

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the submitted changes amending ARTICLE 5: GOVERNING BOARD, Section 7: Absences of the previously adopted (7/1/22) VNC Bylaws.

Current Language:

Any Board Officer who misses three (3) regularly scheduled consecutive Board meetings or five (5) total Board meetings during any twelve (12) month period will be automatically removed from the Board. Each Board Officer absence shall be recorded in the Council's meeting minutes or other manner of Council record keeping, and that, upon missing the required number of Board meetings for removal, the President shall provide notice to that Board Officer that their seat has been declared vacant and announce the vacancy at the next regular Board meeting. When the position is announced as vacant it will be filed via the Council's vacancy clause. Any regularly scheduled Board of Officers meeting noticed as per the Brown Act shall constitute a meeting for the purpose of determining Board Officer attendance. The Council shall consult with the Office of the City Attorney throughout any Board removal process. For the purpose of Absences, only, a full meeting's attendance by a Board Officer is defined as more than half the duration of the entire meeting. The Secretary shall keep a record of the arrival and departure times of all Board Officers.

Proposed Change:

Any Board Officer Member who misses three (3) regularly scheduled consecutive Neighborhood Council Board Meetings or, ~~five (5)~~ **four (4) total Governing Board Meetings** during any twelve (12) month period will be automatically removed from the Board. Each **Council Board Officer Member** absence shall be recorded in the Council's Meeting Minutes or other manner of Council record keeping, and that, upon missing the required number of Board Meetings for removal, the ~~President~~ **VNC Presiding Officer** shall **notify the Board Member and** provide notice to that Board Member that their seat has been declared vacant and announce the vacancy at the next regular Board meeting. When the position is announced as vacant it will be filled via the Council's vacancy clause. Any regularly scheduled ~~Board of Officers~~ **Neighborhood Council Board** meeting noticed as per the Brown Act, shall constitute a meeting for the purpose of determining Board Officer ~~Member~~ attendance. ~~The Council shall consult with the Office of the City Attorney throughout any Board removal process.~~ For the purpose of Absences only, a full meeting's attendance by a Board Officer **Member** is defined as more than half the duration of the entire meeting. The Secretary shall keep a record of the arrival and departure times of all Board ~~Officers~~ **Members**.

Prior to the item being placed on the agenda, the VNC Presiding Officer shall consult with the Office of the City Attorney for advice on the removal process.

Rationale: Uses standardized Empower language. Substitutes Member for Officer to eliminate confusion between Executive Officers and rest of Board. Substitutes VNC Presiding Officer for President/Council, clarifies Board of Officers by substituting Neighborhood Council Board

Number of permitted absences of 3 consecutive remains unchanged, 5 within a 12 month period is changed to 4 within a 12 month period. Ambiguous language regarding what constitutes a meeting for absence purposes (regular and/or special) has been clarified by inserting regular.