

BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE XII. BOARDS, AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES GENERALLY

GENERAL REQUIREMENT AND POLICIES

Sec. 1-233. Terms of appointees to Broward County agencies, authorities, boards, committees, commissions, councils, and task forces; quorum

Removal based on Attendance

1. Board meetings on a quarterly or less frequent basis: Members will be removed after two (2) consecutive unexcused absences or missing two (2) properly noticed meetings in one (1) calendar year.
2. Board meetings more frequently than quarterly: Members will be removed after three (3) consecutive unexcused absences or missing for (4) properly noticed meetings in one (1) calendar year.

Excused Absences

Require written notice to the chair of the board prior to the meeting (when practicable). The chair of the board shall determine whether the absence meets the criteria for an excused absence. Members may be excused **ONLY** for the following reasons:

1. Member performing an authorized alternative activity relating to outside advisory board business that directly conflicts with the properly noticed meeting;
2. Death of an immediate family member (spouse, father, mother, stepparent, in loco parentis, child, or stepchild domiciled in member's household);
3. Death of member's domestic partner, or the death of a child, stepchild, parent, grandparent, or grandchild of a member's domestic partner;
4. Member's hospitalization or receipt of necessary emergency medical treatment at or around the time of a properly noticed meeting;
5. Member summoned for jury duty; or
6. When the member is attending a deposition, hearing, trial, or other legal proceeding for which attendance is required by a subpoena or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Non-excused absences

1. Out of town business.
2. Doing business or attending a meeting for member's company.
3. Attending another meeting as an elected official.
4. Car problems.

Requirements of Appointment

Any advisory board appointee who fails to meet the requirements of his or her appointment, including residency, if required to live in the district, is automatically disqualified, and his or her appointment shall immediately cease and be deemed vacant.

Quorum Rules

Once a quorum has been established by members physically present at a meeting, members who are not physically present may attend and participate in such meeting by telephone.

Appointees shall notify the board coordinator *at least two (2) business days prior to the scheduled meeting date as to whether they will or will not attend the meeting.* This will allow the cancellation of a meeting due to a lack of quorum prior to the actual meeting date.

If a board member does not confirm to the board coordinator that he or she will be present, at least 2 days prior to the meeting, he or she will be marked absent where such failure results in the meeting being cancelled for lack of quorum.

If a meeting is scheduled and a sufficient number of members to constitute a quorum CONFIRMED that they will be physically present at the meeting:

- Members present will be marked as attending.
- Members who telephone in, will be marked as attending.
- Members not present will be marked absent.
- Members, who did not confirm they were attending and attend, will be marked present.

If a meeting is scheduled and a sufficient number of members to have quorum DID NOT CONFIRM that they will be physically present at the meeting, THE MEETING WILL BE CANCELLED PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE:

- Members, who intended to telephone in, will be marked absent.
- Members, who did not confirm that they were attending, will be marked absent.
- Members who confirmed they would be attending will be marked *present* and it will be noted on the attendance sheet that the meeting was cancelled.

If a meeting is scheduled and sufficient number of members to constitute a quorum CONFIRMED that they will be physically present at the meeting, BUT QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING, THE MEETING WILL BE CANCELLED:

- Members present will be marked as attending but it will be noted that the meeting was cancelled.
- Members not present will be marked absent.
- Members, who telephone in, will be absent.
- Members, who did not confirm that they were attending, and attend, will be marked present.
- Members who did not confirm that they were attending, and do not attend, will be marked absent.

(Ord. No. 79-36, § 1, 6-20-79; Ord. No. 89-19, § 1, 5-9-89; Ord. No. 92-4, § 1, 3-10-92; Ord. No. 92-13, § 1, 5-12-92; Ord. No. 92-46, § 1, 11-10-92; Ord. No. 95-18, § 1, 4-11-95; Ord. No. 1999-06, § 1, 2-23-99; Ord. No. 2001-01, § 1, 1-9-01; Ord. No. 2001-10, § 1, 3-27-01; Ord. No. 2002-10, § 1, 3-18-02; Ord. No. 2003-21, § 1, 6-10-03; Ord. No. 2005-01, § 1, 1-11-05; Ord. No. 2005-16, § 1, 6-28-05; Ord. No. 2006-17, § 1, 6-13-06; Ord. No. 2008-36, § 1, 9-9-08; Ord. No. 2009-39, § 1, 6-23-09; Ord. No. 2012-30, § 1, 10-23-12; Ord. No. 2014-08, § 1, 02-25-14, Ord. No. 2018-38, § 1, 9-13-18)