Resolution Governing the Order of Business

The time initially allotted to each item of business is separately stated in the agenda. Individual comments from the floor shall not exceed five minutes, unless further time is authorized by unanimous consent of the voting members present. A majority of the voting members present may extend debate on any item for up to 30 additional minutes. At any time after the expiration of the time initially allotted to an item, the Chair shall have discretion to move the item to a later position in the agenda.

Unless the Chair determines otherwise, amendments and substitutes that have been timely submitted in writing to the Office of the Chairman before the meeting will receive priority in the discussion of any proposed item of business; and other amendments and substitutes will be entertained only to the extent that time permits. Notwithstanding Robert’s Rules of Order, the Chair may allow up to five minutes for debate on any motion to lay on the table.