

Municipality of Anchorage  
Library Advisory Board Agenda  
Microsoft Teams Virtual & In-Person Meeting  
Mountain View Library

April 20, 2022, 5:30 to 7:00 PM

**Attendance**

_____	Debra Bronson
_____	Lo Crawford
_____	Dennis Dupras
_____	Travis Gularte, Secretary
_____	Nancy Hemsath
_____	Barbara Jacobs, Vice-Chair
_____	Alice Qannik Glenn
_____	Doug Weimann
_____	Cristy A. Willer, Chair
_____	Denali Tshibaka, Teen Liaison

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## Agenda

Topic	Leader	Time	Action
Call to Order	Cristy Willer	5:30	
Land Acknowledgement	Cristy Willer	5:30	
Roll Call and Check-In (current reading)	Cristy Willer	5:35	
Approval of Agenda and Minutes	Cristy Willer	5:45	
Robert's Rules of Order	Cristy Willer	5:50	
Persons to be Heard	TBA	6:00	
Director's Report	Judy Eledge	6:10	
Mission Moment: Mountain View	Rayette Sterling	6:20	
Board Comments and Adjourn	Cristy Willer	6:50	

Municipality of Anchorage  
Library Advisory Board Minutes  
Microsoft Teams Virtual & In-Person Meeting: March 16, 2022  
(Subject to approval at the April 20, 2022 LAB Meeting)

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**Staff Present**

Judy Eledge (Acting Director/Deputy Director), Jim Curran (Muldoon Branch Manager)

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Cristy Willer at 5:42.

**Land Acknowledgment**

Cristy Willer acknowledged that the Board meets on the traditional lands of the Dena'ina Athabascan people.

**Person(s) to be Heard**

In person: Yarrow

Virtual: Amy Demboski, Jesse James White, Jeff Raun

- Ms. Dembowski gave an update on the Library Director search. Interviews are in the second round but applications continue to come in.
- Mr. White voiced his regrets at what he perceives as the library's exclusionary practices against LGBTQ people, counter to the stated policy and the Library Bill of Rights.

- Mr. Raun acknowledged Mr. White's comments and thanked library staff for updating the meeting information on the library website.

### **Approvals**

- Action: The agenda was amended to include discussion of the downtown library site, then approved (Nancy/Doug).
- Action: The February 2022 minutes were approved (Deb/Nancy).

### **Director's Report (on file). Highlights:**

- Downtown library. The committee is moving quickly to secure space in the Old City Hall for a downtown branch in fulfillment of the bequest. The Anchorage Library Foundation has issued a resolution in favor of the location and would like support from the LAB.  
Action: Debra moved to support the reconfigure of 4,000 square feet of Old City Hall for the Downtown Library; Doug seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Ms. Eledge agreed to draft a support letter for the Chair to sign.
- Tech Room. The 4th floor space will develop into the Loussac Training Center, free for library use and costing a small fee for municipal use.
- Collections Management Services. Nathan Howes has been appointed as acting coordinator following the retirement of Laura Baldwin.
- Golden Afternoon and senior outreach. Outreach to senior citizens through the Golden Afternoon and Senior Saturdays programs continue to be popular.
- Vacancies. A number of positions remain open while awaiting the 2nd budget revision. The Circulation Manager and Library I positions have been advertised.

### **Mission Moment: Jim Curran, Muldoon Branch Manager**

Muldoon is the fastest growing neighborhood in Anchorage, where 30% of the population is 55 and older, including 9 nonagenarians. Bounded on the north by the Glenn Highway; west, Russian Jack Park; south, East Tudor Rd; east, JBER. The branch has five full-time staff, including two librarians and three assistants. They could use additional staff to help with Community Resources.

- There is a focus on seniors (traditional users of books, movies, and CDs). Special accommodations include large print books, ADA facilities, walkers for use in the library, curbside reader service, residential book clubs in partnership with Older Persons Action Group. Senior Saturdays offer basic technology assistance and access to community resources, as well as traditional library services. Ms. Glenn voiced her approval of this, as it reflects Native values of respect for elders.
- Challenges include overcoming the pandemic, which made partnering difficult, and outreach in Muldoon. Future plans include using the future Bookmobile at the Muldoon Farmer's Market in June.

### **Adjournment**

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm (Dennis/Deb).



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## **Introduction to Robert's Rules of Order**

### **What is parliamentary procedure?**

It is a set of rules for conduct at meetings, which allows everyone to be heard and to make decisions without confusion.

### **Why is parliamentary procedure important?**

Because it is a time-tested method of conducting business at meetings and public gatherings. It can be adapted to fit the needs of any organization. Today, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised is the basic handbook of operation for most clubs, organizations, and other groups. It is important that everyone is familiar with these basic rules!

### **Order of Business:**

Organizations using parliamentary procedure usually follows a fixed order of business. A typical example:

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call of members present.
3. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
4. Officer's reports.
5. Committee reports.
6. Special orders --- Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Announcements.
10. Adjournment.

### **Motions:**

The method used by members to express themselves is in the form of moving motions. A motion is a proposal that the entire membership take action or a stand on an issue. Individual members can:

1. Call to order.
2. Second motions.
3. Debate motions.
4. Vote on motions.

### **Types of Motions:**

1. Main Motions: The purpose of a main motion is to introduce items to the membership for their consideration. They cannot be made when any other motion is on the floor, and yield to privileged, subsidiary, and incidental motions.
2. Subsidiary Motions: Their purpose is to change or affect how a main motion is handled, and is voted on before a main motion.
3. Privileged Motions: Their purpose is to bring up items that are urgent about special or important matters unrelated to pending business.
4. Incidental Motions: Their purpose is to provide a means of questioning procedure concerning other motions and must be considered before the other motion.

## **How is a Motion Presented?**

1. Obtaining the floor:
  - a. Wait until the last speaker has finished.
  - b. Rise and address the Chairman by saying, "Mr. Chairman, or Mr. President."
  - c. Wait until the Chairman recognizes you.
2. Make Your Motion:
  - a. Speak in a clear and concise manner.
  - b. Always state a motion affirmatively. Say, "I move that we ..." rather than, "I move that we do not ...".
  - c. Avoid personalities and stay on your subject.
3. Wait for Someone to Second Your Motion.
4. Another member will second your motion or the Chairman will call for a second.
5. If there is no second to your motion, it is lost.
6. The Chairman States Your Motion:
  - a. The Chairman will say, "it has been moved and seconded that we ..." Thus, placing your motion before the membership for consideration and action.
  - b. The membership then either debates your motion or may move directly to a vote.
  - c. Once your motion is presented to the membership by the Chairman it becomes "assembly property" and cannot be changed by you without the consent of the members.
7. Expanding on Your Motion:
  - a. The time for you to speak in favor of your motion is at this point, rather than at the time you present it.
  - b. The mover is always allowed to speak first.
  - c. All comments and debate must be directed to the Chairman.
  - d. Keep to the time limit for speaking that has been established.

The mover may speak again only after other speakers are finished, unless called upon by the Chairman.

1. Putting the Question to the Membership:
  - a. The Chairman asks, "Are you ready to vote on the question?"
  - b. If there is no more discussion, a vote is taken.
  - c. On a motion to move, the previous question may be adapted.

## **Voting on a Motion:**

The method of vote on any motion depends on the situation and the by-laws of policy of your organization. There are five methods used to vote by most organizations, they are:

1. By Voice -- The Chairman asks those in favor to say, "aye", those opposed to say "no". Any member may move for an exact count.
2. By Roll Call -- Each member answers "yes" or "no" as his name is called. This method is used when a record of each person's vote is required.
3. By General Consent -- When a motion is not likely to be opposed, the Chairman says, "if there is no objection ..." The membership shows agreement by their silence, however if one member says, "I object," the item must be put to a vote.
4. By Division -- This is a slight verification of a voice vote. It does not require a count unless the chairman so desires. Members raise their hands or stand.
5. By Ballot -- Members write their vote on a slip of paper, this method is used when secrecy is desired.

There are two other motions that are commonly used that relate to voting.

1. Motion to Table -- This motion is often used in the attempt to "kill" a motion. The option is always present, however, to "take from the table", for reconsideration by the membership.
2. Motion to Postpone Indefinitely -- This is often used as a means of parliamentary strategy and allows opponents of motion to test their strength without an actual vote being taken. Also, debate is once again open on the main motion.

Parliamentary Procedure is the best way to get things done at your meetings. It will only work if you use it properly. Most importantly, *BE COURTEOUS*.

1. Allow motions that are in order.
2. Have members obtain the floor properly.
3. Speak clearly and concisely.
4. Obey the rules of debate.

Additional Resources:

[Simplified Handbook of Parliamentary Procedure](#)

[Robert's Rules of Order Archive](#)

[FAQs](#)

[Motions](#)

## Parliamentary Words and Terms

**Abstain** – not voting one way or the other

**Adjourn** – ending the meeting

**Adopt** – to okay or accept

**Agenda** – an outline of items to address at a meeting

**Amendment** – adding on to a motion, usually to improve it, enlarge its intent, or to make it more understandable

**Appeal the decision of the Chair** – to question the Chairperson's decision and ask the group to change it

**Appoint** – to place someone in a job or position

**By-laws** – the rules a group has agreed to follow and the goals of the organization

**Caucus** – getting together outside the regular meeting to decide on plans, position, policy and/or people to nominate

**Chair** – the position held by the meeting's leader

**Committee** – a group that reviews and reports on a special task given to them by the larger membership. A committee may recommend actions to be taken based upon its findings.

**General Consent** – approval by the group. If even one member objects, a vote must be taken.

**Majority** opinion – the decision of more than half the voting members

**Minority** opinion – the position held by less than half of the voting members

**Minutes** – official record of a meeting

**Motion** – a member's proposal for action

**Nominate** – to recommend a person for election to office

**Pending** – still up in the air and undecided

**Personal privilege** – calling attention to something having to do with the well being of the people at the meeting, such as asking to have a window opened

**Point of Information** – asking for more information before making a decision

**Point of Order** – correcting a mistake that is against the rules of the organization

**Pro Tem** – temporary

**Proxy** – permission given, usually in writing, by one member for another member to vote in his or her name

**Orders of the Day** – calling for the group to get back to the agenda or the main business of the meeting  
**Question** – a motion that is under discussion with a vote to be taken on it

**Recess** – taking a short break

**Rescind** – to take back or withdraw

**Resolution** – usually a policy statement being suggested to the group for approval

**Second** – support for a motion. Before a group can handle a proposal, it must know that two people want to have it discussed

**Standing Committee** – a committee that goes year round such as a program planning committee  
**Suspending of the**

**Rules** – discussing something without sticking to the rules of the meeting  
**Veto** – to turn “thumbs down” on a motion or idea

**Robert's Rules of Order Motions Chart**  
Based on Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised (11<sup>th</sup> Edition)  
<https://robertsrules.org/motionsprint.html>

**Part 1, Main Motions.** These motions are listed in order of precedence. A motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion.

§ indicates the section from Robert's Rules.

§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§21	Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§20	Take break	I move to recess for ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§19	Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
§18	Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
§17	Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§16	Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§15	Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
§14	Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§13	Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§12	Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§11	Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
§10	Bring business before assembly (a main motion)	I move that [or "to"] ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

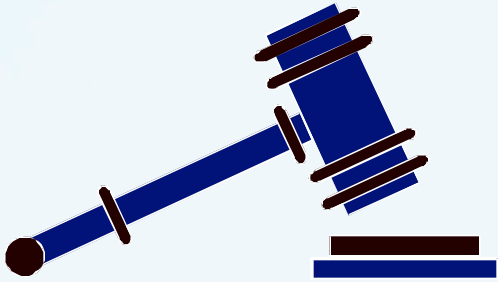


**Part 2, Incidental Motions.** No order of precedence. These motions arise incidentally and are decided immediately.

§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§23	Enforce rules	Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	None
§24	Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
§25	Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§26	Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
§27	Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§29	Demand a rising vote	I move for a rising vote	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33	Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes, if urgent	No	No	No	None
§33	Request for information	Point of information	Yes, if urgent	No	No	No	None

**Part 3, Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly.**  
No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else is pending.

§	PURPOSE:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§34	Take matter from table	I move to take from the table ...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§35	Cancel previous action	I move to rescind ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 or Majority with notice
§37	Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider ...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority

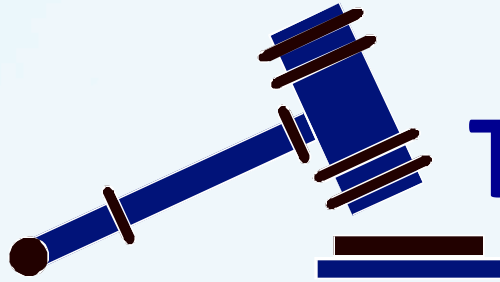


# **SURVIVAL TIPS on ROBERT' S RULES**

Executive Administrative Assistant Training

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# Today's Agenda

- Today we will cover:
  - Parliamentary Basics
  - Common Mistakes





# Robert's Rules Who Needs Them?

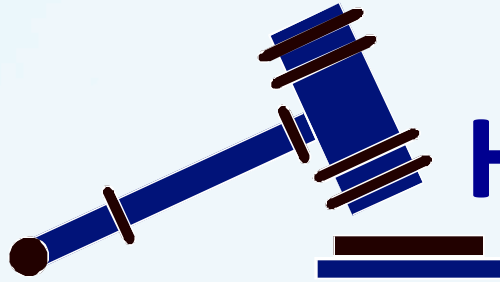
Parliamentary Procedure is  
designed to facilitate business,  
not complicate it.

Remember...

- It's logical & should make sense.
- It doesn't have the force of law.
- If you have questions, get help.



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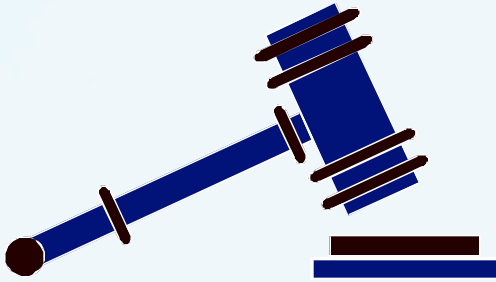


# How It All Began

- Originally the name for the rules governing the English Parliament
- Informally used in early American societies
- In 1876, Henry M. Robert compiled basic rules in a “pocket manual”

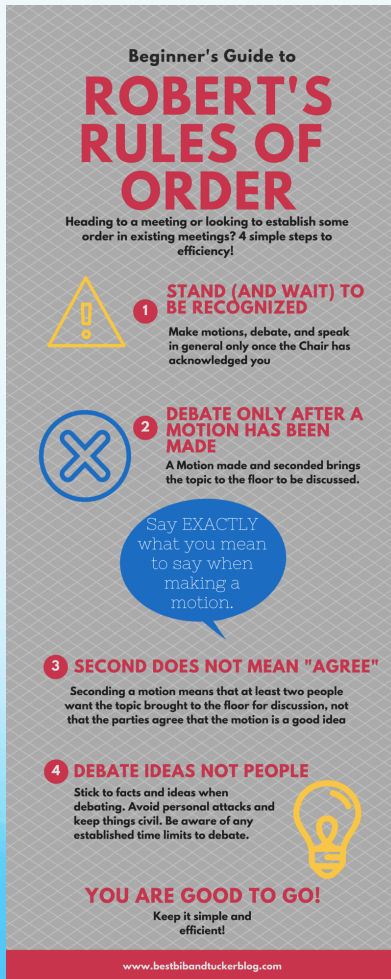


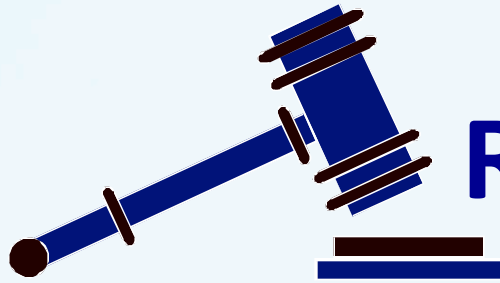
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# Key elements:

- ◆ A board chair that knows and understands Robert's Rules for small boards and what its purpose.
- ◆ A board that understands and is somewhat familiar with Robert's Rules.
- ◆ A willingness to use Robert's Rules to serve the good of the body.





# Role of the Chair

The chair of the board is responsible for facilitating the meeting and ensuring a fair and equitable process that is efficient and thorough.



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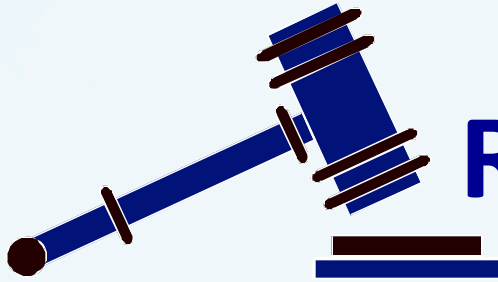


# Role of the Chair

## Duties of the chair at the meeting:

- Be the servant of the group, not the “boss.”
- Facilitate the meeting agenda
- Recognize speakers and who has the “floor”
- Facilitate debate and actions on motions
- Maintain order and decorum
- Rule on points of order





# Role of the Chair

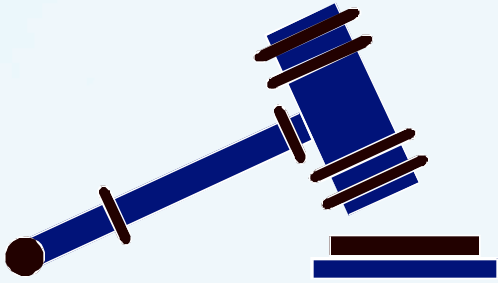
For small boards, Robert's Rules allows the chair to make motions, debate, and vote.  
(Check your board policy to confirm.)

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THE EASY WAY TO LEARN  
ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER



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# Main Motions

## A Main Motion

brings business before the group!

The proper way to make a motion is to  
say, “I move...”



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# Steps for Handling a Motion

- A member makes the motion
- Another seconds it
- The chair restates the motion
- The board debates it
- A vote is taken

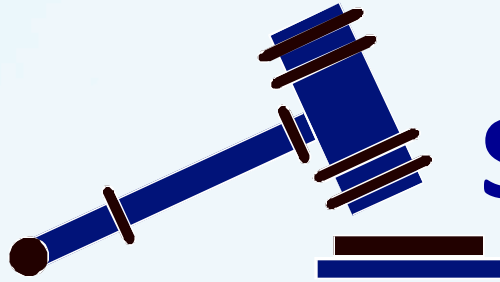


# Possible Action on a Main Motion

- Amend
- Refer to Committee
- Lay on the Table (temporary)
- Take from the Table
- Postpone
- Reconsider
- Rescind



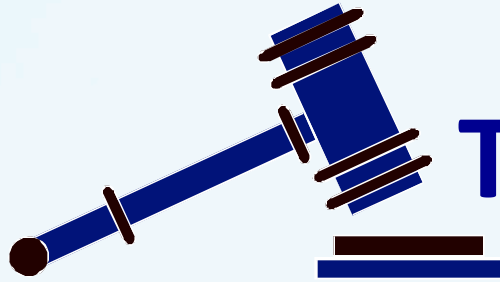
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# Special Motions

- Close Debate
- Point of Order or Information
- Suspend the Rules
- Appeal a Decision
- Recess or Adjourn

**It's a tool  
NOT a  
weapon**



# To Move Along...

When it appears the group is in agreement,  
use unanimous consent to dispense with a  
formal vote:

**“If there is no objection, so ordered.”**

If you object...

→ just say, “I object”

→ the process goes back to normal

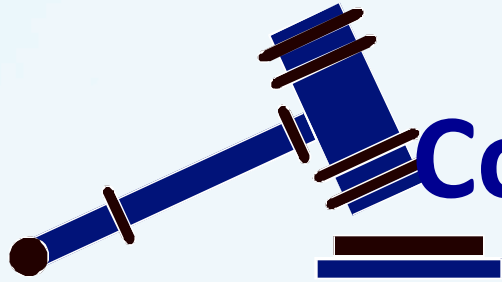


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# Common Mistakes

- **“So Moved”**
  - Is an incorrect motion
  - The maker should state the motion to avoid confusion
- **Call for the Question**
  - Does not automatically end debate
  - Requires a 2/3 vote or unanimous consent

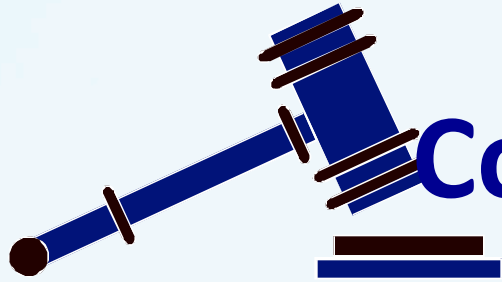


# Common Mistakes

- **Friendly Amendment**
  - There is no such thing (All are equally friendly)
  - Use “If there is no objection...”
- **Withdrawing a Motion**
  - Once consideration has begun, the motion belongs to the group, not the maker
  - Maker may ask permission to withdraw

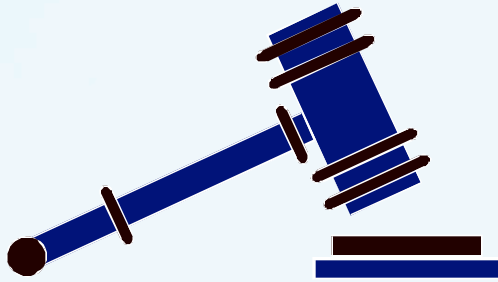






# Common Mistakes

- **Table or Postpone?**
  - Table is for temporary delay (same meeting)
    - *If the tabled item is not brought back before the close of the following meeting, technically it dies.*
  - Postpone is for delaying to a future meeting
- **Reconsider or Rescind?**
  - Reconsider within 24 hours
  - Rescind anytime if no action has taken place



# Small Boards

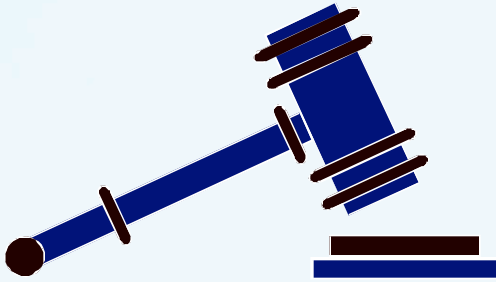
Boards of less than 12 members may operate with less formality regarding some of Roberts Rules.

For example...

- The chair may join the discussion
- The chair votes
- Members may speak more than twice

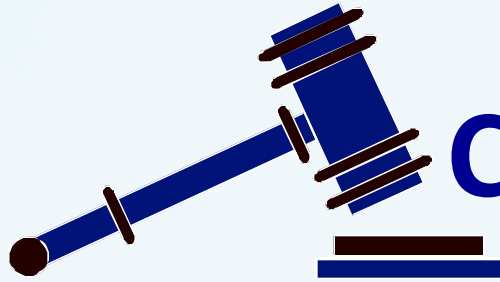


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# Nominations

- The chair announces, “Nominations for \_\_\_\_\_ are now open.”
- Members nominate by saying, “I nominate \_\_\_\_\_”
- No second is required
- When it appears there are no more, the chair states, “If there are no further nominations, nominations shall be closed.”
- A vote is taken according to established procedures.



# Common Courtesy

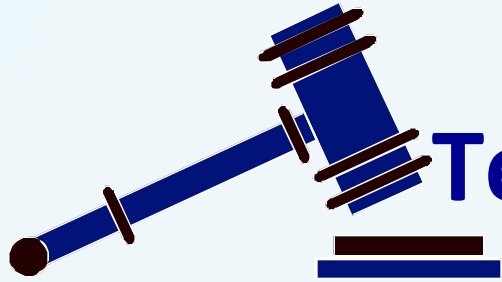
- Help each other
- Speak passionately; listen well
- Gather information
- Seek common ground
- Work as a group



**Keep focus  
On children**



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# Test Your Knowledge

## What Would You Do?



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# To Learn More...

## timi's going to do this in 2021

Independent Study

Parliamentary Procedure Class

University of Wisconsin

<https://il.wisconsin.edu/parliamentary.aspx>

Ann McFarlane

[www.jurassicparliament.com](http://www.jurassicparliament.com)

***\*Special Thanks to Sue Hull for her  
guidance over the ears***



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## **March Deputy Director's Report**

**We celebrate National Library Week this week (April 4-8) and want to thank all the hard - working librarians and employees at the Municipality of Anchorage Libraries.**

### ***A Sad Farewell***

Linda Kline, long time youth services librarians has decided to move to Arizona, and she will be missed greatly. She is a legend in our Toddler Storytime and will be hard to replace.

### ***Library Open Positions***

Questions have arisen about the open positions at the libraries. During the 7 months I have been here, despite a hiring freeze, we have been able to fill or in the process of filling 11 of the 16 openings.

***Downtown Library Update:*** From Sami Graham who is heading this project for the city.

Met on March 24th with Rachelle, Brenden, Judy, and Sami to discuss term contractors for conceptual design. Met with Tiffany Briggs in Real Estate on March 29 to discuss the Visit Anchorage lease and the possibilities of their consolidation. Met with Kristine Bunell, planning, to learn about the conservation easement and how it impacts the reconfiguration. We will need to contact the State Historic Preservation Office and the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission for their input on any interior changes. Conversations ongoing with Rep Fields, Sen. Begich, Sen Wielechowski, and Rep Merrick, to set up tour dates of the facility. Continued conversations with the committee. Gathering support of the business plan. Tour date of April 9, 1:00 set for Representative Wielekowski. Our next committee meeting is set, April 29, 11:30, at Old City Hall.

***Next Steps:*** Meet with Brendan, Library Facilities manager to determine design scope of work, limitations, etc.

### ***March Senior Event***

A special shout out to Teresa Churchel of Mt View who led our great meeting on March 23, in the beautiful Ann Stevens Room. Seniors shared their favorite stories most while in Alaska. Our own Sophie from Patron Services was again the hit of the day with her wonderful oral stories and adventures. Her husband even came and shared one of his own. We had a great turnout and look forward to our April 27 event. Our topic will be genealogy.

### ***Hiland Road Avalanche***

Our very own Misty Nesvick was intricately involved as part of the Municipality Emergency Response Team as one of the PIOs. She worked long hours and maintained her duties here at the library. A big thanks to Misty for her hard work and dedication.

## Education & Skills for Life

### Recent Accomplishments

- The Gerrish Library hosted an event, Whoo's There? Owls of Alaska, for all ages. Participants learned about owls of Alaska from a Fish and Game volunteer and were able to see a live, education owl.
- The Gerrish Library also held a Stop Motion Animation event for school age children to learn and practice technology and artistic skills to make a short stop motion animation video.
- Mt. View hosted the PBS Odd Squad spring break camp put on by Alaska Public Media
- Keelin Baughman, Mt. View Youth Services Librarian, participated in the Careers, Post-Secondary Education/Training, and summer employment Library Life at East High School.
- Art Lab has really taken off at Muldoon with 15 attendees on 3/9. Red offered up DIY stamps, Mono printing, Scratch Art, and Miniature Sculpture.
- Muldoon's sign-up rate for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is higher than ever. Kyle (Muldoon Library assistant) promotes this to every patron with a baby or small child who comes through the door.
- Kristie Nelsen (Adult Services) is wrapping up the Spring SciFri book club. The selected title has circulated well, and the online community has gotten lots of engagement.
- Kristie Nelsen (Adult Services) received evaluations for the OLE course she taught in March. Highlights include:
  - "Excellent class! Kristie did an amazing job of covering lots of material in a clear and understandable way plus answering lots of questions. I have long been a fan of our APL but knew almost nothing about digital materials. I learned a great deal and feel much more confident about using the library and its many resources.
  - "A very informative course. Kristie knows the virtual resources at the library well, and she did a great job explaining the virtual system to us. I already have made more use of the library over the last few weeks than I have over the last few years. And I used the virtual resources for the first time."
- 27 people attended the Café Entre Amigos event, a conversation circle program for Spanish language speakers and learners. Meneka Thiru (Adult Services) worked with Somos Amigos to host the event.
- Jon Ebron (Youth Services) spoke to middle school and high school classes at Stellar on database and digital resources.
- Jon Ebron (Youth Services) had the first LEGO engineering program for teens at Loussac. The group was very engaged and helped with suggestions for future events.
- Anchorage School District Migrant Education in cooperation with Samantha Blanquart began a weekly storytime and playgroup at the Loussac Library.
- Special Storytimes at Loussac: Samantha Blanquart hosted a Bite Sized Science Storytime and Kelsey Skrobis hosted a Start with Art Storytime.



- Over spring break, Loussac Youth Services hosted many fantastic programs including art, science, engineering building challenges and movies.
- Storytimes at Loussac Library continue to be incredibly popular. One of Linda Klein's programs hosted 94 people on a Friday morning.
- Elizabeth Nicolai (Youth Services) led two Girl Scout tours to troops who received their patches for learning about library resources.

## Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Meneka Thiru (Adult Services) will continue hosting Café Entre Amigos through May, with a plan to take a summer break and return in the fall.
- Meneka Thiru is working with the CRC team to revamp Job Labs leveraging community partners that can help with job resources
- Reading Rendezvous kicks off Summer Discovery (formally Summer Reading) on May 14, 12pm to 4pm at Loussac Library. Summer Discovery runs from May 14 to July 31.
- Elizabeth Nicolai is working with the Early Childhood Coalition (led by United Way) on a coordinated messaging program from May to October to highlight early learning messages across Anchorage.

## Bridge to Information and Resources

### Recent Accomplishments

- Senior Saturdays continued through March with multiple participants each week—all receiving individualized assistance with computer/digital literacy and community resource navigation.
- Kristie Nelsen recorded the audio track for a new Hoopla how-to video, but currently struggling to find a device to record the on-screen demonstration and transfer to the computer for editing.
- Kristie Nelsen updated the Voter Information page for the April 5 Municipal election.
- Meneka contributed a booklist and book recommendations to a panel discussion hosted by the Anchorage Museum about the Borealis: Life in the Woods  
<https://www.anchoragemuseum.org/exhibits/borealis-life-in-the-woods/> exhibit.
  - View the recording here: <https://www.crowdcast.io/e/virtual-lunch--learn-7>
- Monthly Golden Afternoon programs continued this month with Alaska Trails and Tales – an opportunity to learn some fun Alaska trivia and share Alaska stories. Next month's event will be focused on genealogy.
- Meneka Thiru presented to AARP about resources for seniors.
  - View the recording here: <https://fb.watch/bHqbJTgH-2/>
- Meneka Thiru tabled at 2 Women's History Month panel discussions hosted by YWCA Alaska and did outreach at a Mental Health Mosaics pop-up event.
- Samantha Blanquart finished installing Early Learning Stations at Fairview Rec Center (by the new playground), Spenard Rec Center, and Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center.

## Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Kristie Nelsen noted multiple updates to the Voter information page will be required to stay on top of upcoming elections.

- Kristie Nelsen is waiting for some OverDrive updates before working on a new Libby how-to video
- Meneka Thiru will attend the Filipino Community of Anchorage monthly meeting in April, the Chamber of Commerce's Yong Professionals Summit, and Out North fringe festival play.
- Jon Ebron (Youth Services) has coordinated with the AWAIC shelter to have a tabling event at all locations.

## Building Community

### Recent Accomplishments

- Chugiak-Eagle River Library hosted the annual ASD Youth Art Display featuring projects by students in our community. It remains until April 2.
- Nancy Clark, Chugiak-Eagle River Library manager, presented at the March 10 meeting of the Eagle River Community Council. It was a highly attended meeting with over 50 community members and local political leaders.
- Mt. View Library manager, Rayette Sterling, participated in the constituents meeting for Alaska State Legislator, Sen. Tom Begich, and Rep. Garen Tarr at the Shilo Community Center. Mt. View Library was recognized as a community hub.
- Muldoon's third Community Resource Event was a huge success with 26 participants.
- Muldoon is pleased to host Girl Scout Troop # 20006 for the first time in March. 18 Girl Scouts of varying ages participated in our library scavenger hunt to earn their badges, and some got their first library cards! We look forward to seeing them next month.
- Meneka (Adult Services) visited the Habitat for Alaska ReStore which has an education space and met with staff there to brainstorm potential partnerships.
- Meneka served on the committee that planned an International Women's Day panel discussion.
- In the Chugiak-Eagle River Library Youth Area, the Miniature Art participation display resulted in 128 art pieces made by our patrons.
- VolunTEEN Fridays are incredibly popular at Loussac, bringing in lots of teens to work on projects. Staff: Jon Ebron and Jody Young.

### Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Chugiak-Eagle River Library will feature displays/activities in both the adult and children's areas for National Poetry Month.
- Meneka Thiru is working with the Anchorage Museum and the YWCA to do a program with Patrice Gopo, an author who spent her childhood in Anchorage, to do a virtual program around memoir writing.
- Meneka Thiru (Adult Services) & Jon Ebron (Youth Services) are working on planning summer events that would be inclusive for teens and adults. Ideas include Dungeons & Dragons, Manga Swap, Bike Day, Beginner Car Maintenance, and Financial Literacy.

## Internal Goals and Strategies

### Recent Accomplishments

- Chugiak-Eagle River Library increased circulation by 3800 items (31%) from February 2022. In March, the branch circulated 28.3% of Loussac's circulation total, and 19.1% of APL's circulation total.
- The Gerrish Library's new staff member, Katarina, began work on 3/29 so this location is fully staffed again.
- Mt. View Library staff provided service desk coverage for Girdwood and Muldoon branches who were experience critical staffing shortages.
- Kristie Nelsen (Adult Services) submitted entries to the PRX Change awards for our Hello brochure and holds video.
- Meneka Thiru (Adult Services) received a Library Foundation grant to fund a project to learn and get feedback from linguistically diverse communities in Anchorage. She met with 11 people in 2021 and will continue to reach out to community members in 2022 and compile feedback received.
- The Expectations for Public Interactions Committee resumed work and re-evaluated goals for this year to prepare for summer outreach.
- All Youth Services staff systemwide attended a statewide youth services workshop focusing on returning to core services, rebuilding after COVID, and summer programs.
- Elizabeth Nicolai and Samantha Blanquart supported Municipal Alcohol Tax by serving as RFP reviewers for grantees through the Health Department.
- MOA Facilities staff did a walk-through of Chugiak-Eagle River Library to examine the remaining damage from the 2018 earthquake. The items are now on a project list for repair with FEMA funds.

### Limiting Factors/Concerns

- Chugiak-Eagle River Library: Increased computer usage and circulation has been difficult to manage with our current staffing level. Additionally, we still have fewer volunteers than pre-COVID, though the volunteers we do have are very skilled and helpful.
- Linda Klein, a Youth Services Librarian II, has resigned as of 4/5/2022. Until this position is hired, programming and collection purchases for youth services will be reduced.