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metro.net**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 20, 2014****SUBJECT: REVIEW OF LACMTA BOARD ROOM CONDUCT AND DECORUM  
PROVISIONS****ACTION: APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE METRO BOARD RULES AND  
PROCEDURES****RECOMMENDATION**

Approve staff's recommendation to amend the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Board Rules and Procedures regarding Board meetings, in particular, Board room conduct and decorum during public participation at Board and Committee meetings.

**ISSUE**

The Metro Board Rules and Procedures may be amended at any meeting by the Board of Directors if notice of such amendment is given on the agenda distributed to the Directors pursuant to the Rules and Procedures describing in general terms the nature of the amendment to be proposed.

**DISCUSSION**

The Metro Board Rules and Procedures were originally adopted in June 23, 1993. At the September 2013 Executive Management Committee meeting, the Board approved Motion 55 (Attachment A) which directed staff to revise Metro's public input rules to maximize public input and provide the Board flexibility in conducting meetings. Pursuant to that Motion, staff recommended at the January 2014 Board meeting, and the Board approved amendments to the Metro Board Rules and Procedures regarding time limits for public input. In furtherance of the Motion, staff also recommends additional amendments (Attachment B) to the Metro Board Rules and Procedures for Board room conduct and decorum.

**DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

Approval of this item will have no direct impact on the safety of Metro's employees and customers.

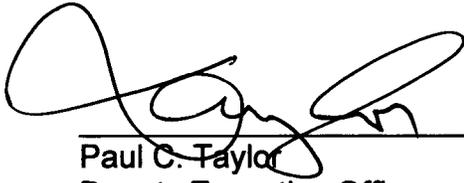
**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Approval of this item will have no direct impact on Metro's expenditures.

**ATTACHMENT**

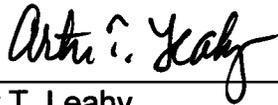
- A. Motion 55: Review of Public Input Rules
- B. Proposed Revisions to Board Room Conduct and Decorum Provisions

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DuBois Motion

Review of Public Input Rules

As this Agency implements the Los Angeles County mobility agenda, it is imperative that the public be provided with an ample opportunity to express their views. Additionally, the work of this Board is increasing in volume and intensity with decisions that require discussion and reconciliation of differing viewpoints.

Therefore, I am requesting that ~~County Counsel~~ staff return to this Committee, in October, with revised Public Input rules that maximize Public Input and provide this Board flexibility in conducting meetings.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
RULES AND PROCEDURES

(Adopted September 28, 2010) Amended February 27, 2014

1.7 Miscellaneous Provisions

D. Removal from the Board Room - At the discretion of the Chair or upon vote of the Board, the Chair may order removed from the meeting any person who commits any of the following acts of disruptive conduct in respect to a regular, adjourned regular, or special meeting of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority:

1. Disorderly, contemptuous or insolent behavior toward the governing board or any member thereof, ~~tending to interrupt the due and orderly course of said meeting;~~ **which disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting;**
2. A breach of the peace, boisterous conduct or violent disturbance, ~~tending to interrupt the due and orderly course of said meeting;~~ **which disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting;**
3. Disobedience of any lawful order of the Chair, which shall include an order to be seated or to refrain from addressing the governing board; and/or,
4. Any other unlawful interference with the due and orderly course of said meeting.

Any person so removed shall be excluded from further attendance at the meeting from which he/she has been removed, unless permission to attend is granted by a motion adopted by a majority vote of the governing Board, and such exclusion shall be executed by the Sergeant-at-Arms, or designee, upon being so directed by the Chair. The exclusion of person(s) ordered removed from a Board meeting shall also include the removal and exclusion from the interior of the Metro Headquarters Gateway building until the beginning of the next business day.

~~5. In addition, any person so removed on the basis of disruptive conduct described above may not be allowed to address the Board for up to a maximum of ninety (90) days. The period of prohibition from addressing the Board will be determined by the Chair, or the Board upon a vote, based on the number and severity of current and prior incidents of disruptive conduct.~~

E. Sergeant-at-Arms – The Sergeant-at-Arms, who shall be the Director of Security for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, in attendance at the meeting or whose services are commanded by the Chair, shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the Chair for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the meeting. In the absence of the Director of Security, the Sergeant-at-Arms duties shall be performed by the designated ranking Metro Security personnel, or sworn law enforcement personnel, as directed by the Chair.