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Section 6. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the First Vice President. A vacancy in any other position shall be filled in the same manner as the original selection as set forth in Article III, Section 1.

Section 7. Additional officers or representatives may be created by the Commission. Representatives shall be elected by the Commission.

Article IV. MEETINGS

Section 1. The Commission shall hold a regular monthly meeting on the third Wednesday of each month.

- a. A regular meeting may be cancelled or rescheduled by two-thirds vote of the Commission at the regularly scheduled prior meeting of the Commission.
- b. A commissioner may speak twice on any unique debatable motion or presentation per meeting. Each time, the commissioner may speak for up to three (3) minutes. A commissioner cannot save time for their second round or transfer their remaining time to someone else. A commissioner cannot let someone else speak on his or her time.

Section 2. The regular meeting in January shall be the Annual Meeting at which new Commissioners take office, and annual reports from the committees are received.

- a. An officer nomination committee shall be appointed by the President, representing a cross section of the Commission, to develop and gather a slate of officers for the coming year.
- b. Any current commissioner may be a voting member of the officer nomination committee. Membership on this committee shall not exclude a commissioner from consideration for an office.
- c. The proposed slate of officers must be included with the meeting following the annual meeting notice.
- d. First item of business for the meeting following the annual meeting will be election of Commission Officers with additional or write-in nominations accepted from any member of the Commission.
- e. The election of officers shall be conducted by written ballot, which shall be tallied immediately by two commissioners not running for an officer position. The two commissioners will be chosen by random chance at the start of the meeting. One of the vote counters will read aloud each commissioner's name and how they voted into the official record kept by the Recording Secretary. Official tally of votes will include name of Commissioner and the number of votes they received. A voice vote may be held if there are no contested offices.

Section 3. At least a five-day notice of all meetings shall be given, such notice to include the agenda. All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public. All Commission meetings shall comply with the Ohio open meeting law and the open meeting requirements pursuant to C.C. 121.01.

Section 4. The Commission shall consider no business unless introduced by a commissioner or a committee of the Commission. No person shall speak during a Commission meeting except when recognized by the presiding officer. This can be subject to approval of the Commission by a majority vote.

- a. Allowance shall be made for public comment on any issue to be voted on by the Commission or a committee of the Commission. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. This limit may be extended by vote of the members present upon a motion of any commissioner to do so. Time shall be allowed following each presentation for commissioners to discuss and ask questions of the speaker. At their discretion, the presiding officer may limit the number of speakers to three (3) on each side of an issue. Such limitation shall be announced at the beginning of public comments on that issue.

Section 5. Special meetings may be called by the President; or the President upon receiving a petition signed by one-third of the Commissioners in office.

- a. Any such petition shall specify the date, time and place of the special meeting and shall include all business to be conducted at the meeting.
- b. No business shall be conducted at a special meeting, unless explicitly included in the notice of such meeting.

Section 6. A Public Hearing may be directed to be held by either: a majority vote of the Commission, or a committee (with the approval of the President).

- a. With the permission of a majority vote of the Commission, a public hearing may be held in conjunction with a Commission meeting.
- b. A record shall be made of each public hearing by the Recording Secretary or other provided recording officer from the directing committee.
- c. If a committee has called a public hearing, it shall provide the presiding and recording officer.
- d. At least a fifteen (15) day public notice shall be given for all public hearings.

Article VII. AMENDMENT

Section 1. As permitted per C.C. 3109.13, these by-laws may be amended in part or in whole at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission by an affirmative vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all Commission members provided that the amendments were submitted in writing at the previous regularly scheduled meeting. The Corresponding Secretary shall file any approved amendments immediately after its adoption with the city clerk for publication in the City Bulletin. Such amendments shall take effect ten (10) days after such publication per C.C. 121.05.

Standing Rules

1. In the year 2013 all elected, appointed and nominated Commissioners in good standing at the time of the June meeting will have their terms in office extended to the beginning of the January 2014 Commission meeting.
2. In the year 2013 all terms of office as described in Article II section 2 of the University Area Commission By Laws are here by extended one time by 7 months.