

**DRAFT-2**  
**PROPOSED BIENNIAL COUNTY BOARD RULE CHANGES FOR CHAPTER 7 IN 2022**  
**FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Updated with Corporation Counsel responses for March 17, 2022 Executive Committee meeting

Since the last biennial amendment of Chapter 7 County Board Rules the County Board Office has kept a running list of items that have been mentioned for possible amendment of Chapter 7 for the start of the new term. In addition, several County Board supervisors recently submitted additional amendment proposals and/or questions about Chapter 7 for Executive Committee consideration this week.

The following are marked changes and/or responses based on Executive Committee discussion at its March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, as well as responses with Corporation Counsel.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**  
**GENERAL:**

- Add more guidance on process and decorum for standing committees  
**ADD NEW SECTION: 7. COMMITTEE MEETINGS; CONDUCT. (1) Supervisors, visitors, staff and others shall at all times conduct themselves in a respectful manner. (2) There shall be no loud noises or conversation on the board floor or in the visitor's section during the board sessions. (3)(a) While the board is in session, cell phones, pagers, laptop and tablets, and other personal communication devices shall be kept in a silent mode, so that no audible sound is generated by the device. (b) Use of an electronic device during a meeting may be subject to Wisconsin's Open Meetings and Public Records Laws. (4) A supervisor who has the floor cannot be interrupted except by a request to yield to a question pertinent to the subject matter under consideration or by a point of order.**
- Update pronouns **Will provide direction for Corp Counsel to make global substitutions for pronouns: he/she→they/them and his/hers → theirs.**

**SPECIFIC SECTIONS:**

- **7.22 (6)(b)** Update to 45 days instead of 60 days to align with 7.57 (1)

**[7.22 SCHEDULING, NOTICE AND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES. (b) The chairperson of a committee to which a resolution or ordinance has been referred shall place the item on the committee's agenda within ~~60~~ 45 days of the date of referral unless requested by the sponsor to delay consideration.]**

**[7.22 SCHEDULING, NOTICE AND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES. (10) Members constituting at least one ~~less fewer~~ than a majority of the committee may call a meeting of the committee or place a particular item on the agenda if, after a request to do so, the chairperson fails or refuses to call a meeting or place any particular item on the agenda.]**

- **7.24** Specify that earmark amendments should not exceed the purchasing limit when going to RFP. The amount moves with inflation, so we would cross reference to the purchasing ordinance. Right now I think it is about \$37K. **DISCUSS WITH CORP COUNSEL: Make the amendment Per Ch. 25 inflationary language. New subsection?**

**Commented [GD1]:** \$35000

**Commented [GD2]:** We may want to do a Chap 29 OA making it clear that any appropriation can be earmarked up to the threshold set forth in s. 25.08.

- 7.52(5) Update how copies of resolutions and OAs are placed in a member's box.

[7.52 RESOLUTIONS; FORM. (5) Copies of all resolutions and ordinance amendments referred to committee shall be available electronically by the Monday following their introduction. ~~Copies shall be placed in a member's box in the county board office upon request.~~]

- 7.58(9) Separation **DISCUSS WITH CORP COUNSEL:** E.g., edited second sentence could read, "Drafted by the County Board Office, sponsored by the County Board Chair, and referred as a new resolution or amendment."

[7.58 RESOLUTIONS; MISCELLANEOUS CONSIDERATIONS. (9) A supervisor may request separation of any item within a resolution or ordinance amendment and, if the chair rules that the item can be separated, it shall be considered by the board separately. A separated part of a resolution or ordinance amendment which is referred to committee shall be treated as a new resolution or ordinance amendment.]

- 7.63 (7) Question regarding using a different interval. **No need to change this as discretion already exists.**

[7.63 COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS; REGISTRATIONS. (7) Questioning of registrants by supervisors shall occur after every 10 registrants on the particular subject have completed their appearances. The presiding officer shall have discretion to vary the intervals between questioning by supervisors.]

**Commented [GD3]:** I agree this section needs to be fixed. But I don't think it would need to be newly sponsored by the Board Chair. (Board Chair may not want his/her name on it! It's already in a Res or OA so it can just be sponsored by the original sponsor(s). But, what about a part of a Res or OA that's separated and not referred? That needs to be addressed to.

**SUP. PALM PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CH. 7**

- It seems that sometimes things are capitalized and other times they are not. I understand that it could be "county board" and "Dane County Board" but there are instances where it's also "County Board". A little confusing... **Will provide direction for Corp Counsel to make globally consistent.**

- I would suggest a wholesale replacement of "he/she" to "them" or "they" based upon the language. I believe our laws and rules should be gender neutral. **Will provide direction for Corp Counsel.**

- 7.02 (2) (c) –I don't understand why this is here? Employment at will for the county board officers? **Question for CORP COUNSEL: The board Chair is considered a 1.0 FTE, so essentially that employment is at-will employment based on being re-elected as chair. Does this need to be clarified?** [7.02 OFFICERS. (c) Should any relationship between an individual affected by this section and the county board or the county be construed to constitute employment, including the status of department head conferred upon the chairperson, such employment shall be at will.

**Commented [GD4]:** I presume this is in here because of the chair being paid on a full time basis and having some indicia of a dept head. Normally by statute a dept head is appointed by the county executive and is a contract employee, and may be removed by the county executive. Unless there is some other reason it could say the county board chair has control of county board office but is not a statutory dept head..

- 7.03 (2) should there be any language about whether this is or is not at the consent of the body? **The appointments of the chairperson are not subject to County Board approval.**

[7.03 DUTIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON. (2) The chairperson shall appoint each supervisor to only one standing committee of the board, other than the executive committee, and shall also appoint members to other committees or commissions as directed by the board. In accordance with s. 7.11(10), the chairperson shall consider the recommendations of the UW Extension Committee in the appointment of youth members

**Commented [GD5]:** It is not.

to standing committees, except for the executive committee, as well as to boards and commissions as authorized by Chapter 15.]

7.03 (6) does this include committees that are included in 7.20 (other committees of the board)?  
**Yes. This is what “all committees” means. Sup. Palm was particularly thinking about the City-County Liaison Committee since there is supposed to be a balance of city and county votes.**

[7.03 DUTIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON. (6) The chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, commissions and boards created by the board and may meet and deliberate in their meetings, may make motions, but may not vote while acting as ex-officio member. However, the chair may be counted as a member present for the purposes of reaching a quorum.]

- **7.03 QUESTION FOR CORP COUNSEL: Under Duties of the Chair, should we have a provision for when the County Executive is out of the country?**

- 7.04 (4) is there a mechanism for notification for absences from the county? What if a chair left the county without notification?

[7.04 DUTIES OF VICE-CHAIRPERSONS. (4) In the event of the ~~absence chairperson from the county is unable to conduct business, or disability or incapacity of the chairperson, a vice-chairperson, in order of succession, shall assume all duties of the chairperson. The chairperson shall notify, to the extent possible, the vice-chairperson.~~ After 30 days of acting as chairperson, the vice-chairperson shall receive a salary equivalent to that of the chairperson during the time such duties are assumed.]

- 7.11 (3) Clarify which chair

[7.11 STANDING COMMITTEES. (3) Insofar as practical, each standing committee, other than the executive committee, shall have five or seven members, as designated by the county board chairperson at the time of committee organization.]

- 7.11 (4)(a) **For Exec Comm to discuss further:** is one less than a quorum - is this a minimum or maximum requirement? For example, can one member (which is at least one less than the quorum) make a motion or do you need exactly this number (5 members = quorum 3 = 2 members; 7 members = quorum 4 = 3 members?)

[7.11 STANDING COMMITTEES. (4) (a) The county board chair may place a motion on a committee agenda to remove the chairperson or vice-chairperson of a committee if, after a request to do so by members of the committee making up one less than a quorum, the committee chairperson fails or refuses to place the item on the agenda.]

- 7.11 (11) **For Exec Comm to discuss further:** can we specify a more consistent time (i.e., 2 months before budget)

[7.11 STANDING COMMITTEES. (11) The Public Protection and Judiciary Committee and the Health and Human Needs Committee shall hold a joint meeting at least once a year to discuss mental health issues in the jail, court diversion programs, and other issues of common interest as determined by the chairpersons of the committees.]

- 7.12 (8) regional planning bodies - elsewhere there is a modifier that the county is a party to...

**Exec Comm to discuss further: (Does the board want to delineate all regional bodies? Should this instead be the duties of ZLR for CARPC, PWT for MPO, etc?)**

**Commented [GD6]:** There is no provision in the statutes for this. Wis. Stat. s. 59.17(8) provides for succession by the board chair if the CE is unable to serve due to mental or physical disease or a vacancy. Temporary absence does not trigger this.

**Commented [GD7]:** This is somewhat ambiguous

**Commented [GD8]:** This is a minimum requirement

[7.12 ZONING & LAND REGULATION COMMITTEE. (8) Act as the county's liaison to, and cooperate with, regional planning bodies.]

- 7.14 (10) the in-kind donation is to Dane County or to a supervisor?

[7.14 THE PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE. (10) Develop guidelines for, and review and accept by motion recorded in its minutes, proposed in-kind donations to the county valued at over \$300, and report to the board on all proposals involving cash donations.]

- 7.14 (19) does an updated information technology strategic plan get presented by June 1? **This is up to the chair of the committee.**

[7.14 THE PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE. (19) The committee shall review and periodically make recommendations to the county board on information technology needs and shall provide an updated information technology strategic plan to the county board annually by June 1st.]

- 7.18 (2) regional transportation planning - what about the MPO?

[7.18 THE PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. (2) Act as the policy oversight committee for the Dane County Regional Airport Commission, the solid waste and recycling ad hoc subcommittee, the Dane County Zoo Commission, all regional transportation planning, including the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and all rail transit commissions to which the county is a party.]

- 7.22 (3)(a) what is executive session?

**For Corp Counsel: Is Executive Session the same as closed session and, if so, does executive session need to be specified here? If it is different, is it defined somewhere in statute?**

[7.22 SCHEDULING, NOTICE AND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES. (3)(a) When closed or executive sessions are permitted by statute, the chairperson shall publicly announce the closed or executive session and explain briefly the reasons as authorized by statute. The announcement and reason shall be duly recorded in the minutes. Any case of doubt as to legality shall be resolved in favor of an open meeting.]

- 7.22 (6)(c) How is an advisory vote distinguished from a non-advisory vote? Elsewhere it appears that this vote can't be taken so I'm confused. **Explanation: A non-advisory vote in this instance is that an item actually referred to committee stays in committee and does not move to the full board if the committee does not act. An advisory vote is where a committee can weigh in even if the item is not referred to that committee, but nobody is waiting for that committee to act. Bottom line: Any committee can take up any item but it doesn't interrupt the flow of item back to County Board.**

[7.22 SCHEDULING, NOTICE AND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES. (6)(c) A committee chair may place any resolution or ordinance amendment on the committee agenda, even if the item has not been referred to the committee by the board chair. The vote on such an item shall be considered advisory and is not required to return the item to the full County Board for consideration.]

7.22 (11) conspicuous written notice posted at the entrance of the location - how is this handled virtually **Explanation: The Clerk's office puts the notice on the physical bulletin board and it is also posted on legistar.** Sup Palm suggestion for language such as "In the event a committee meeting is cancelled on the day of the scheduled meeting, the chair shall arrange for conspicuous written notice to be posted at the entrance of the location where the meeting was

**Commented [GD9]:** The terms are generally used interchangeably, but the statute only refers to a closed session. Wis. Stat. s. 19.85 specifies the allowable reasons.

to be held and notice appearing for those joining the meeting virtually, and on the county website. "

**[7.22 SCHEDULING, NOTICE AND CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES. (11) In the event a scheduled meeting must be canceled, the chairperson shall provide timely notification to the county clerk and other committee members and to the public. In the event a committee meeting is cancelled on the day of the scheduled meeting, the chair shall arrange for conspicuous written notice to be posted at the entrance of the location where the meeting was to be held, and on the county website.]**

- 7.24(6) can amendments to published amendments be introduced?

**[7.24 BUDGETARY REVIEWS. (6) Amendments not included in the Personnel and Finance Committee's recommendations on the budget resolutions may be offered as a floor amendment at the County Board's budget meeting, but must be posted as part of the board agenda at least 24 hours ~~period~~ prior to the meeting. A budget amendment considered by the county board may be amended by the county board.]**

- 7.55 (1) invited by the chairperson seems specifically burdensome given that staff could also make these invitations, etc.

**[7.55 RESOLUTIONS; HOW PROCESSED IN COMMITTEE. (1) The sponsor of any resolution, ordinance or ordinance amendment and the affected department head shall be ~~personally~~ invited to discuss it ~~by the chairperson of~~ at the particular committee receiving the referral, when the sponsor's resolution, ordinance or ordinance amendment is to be considered, at a date which is agreeable to both the committee chairperson and the sponsor.]**

- 7.57 (2) **Question for Corp Counsel** so if the first committee makes a "no recommendation" then do we consider the next committee's recommendation? Isn't "no recommendation" sort of a recommendation?

**[7.57 RESOLUTIONS; COUNTY BOARD ACTION ON. (2) After a committee(s) has made a recommendation to the county board on a resolution, the question before the county board shall be the recommendation of the first standing committee to which an item was formally referred to make a recommendation, other than "no recommendation."]**

- 7.58 (8) Roberts Rules has now said that a motion made is now at the will of the body. The idea that the maker of the motion controls the motion is now antiquated and I would recommend removal of this language.

**For Executive Committee to discuss further.**

**[7.58 RESOLUTIONS; MISCELLANEOUS CONSIDERATIONS. (8) A member may withdraw a motion at any time prior to adoption, with the consent of ~~his or her~~ their second. Nothing shall prohibit another member from making the same motion as one previously withdrawn.]**

- 7.62 (1) What committee of the board is present while the board is in session? I don't understand the concept... **Explanation: This means that if the board is in session a committee of the board cannot also be meeting somewhere else simultaneously.**

**[7.62 COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS; CONDUCT. (1) No committee of the board shall absent itself from the floor while the board is in session without special leave of the chairperson.]**

**Commented [GD10]:** The ord expressly says that the question before the board is the recommendation of the first standing committee to which the item was referred EXCEPT one of "no recommendation." I think it is implicit but clear that the board would consider the next committee that actually made a recommendation. "no recommendation" is not a recommendation.

- 7.63 (6) (b) double periods **Will provide direction to Corp Counsel to fix.**  
[7.63 COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS; REGISTRATIONS. (b) On matters being reconsidered by the board, and consideration of motions to override county executive vetoes, no registrant shall speak for more than two (2) minutes, and no registrant using an interpreter shall speak for more than four (4) minutes.-.]
- 7.63 (9) Is this saying the County Executive may speak on items? **No, it says the opposite.**  
[7.63 COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS; REGISTRATIONS. (9) Non-supervisors, other than a member of the public who has registered to speak pursuant to s. 7.63, shall not be allowed to address the board on any issue except that department heads or other county staff may be permitted to speak in response to questions from members of the board. County staff does not include the executive.]
- 7.65 (2) I would suggest allowing a longer period to move reconsideration than just the day, given our actions are generally made in the evening. **The motion for reconsideration and the action of reconsidering must happen at the same meeting.**  
[7.65 COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS; RECONSIDERATION AND RESCISSION. (2) A motion to reconsider shall be made on the day the action to be reconsidered took place and the clerk shall record the motion in the minutes.]

- **SUP. KIEFER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 7.22**

- (4) The board and committees may conduct public meetings in the following formats:
  - (a) In-person – all members and the public attend in the same physical location.
  - (b) Virtual – all members and the public attend via teleconferencing, video conferencing, or web conferencing without meeting at a physical location. **Exclusively virtual meetings shall not be scheduled unless inclement weather, a public health emergency, a natural disaster, or other emergency prevents an in-person or hybrid meeting from being held safely. Virtual meetings require at least a 24-hour notice and reasonable access to the public.**
  - (c) Hybrid – simultaneously held in-person and virtually.
- (5) Open meetings shall be held in public buildings or other places, including virtual venues, accessible to the general public, including individuals with disabilities.
  - (a) Board and committee members are expected to attend meetings in person: a member must notify the chair prior to an in-person or hybrid meeting of that member's intent to attend virtually.
  - (b) The public may participate and provide public testimony in person or virtually.
  - ~~(c) In case of adverse weather or an emergency, the chair may declare that any board or committee meeting shall be held virtually and not at a physical location with 24 hours notice and reasonable access to the public.~~

**SUP. WEGLEITNER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CH. 7**

Note: Sup Wegleitner made additional changes to her initial proposal. Those changes are included in her memo attached to this item on the agenda, and are also reflected here in highlighted text.

• **Removing Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer from County Board Agenda**

**7.61 COUNTY BOARD AGENDA; ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

(1) The order of business for county board meetings shall be as follows:

A. Roll Call

1. ~~Prayer~~ Inspirational message (limited to three minutes) **Executive Committee to discuss further**

2. ~~Pledge of allegiance~~ **Executive Committee to discuss further**

B. Special Matters and Announcements

1. Memorial resolutions, proclamations and special presentations (limited to ten minutes)

2. Appearances by the county executive

3. Announcements (limited to two minutes and to the announcement of a coming event or the introduction of an item)

4. Public hearings

C. Approval of payments The list of all bills to be presented to the board for payment shall be made available no later than forty-eight hours prior to the meeting and shall be presented to the county clerk's office and posted on the county board website.

D. Claims recommended for denial.

E. Approval of county board minutes F. Consent Agenda (items which passed all committees, boards, commissions, etc., without opposition or abstention, for which there are no amendments, and for which no requests have been made not to place on the consent agenda. Items which were reported out of committee with "no recommendation" shall not be placed on the consent agenda.)

G. Motions from previous meetings 1. Motions from previous meetings, including motions to reconsider,

7.58(11) – 7.61(1) Page 7-17 rev. 050420 rescind, place a resolution or ordinance amendment on the agenda, or override a county executive veto.

H. Reports on zoning petitions.

I. Ordinance amendments

J. Award of contracts

K. Resolutions

L. Appointments

M. Items Requiring a Two-Thirds Majority for Passage. In addition to any other items requiring a two-thirds vote, any ordinance amendment or resolution creating or changing fees charged to users of services that is considered after adoption of the annual budget shall require a two-thirds vote of the county board.

N. Special order of business. All special order items will be placed in this section except that, in the exercise of his or her discretion, the chairperson may designate a time certain for such matters.

O. Such other business as the county board is authorized to conduct by law

P. Adjournment



- Requiring registrations be read into the record and provided to the County Board prior to action on an item.

**STAFF EXPLANATION:** Currently, to allow as many people as possible to register and/or speak at a meeting, staff do not do a final check of registrations until 30 minutes before the meeting starts (this gives staff time to make a list of names and positions of speakers and a list of #s registered and position, if not speaking, to share with the committee chair.

With this additional requirement for the reading out loud of all names, addresses, and positions, staff would need to draw the line under registrations at least one hour or more (depending on number of registrants anticipated) before the meeting in order to be able to organize the information for the chair to read out. This process entails going into Zoom, exporting a spreadsheet of registrants, interpreting information listed by the registrant (e.g., adding missing info about the agenda item, such as the letter or resolution number), reformatting the spreadsheet to redact phone and email information for privacy, and conveying the number of people registered and their position to the chair at the start of the meeting either verbally or in the chat.

This additional information gathering and compilation would need to be done during the pre-meeting hours where other last-minute meeting prep is often being done.

In the hybrid format, the staff would also then have to type any additional paper registrations that come to them at the in-person meeting into the list. To make this change, registrants who are not able to register an hour or more before the meeting would be left out of the process, including any reading of their name in the meeting.

If a committee wants to know the name, city of residence, and position for registrants on an item on the agenda during the meeting, there would need to be a significant recess in the meeting to allow staff to compile the information and communicate it to the body (this is because many committee staff are simultaneously taking minutes during committee meetings while also running the virtual meeting).

It's a tradeoff between the longer amount of time registrants have to get online and having all of this information available in the public record with the minutes after the meeting vs. requiring registrants to register further in advance to allow for their names to be read out loud in a meeting.

**WEGLEITNER RESPONSE:** Staff communicated that preparing the registration info for reading into the record would require more time than is currently provided for (30 minutes) prior to the meeting. Based on this information, a compromise proposal (**highlighted in yellow below**) would be to just receive the online registration list via email once the list is pulled after the registration period has closed 30 minutes prior to the hearing. I understand that this list might be a little messy, but it would still provide some information to supervisors and would minimize staff burden. The revised "official" registration record would still be compiled and uploaded into legistar at a later time with the minutes.

#### **7.63 COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS; REGISTRATIONS.**

(4) As any particular resolution, ordinance amendment or other matter is brought before the board, the chairperson shall announce the **name, address, and position of each registrant, and the** number of registrations filed from those present at the meeting and the position of the



registrants regarding the agenda item. If petitions have been filed with the county clerk prior to the meeting, the chairperson shall announce the name, address, and position of each registrant, and the number of petitions filed and the petitioner's positions in reference to the agenda item.

**Staff shall provide the online registration list containing the names and registration info for each online registrant a list containing the name of each registrant, their address, and their position on the item for which they registered to the County Board prior to Board action on any items on the agenda for which a person is registered.**

7.225(1)

Create new subsection (d) **Staff shall provide the online registration list containing the names and registration info for each online registrant prior to action on any items on the committee agenda for which a person is registered.**

- **Requiring Recording of Standing Committee Meetings and Online Access to Recordings**

*\*\*Audio recordings are already required by s. 7.225(15), Dane Co. Ords. It might make sense to also reference the requirement in the section regarding minutes, s. 7.23, Dane Co Ords.*

**Amend title and create new section of 7.23 as follows. Minutes and recording of meetings. To the greatest extent possible, all meetings where any action is taken shall be recorded and posted online. A link to the recording shall be made available in an easily accessible format to the public through the county board's website and the committee's webpage in the legislative tracking system.**

*This change would require the recording of standing committee meetings where the committee is taking action. Sometimes committees meet at locations with technical limitations. This provision would prevent them from placing items for action on their agenda if the meeting is not recorded. **Comment:** Written as "to the extent possible" because some rooms are not going to be equipped with the necessary technology and sometimes, even when tech is available, there are technical issues that prevent recording. This allows flexibility in these events. There are meeting rooms used by committees that are not controlled by Dane County facilities. Making it impossible to act in the absence of a recording seems to miss the point of providing meeting minutes, which are approved by the body. Also, committee and county board meeting information is consistently and most rapidly loaded to the legislative management system of legistar, so a reference to that legislative management system rather than webpages would be more accurate e.g., "...available in an easily accessible format to the public through the county's board's website and the committee's webpage in the legislative tracking management system.*

- **Expanding Public Comment Opportunities at County Board and Committee Meetings**  
*Require committee action to limit public comment based on numbers of registrants at individual meetings.*

**7.225 PUBLIC APPEARANCES AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS. For Executive Committee to discuss further.**

(2) If necessary at a particular meeting to ensure public comment is received from all those interested in testifying and the committee has sufficient time to conduct all scheduled business, the committee ~~chairperson~~ may limit the time for each speaker to 3 minutes, exclusive of time allotted to questioning by committee members. The committee shall not adopt a blanket rule to limit public comment to 3 minutes, but must approve a motion to limit time based on publicly provided information on the number of registrants for public comment at individual meetings.

- ~~Delete 7.225(2)(a). Remove authority to deny public comment to a member of the public if that person has already spoken on that item (e.g. an amendment). For Executive Committee to discuss further.~~

~~(2)(a) If a committee has taken testimony on an item and the same committee considers action on the item at a separate meeting, the public shall not have the opportunity to testify if that same item appears on subsequent agendas of the same committee. Items are not considered to be the same item if a new amendment has been posted and the public has not had the opportunity to testify on the new amendment.~~

- ~~Delete the second sentence from 7.51(7). Remove authority to deny public comment at County Budget meetings. ). For Executive Committee to discuss further.~~

~~(7) During the fall budget session, the county board may designate meetings at which no matters other than the annual budget may be considered. At such meetings, no public testimony or registrations shall be taken, provided a public hearing has been held on the budget prior to the budget meeting.~~

- ~~Delete 7.63(2) to remove authority to deny public comment at meetings where an item has already been noticed for public hearing. For Executive Committee to discuss further.~~

~~If the county board has taken testimony on an item and considers action on the item at a separate meeting, the public shall not have the opportunity to testify when that same item appears on subsequent county board calendars.~~

- ~~Create Opportunity for County Board Rule Change by Majority Vote at Beginning of Session (Every April)~~

~~For Executive Committee to discuss further.~~

~~Amend 7.99 as follows 7.99 AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 7. Ordinances in chapter 7 may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of supervisors present at the county board's first (organizational) meeting in April of even numbered years and the first meeting of the county board session in odd-numbered years, which is the second meeting in April, but otherwise shall only be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the quorum of supervisors present at the board meeting.~~

- ~~Annual Committee Public Engagement Plans For Executive Committee to discuss further.~~

~~The Executive Committee may want to consider reducing the signature issue requirement from three to two signature issues, one of which would be the budget resolutions.~~

~~Create new section as follows 7.235(?)  
Annual Committee Public Engagement Plans.~~

- (a) Each committee shall identify at least three significant issues or items per session to include in the committee's public engagement plan. One of the items shall be the annual operating and capital budget recommendations of the committee. A significant issue could be identified by name or, if it has a budgetary impact, an issue or item could be identified as significant if it meets a certain cost threshold set forth by the committee.
- (b) The committee's public engagement plan shall identify: (i) who is most impacted by the issue or item, (ii) the strategies for connecting with those most impacted to provide meaningful opportunities to guide the committee's policy and budget decisions on the issue or item, (iii) the need for translation and interpretation services, and (iv) how County Board funds may support the engagement.
- (c) The committee's public engagement plan shall be provided to the Executive Committee and Equal Opportunities Commission no later than September 1.
- (d) Meetings noticed for potential action on an issue or item identified in the public engagement plan shall be prioritized for video-recording resources and be live-streamed or video-recorded, to the extent possible.

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