

Notice of Historic Highland Park Special Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 @ 6:15 pm-6:55 pm  
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## **AGENDA**

**(Abstentions are neither in favor nor in opposition)**

I. Welcoming Remarks:

A. Call to Order: **Time: 6:20pm**

B. Roll Call:

**Present: Mary A., Ashley, Robert, Theresa, Christina, Renee, Duncan, Elizabeth, John, Jeannie, Mary P., Nicholas, MaryLeigh, Estrella, Mirtala, Matt, Emily S.**

**Not present: Emily A. Brendon came late to meeting**

**Estrella speak about the meeting and the structure, and why for Robert's rules.**

2. **Board Training: Robert's Rules of Order**

**John Darnell from DONE: John starts out by speaking of the Republican political party referring to Mitch McConnell. John states that Mitch is if you observe him is about procedure and he knows how to get things done. This was said with no preference to any political party.**

**Henry Martyn Robert 1876 was the founder of Robert's Rules. He wrote this in response to Parliament Prohibitions. There have been 10 editions, 1915, 1970, the last edition was 4 months ago. Robert Rules was really created to take away power from the board and Rosenberg rules seemed to keep power to the board. Robert Rules set to be orderly and efficient. Most NCs use this, HOA uses it as well. Robert's Rules of order are fair and equitable.**

**1. Current board structure is 19 members**

**2. 10 is quorum**

**3. The steps**

**A. motion**

**B. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion**

**C. Board Discussion**

**D. Public Comment**

**E. Then vote**

The board can only discuss in Board discussion. The Public can respond in Public comment and they have the right to speak, (The Brown Act), they cannot be refused to talk, it's the law. Each party the board and the public ought to have equal time. Usually its 2-3 minutes. Hopefully if the board member comments again its to the point. Everyone needs to be prepared, read items and documents before meeting be prepared. The City Council also adheres to time they time themselves.

If there is a presenter, have them present then public comment and then vote.

The use of "Point of order" can only be used by a board member. This is used when procedures are not followed. For example, forgetting about public comment, someone from the board can say "point of order". The Chair can disagree with the Point of order stated and proceed with the meeting. Some board members have used this to stall, if that is happening then a discussion needs to happen about what is really going on.

Amendments, Amendments are done in Board discussion. John O'Hara asked about amended motions versus original motion in terms of voting. The Board will have a discussion on the amendment, then vote on it or not. Then we must go back to the original motion and vote on that as well, so there are two votes. Elizabeth asked about closed sessions and time allocated for them. John Darnell's response was in NC's there are no closed sessions, they are not allowed. Remember you are volunteers not city employees, you have more protections as volunteers.

When voting you can postpone which means the next meeting this will addressed. Nicholas asked a question about public comments. John Darnell responded to the question by stating the importance of the structure being explained prior to the meeting and the reference to HHPNC by-laws, look to the by-laws. In meetings the board members can only talk in Board discussion not public comment. Time needs to be equal.

**3. Adjournment**

**Emily motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm Matt seconds the motion**

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Recused	Ineligible	Absent
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Emily A						x
Mary A.	x					
Ashely	x					
Brendan	x					
Robert	x					
Theresa	x					
Christina	x					
Renee	x					
Duncan	x					
Elizabeth	x					
John	x					
Jeannie						x
Mary P.	x					
Nicholas	x					
MaryLeigh	x					
Estrella	x					
Mirtala	x					
Matt	x					
Emily S.	x					
total	17	0	0	0	0	2

**Motion carries.**