**Roberts Rules Motion**

(May 2025)

DESCRIPTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Bylaws state in Article XII: “The Board shall use Robert's Rules of Order (current version) as the Governing Parliamentary Authority of the VNC.” However, continuing conflict among Board members during meetings has become problematic and led to unnecessary delays, conflict and disrespectful interactions often in conflict with Article XIV, Section 1, Code of Civility. Unfortunately, due to City budget cuts, access to Robert’s Rules training, previously provided by DONE, is currently not available.

MOTION: Effective July 1, 2025, all current Venice Neighborhood Council board members and VNC Committee chairs shall be required to watch selected Robert’s Rules videos on YouTube as follows:

Board Members: (TRT: 46 minutes)

* Learn Robert’s Rules as a Young Person: <https://bit.ly/4cMd7if>
* Mastering The Three Most Important Motions: <https://bit.ly/3Gy25Rz>
* How To Avoid the Biggest Robert’s Rules Mistakes: <https://bit.ly/4josr7m>
* Effective Debating in Meetings: <https://bit.ly/3YbwPhu>
* How To Handle Committee Recommendations: <https://bit.ly/42XAUZi>
* How To Handle Friendly Amendments: <https://bit.ly/4lDpT6V>
* How To Prevent Dysfunctional Meetings: <https://bit.ly/44AIGti>
* How To Use Point of Order Correctly: <https://bit.ly/3RwPUqC>
* What To Do When the Chair is Being Unfair: <https://bit.ly/4467hGm>

Committee Chairs: How To Chair a Meeting with Confidence: Parts 1-6 (TRT: 32 minutes)

* Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1tau2blBCU>
* Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHJcyLK-WSI>
* Part 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZSFd5nMwGo>
* Part 4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FW0mIvdtrU>
* Part 5: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_mCBkhD3KTU>
* Part 6: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xq2xxb3HeSk>

VNC committee members who are not on the VNC board may, optionally, also complete this training.

The required training shall be completed within 45 days of (re) joining the VNC Board or being confirmed as Chair of a committee. Failure to do so will result in the loss of your right to submit, propose, second and/or vote on any motion whether in committee or at a board meeting until the training(s) are completed. Participants shall notify the VNC Secretary via email they have completed the training.

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