

BOARD OPERATIONSRoberts Rules of Order

Absent a policy to the contrary, the business of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of **Sonoma Charter School** (the “School”) at its meetings will be conducted in accordance with the specifications of its adopted rules of conduct, which may be modeled after Roberts Rules of Order. Any member may rise to a point of order under these rules, which action shall take precedence over all other business before the Board.

Polling of Board of Trustees

Voting on resolutions shall be by majority vote. The minutes shall record the person making the motion, the person seconding it, and the results of a vote, including the names of the trustees voting for and against the motion or abstaining, as well as Board members who are absent. Secret ballots and proxies are prohibited.

Board Member Compensation and Reimbursement of Actual and Necessary Expenses

Board members shall serve without compensation. Board members may, however, be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses related to school business in accordance with the school’s fiscal policies and budget.

Appointment of Board Committees

Consistent with the charter, bylaws, and any other applicable provisions of contract or law, the Board may appoint committees for any purpose deemed appropriate by the Board. The resolution establishing the committee shall clearly define the range of the committee’s responsibility and authority, and shall specify whether the committee shall be a standing or limited-term committee. In meeting and carrying out designated purposes, any such committee shall comply with any applicable legal or contractual requirements. Specifically, unless otherwise specified in Board by-laws, parent/teacher associations and/or parent committees shall be advisory only.

Board Election/Nomination Process

The Board shall carry out its election and nomination process consistent with the requirements of its charter and bylaws. Should the charter and bylaws not address any issue which may arise, the Board may adopt regulations which address such concerns. Should the Board wish to alter its election or nomination process, it must do so consistent with any requirements of its charter, unless the charter is revised and requirements in the bylaws.

Board Member Resignations

Board members may submit a resignation at any time during their term but should give due consideration, as to the timing of the resignation, concerning the impact the resignation may have upon the Board. While a resignation must be acknowledged by the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting following notice of the resignation, assuming it may be properly agendized, a Board member's resignation need not be accepted by the Board. The resignation becomes effective once brought to the attention of the Board.

Board Member Removal From Office

A Board member may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board following a motion made in open session for the removal of the Board member. A motion to remove a Board member may not be made in closed session, nor may a discussion about removal be had in closed session.

Dispute Resolution with Granting Agency

Any dispute that may arise with the granting agency must be handled in strict accordance with the dispute resolution process outlined in the charter or any agreement entered into with the granting agency. Should the Board wish to amend the dispute resolution process it must amend the charter or other agreement in order to do so.

Adopted: 3/21/23

Amended: