council in July, or as soon as practicable thereafter, for all boards and commissions.

B. Prior to reappointment, if a majority of the City Council so desires, the Mayor and City Council may interview members who are interested in and eligible to be reappointed, whose seats would be otherwise be appointed using the full Council interview appointment process described in CVMC [2.25.052\(B\)](#).

Following the interviews, the Mayor and City Council shall vote whether or not to reappoint the incumbents.

C. Regardless of the applicable reappointment process, each member of a board or commission shall be reappointed by at least three affirmative votes of the City Council. When an incumbent is not reappointed, the seat shall be filled using the applicable appointment process. (Ord. 3490 § 1, 2020; Ord. 3435 § 1, 2018; Ord. 3366 § 1, 2016).

2.25.060 Membership – Oath of office – Effective date of taking office.

The City Clerk or his or her designee shall administer the oath of office to newly appointed Voting Members, Ex Officio Members, and Youth Advisory Members. Newly appointed Members must take the oath of office before they may participate or vote as a Member of the Board or Commission to which they have been appointed. Members assume their office on the date they take the oath of office. (Ord. 3539 § 1(A), 2022; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.070 Membership – Terms – Initial terms for new boards and commissions.

Repealed by [Ord. 3435](#), 2018.

2.25.080 Membership – Terms – Standard term of office – Holdover office.

- A. The standard term of office for Board and Commission Members, other than Youth Advisory Members, is four years. The standard term begins July 1st and ends June 30th four years later.
- B. The standard term of office for Youth Advisory Members is two years. The standard term begins July 1st and ends June 30th two years later.
- C. At the end of any Member's term, they shall be permitted to continue to exercise the privileges of their former office until the office is filled by the appointment of a qualified successor. (Ord. 3539 § 1(A), 2022; Ord. 3435 § 1, 2018; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.085 Emergency operations.

During a period of public emergency, as declared in a proclamation of a local emergency, requirements related to boards and commissions described in this code, including frequency of meetings and specified activity deadlines, may be temporarily revised or suspended in the discretion of the City Manager, after consultation with the City Attorney and City Clerk. (Ord. 3490 § 1, 2020).

2.25.090 Membership – Terms – Two-consecutive-term limit for voting and ex officio members – Exceptions.

Repealed by [Ord. 3435](#), 2018.

2.25.100 Membership – Terms – Filling unexpired terms.

- A. Voting Member and Ex Officio Member terms shall be in accordance with Chula Vista Charter Section [602](#) and this subsection A:
1. A Voting Member who currently sits on a particular Board or Commission may not be appointed to fill the unexpired term of another Voting Member's vacated seat on that same Board or Commission. An individual who currently sits as an Ex Officio Member or a Youth Advisory Member of a Board or Commission may be appointed to fill the unexpired term of a Voting Member's vacated seat on the same Board or Commission if the Ex Officio Member or Youth Advisory Member meets the eligibility criteria for voting membership. The appointment process shall be the same as provided for in the applicable membership section for the Board or Commission.
 2. For purposes of determining whether the unexpired term of a vacated seat is less than, more than, or equals two years, the starting date of the unexpired term shall be the date the new appointee takes the oath

of office, and the end date of the unexpired term shall be the expiration date of the vacating Member's term of office.

B. Youth Advisory Member terms shall be in accordance with this subsection:

1. Youth Advisory Members shall be limited to a maximum of two consecutive terms; provided, further, that for the purpose of this section, an appointment to fill an initial term or an unexpired term of less than one year in duration shall not be considered as a term; however, any appointment to fill an initial term or an unexpired term in excess of one year shall be considered to be a full term.

2. For purposes of determining whether the unexpired term of a vacated seat is less than, more than, or equal to one year, the starting date of the unexpired term shall be the date the new appointee takes the oath of office, and the end date of the unexpired term shall be the expiration date of the vacating Member's term of office. (Ord. 3539 § 1(A), 2022; Ord. 3490 § 1, 2020; Ord. 3435 § 1, 2018; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.105 Membership – Vacancies.

A. *Vacancies Mandated by the City Charter.* If the City Clerk determines that a vacancy has occurred pursuant to Charter Section 602(c), the Clerk shall agendize the matter for City Council action. Between the occurrence of vacancy and the Council declaration of vacancy, the member shall be unable to continue serving as a board or commission member and shall have no duties of the office. The vacancy shall be effective on the date the Council declares the office vacant.

B. *City Employee.* If a member becomes a paid employee of the City, the member's status as a board or commission member shall automatically terminate. The effective date of vacancy shall be the date of hire.

C. *Member No Longer Qualified.* If a member loses the status or classification that qualified the individual for his or her seat on a particular board or commission, unless otherwise provided in the board or commission membership rules, the City Clerk shall schedule the declaration of vacancy on an agenda of the City Council as soon as practicable after being informed of a qualifying circumstance. The vacancy shall be effective on the date the Council declares the office vacant.

D. *Removal for Cause.*

1. A member may be removed for cause by three affirmative votes of the City Council.

2. A member may be removed for cause for the following reasons:

a. Absence from more than 50 percent of the meetings of the board or commission in one fiscal year, whether or not excused by a majority vote of its members;

b. Unavailability or conduct which interferes with the board or commission's ability to conduct business;

- c. Failure to attend training sessions mandated by the City;
- d. Violation of any City policies or City, state or federal regulations that are the subject of mandatory training sessions; or
- e. Violation of the City's code of ethics, which shall be processed in accordance with Chapter [2.28](#) CVMC.

3. The Mayor shall monitor attendance and training records submitted pursuant to CVMC [2.25.120](#) and reports of situations described in subsections [\(D\)\(2\)\(b\)](#) through [\(D\)\(2\)\(d\)](#) of this section. The subcommittee may make recommendations to the full Council for a vote on the removal of a member for cause.

4. After consultation with the staff liaison for the subject Board or Commission, the nominating authority for the subject Board or Commission position (if any), the City Clerk and the City Attorney, if the Mayor finds removal of a member for cause is warranted, the Mayor make recommendations to the full Council for a vote on the removal of such member for cause.

5. Prior to the Mayor making a recommendation to the full Council for a vote on the removal of a member for cause, the member shall be notified and provided a reasonable opportunity to submit an explanation for the Mayor and Council's consideration.

6. Should the Council vote affirmatively to remove the member for cause, the vacancy shall be effective on the date of the Council's action.

E. *Resignation.* A member may resign by providing notice to the Chair, City staff, or the City Clerk. The resignation shall be effective on the date provided by the member, or, if no such date was provided, on the date the notice was given. (Ord. 3494 § 1, 2020; Ord. 3435 § 1, 2018).

2.25.110 Attendance requirements – Excused absences.

A. The City Council relies on advice of the City's boards and commissions that grows from discussions among appointed members. The City Council anticipates that members appointed to the City's boards and commissions will make every reasonable effort to attend all regular meetings of their respective boards or commissions, to attend special meetings, and to be prepared to discuss matters on their respective agendas.

B. The City Charter requires that any board or commission member who is absent from three consecutive, regular meetings will be deemed to have vacated his or her membership on the particular board or commission, unless his or her absence is excused by a majority vote of the other members, as reflected in the official minutes of the board or commission.

C. Board and commission members, by a majority vote, may excuse a fellow board or commission member's absence from meetings for any of the following reasons:

1. Illness of the member, family member of the member, or personal friend of the member;

2. Business commitment of the member that interferes with the attendance of the member at a meeting;
3. Previously scheduled vacation of the member, notice of which was provided to the respective board or commission in advance of the meeting;
4. Attendance of the member at a funeral, religious service or ceremony, wedding, or other similarly significant event;
5. Unexpected, emergency situation that prohibits the member's attendance; or
6. Other reason for which the member has given notice to the secretary of his or her unavailability at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

D. Members shall vote on excusing a member's absence from a regular meeting. The vote shall be reflected in the official minutes for the meeting at which the vote was taken. A member may vote to excuse his or her own absence.

E. The secretary of each board or commission shall notify the City Clerk if a voting member misses three regular, consecutive meetings of the board or commission without being excused by a majority vote of the board or commission as expressed in its official minutes. The City Clerk shall proceed according to CVMC [2.25.105\(A\)](#). (Ord. 3435 § 1, 2018; Ord. 3306 § 1, 2014; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.120 Attendance and training reports required annually.

The secretary for each board and commission shall prepare an annual written report of attendance on a form developed by the City Clerk, which includes the percentages of absences of members for both regular and special meetings during the preceding fiscal year, the total number of meetings held by the board or commission, the number of meetings missed by each member for the preceding fiscal year, and each member's compliance with mandatory training as required by CVMC [2.25.160](#). The report shall be delivered to the City Clerk no later than June 30th of each year. The City Clerk shall forward the report to the Mayor and City Councilmembers. (Ord. 3435 § 1, 2018; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.130 Code of ethics.

Voting Members, Ex Officio Members, and Youth Advisory Members of Boards and Commissions are public officials and, therefore, act as agents for the public's purpose and hold office for the public's benefit. As public officials, they are bound to uphold the law, observe in their official acts a high standard of morality and discharge faithfully the duties of their office, recognizing that the public interest must be a primary concern. Members of Boards and Commissions are expected to conform to the City's code of ethics, found in Chapter [2.01](#) CVMC. If a Board or Commission Member is in doubt about whether the code of ethics applies to a particular situation, the Member may request in writing an advisory opinion from the Board of Ethics. (Ord. 3539 § 1(A), 2022; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.140 Compensation and expenses – Use of business cards.

- A. Members of boards and commissions shall serve without compensation for their services.
- B. Members of boards and commissions may receive reimbursement for necessary travel and other expenses incurred on official duty to the extent that appropriations for such expenses have been provided by the City Council in approving the board or commission's budget.
- C. Members of boards and commissions are authorized to use business cards showing their affiliation with their particular board or commission only if:
 - 1. Business cards are used in relation to the duties and functions of the particular board or commission;
 - 2. City funds are used to pay for the business cards; and
 - 3. Appropriations for such expenses have been provided by the City Council in approving the budget for the particular board or commission. (Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.150 Conflicts of interest – Recusal from discussion and voting.

- A. Voting Members, Ex Officio Members, and Youth Advisory Members who are 18 years of age or older of certain Boards and Commissions may be required to file statements of economic interest as determined in the City's conflict of interest code. The City Clerk will notify Members who are required to file the statements.
- B. The state's Political Reform Act and the City's conflict of interest code state that no person shall make or participate in the making of a governmental decision that he or she knows, or has reason to know, will have a reasonably foreseeable material financial effect on him or her distinguishable from its effect on the public generally. The Political Reform Act and implementing regulations require a public official diligently to monitor his or her business interests, real property, sources of income, gifts, and personal finances to ensure that he or she does not participate in an action in which he or she has a conflict of interest.
- C. When a Member has a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, he or she must publicly state the nature of the conflict. Unless the item is on the consent calendar, the Member must step down from the dais or table and leave the room until consideration of the particular item is finished. Additionally, the disqualified Member may not be counted toward achieving a quorum while the item is being discussed. A Member may consult the City Attorney if he or she has a question about whether or not a conflict exists and whether or not he or she should disqualify himself or herself from discussing or voting on an issue. (Ord. 3539 § 1(A), 2022; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.160 Mandatory training sessions.

- A. Board and commission members are required to attend periodic training sessions on ethics laws as specified in California Government Code Section [53234](#) et seq. A member's failure to comply with this training requirement may be a cause for removal from office, pursuant to CVMC [2.25.105](#).
- B. Board and commission members may be required to attend periodic additional training sessions on the City's code of ethics, Brown Act requirements, sexual harassment laws and policies, and other laws or City policies as may be determined.
- C. The secretary of each board or commission shall be responsible for notifying members in writing of dates, times and locations of training sessions. (Ord. 3435 § 1, 2018; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.170 Operations – Bylaws may be adopted.

Boards and commissions may adopt bylaws governing the internal conduct of their affairs. The bylaws must be consistent with the City Charter, the Municipal Code, and applicable state law and shall include the method for their amendment. The original bylaws and any amendments to the bylaws shall be delivered to the City Clerk for preservation. (Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.180 Operations – Election of chair and vice chair.

At the first regular board or commission meeting following July 1st of every year, or as soon as practicable thereafter, each board or commission shall elect a chair from among its voting members. Each board and commission may also elect a vice chair from among its voting members. The chair and any vice chair thus selected shall serve for a period of one year. The secretary shall notify the City Clerk whenever there is a change in chair or vice chair. (Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.190 Operations – Duties of chair, vice chair and chair pro tem.

The chair shall serve as presiding officer at meetings. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair, if any, shall serve as presiding officer. In the absence of the chair and the vice chair, if any, the secretary shall call the meeting to order, and the voting members shall select a chair pro tem from any of the board or commission's voting members for purposes of conducting business at that meeting. (Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.200 Operations – Regular meetings required – Special meetings allowed – Time and location to be established by resolution – Brown Act requirements.

- A. Each board or commission shall establish the day, time and location for its regular meetings by written resolution, so long as such meetings comply with state and local laws, including applicable provisions of the Municipal Code. A board or commission may change its regular meeting day, time or location only by a written resolution.
- B. When the day for any regular meeting of a board or commission falls on a City holiday, no meeting shall be held on such holiday.
- C. In addition to regular meetings, boards and commissions are authorized to call and hold any special meetings they deem necessary.
- D. As a general rule, boards and commissions shall hold their regular and special meetings at a City facility. Boards and commissions may hold their meetings from time to time in other locations, as long as meetings are properly noticed and held in accordance with state and local laws.
- E. All board and commission meetings shall be noticed and held in accordance with the requirements of the Brown Act. (Ord. 3490 § 1, 2020; Ord. 3435 § 1, 2018; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.205 Operations – Conduct of meetings.

Pursuant to City Charter Section [603](#), board and commission meetings shall be open to the public. The rules applicable to City Council meetings regarding oral communications, addressing members, presiding officer powers and duties, and decorum and order, set forth in CVMC [2.04.170](#), [2.04.210](#), [2.04.320](#), [2.04.330](#), and [2.04.340](#), shall apply to board and commission meetings. In applying those code provisions to board and commission meetings, the terms “City Council,” “City Clerk,” “Council meeting,” and “Councilmember” shall be replaced with “board or commission,” “board or commission secretary,” “board or commission meeting,” and “board or commission member,” respectively. (Ord. 3251 § 1, 2013).

2.25.210 Operations – Agenda preparation and distribution.

- A. Agendas must be prepared, distributed and posted for all meetings in accordance with Brown Act requirements.
- B. Items may be placed on the agenda by the chair, by majority vote of the members, or by City staff. The secretary for each board or commission shall prepare meeting agendas in consultation with the chair.

C. The board or commission secretary shall forward agendas to the Mayor, City Council, and City staff designated to assist a particular board or commission. (Ord. 3435 § 1, 2018; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.220 Operations – Meeting cancellation – Notice required.

- A. A meeting may be cancelled because of a lack of a quorum of voting members or the lack of agenda items.
- B. If the board or commission secretary has advance notice that a meeting will not be held, the secretary shall post a notice of cancellation in lieu of posting or mailing an agenda for the meeting.
- C. If a quorum of voting members cannot be assembled on the date and at the time a meeting is scheduled to be held, the secretary shall declare the meeting cancelled and post a notice of cancellation of the meeting on the door of the room where the meeting was to be held. (Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.230 Operations – Minutes required – Form and content.

- A. The board or commission secretary shall prepare minutes for all meetings. The secretary shall present the minutes at a subsequent meeting for approval by the board or commission members. The secretary shall transmit the original minutes to the City Clerk for permanent preservation immediately after the board or commission has approved the minutes. The secretary shall transmit copies of minutes of all meetings to the City Council within 10 days of approval.
- B. Minutes shall contain a record of each particular type of business transacted, set off in paragraphs with proper subheadings. The secretary shall be required to make a record only of the business actually passed upon by a vote of the board or commission members and shall not be required to make a verbatim transcript of the proceedings. A record shall be made of the name and city of residence of persons addressing the board or commission, the title of the subject to which their remarks related, and whether they spoke in support of or in opposition to the matter. (Ord. 3435 § 1, 2018; Ord. 3422 § 1, 2018; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.240 Operations – Quorum and voting requirements.

Unless otherwise required by state law or this chapter, the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire voting membership of any board or commission shall be necessary for it to take any action except to adjourn. This provision is intended to meet the requirements of City Charter Section [603](#). (Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.250 Operations – Appointment of subcommittees.

- A. Boards and commissions may appoint subcommittees that they deem appropriate to provide advice on any matter within the jurisdiction of the particular board or commission. Subcommittees shall be created, and shall conduct themselves, in accordance with the Brown Act.
- B. The role of any subcommittee is to provide expertise and advice to its establishing board or commission. Subcommittees and subcommittee members shall not advise the City Council directly or speak on behalf of the board or commission without prior approval of a majority of the members of such board or commission. (Ord. 3435 § 1, 2018; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.260 Operations – Staff support.

- A. Pursuant to City Charter Section [603](#), the City Manager shall appoint a staff person to serve as secretary to each board and commission. In addition to other duties specified in this chapter, the secretary is responsible for finalizing resolutions and performing other administrative duties, as necessary.
- B. The City Manager may make available other staff and clerical support as requested by a Board or Commission to fulfill its functions and duties, provided such staff and clerical support are available.
- C. Staff persons assigned to assist Boards and Commissions shall not be considered Voting Members, Ex Officio Members, or Youth Advisory Members of those Boards and Commissions. (Ord. 3539 § 1(A), 2022; Ord. 3435 § 1, 2018; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.270 Operations – Gifts, grants and contracts – Council approval required.

A board or commission may not accept gifts or grants from any source absent approval from the City Council. A board or commission may not commit or attempt to commit the City to any contract or other agreement without first obtaining authority from the City Council to do so. (Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.280 Operations – Annual activity report required – Other reports and recommendations – Individual communications by members.

- A. By June 30th of every year, each board and commission shall prepare and submit to the City Clerk a written report of its activities during the previous fiscal year. The City Clerk shall forward copies of each report to the City Council. The annual report shall also contain other specific information or findings required by the ordinance creating a particular board or commission.

- B. In addition to the annual report, a board or commission may make other reports to the City Council, either orally or in writing, at a public session of the City Council. Minority reports, if any, shall be submitted in writing concurrent with the majority reports.
- C. Boards and commissions shall forward proposals, suggestions, or recommendations to the City Council after formal board or commission action has been taken, within 10 working days of the meeting at which the action was taken. Board and commission policy positions should be formulated and stated in such a way as to ensure understanding by the public that the stated positions are not the official policy of the City until recommended to, and adopted by, the City Council.
- D. Individual board or commission members may speak on behalf of their respective board or commission only after a vote of the particular board or commission. Individual members making recommendations or expressing views that have not been officially voted on by a majority of the body shall indicate that they are expressing themselves as private citizens, not as representatives of their respective board or commission. (Ord. 3435 § 1, 2018; Ord. 3213 § 1, 2011; Ord. 3111 § 1, 2008).

2.25.290 Vacancies – Written notification from chair required.

Repealed by [Ord. 3435](#), 2018.

2.25.300 Vacancies – Posting required.

Repealed by [Ord. 3435](#), 2018.

The Chula Vista Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 3575, passed June 25, 2024.

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