



**BYLAWS OF THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1.0 Amendments to Bylaws

- 1.1 The Bylaws of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (AUTHORITY) Board may be amended by a majority vote of the Board unless the proposed amendment violates federal, state, or other applicable law.
- 1.2 The Board Secretary shall be authorized to correct typographical and formatting errors in the bylaws without further Board consideration.

2.0 Board Officers

- 2.1 As a matter of practice, the Board has exercised its power to elect or re-elect a Chair and Vice-Chair so that the Chair changes bi-annually. The Board shall elect or re-elect the Chair and Vice-Chair on an annual basis. The term of each Board office shall be a calendar year. Alternates shall not serve as Chair or Vice-Chair.
- 2.2. The Chair shall preside over all Board meetings and shall serve as the designated spokesperson for the AUTHORITY Board. The Vice Chair shall fill the role of the Chair if the Chair is not present at a meeting.
- 2.3 The Vice Chair shall automatically assume the Chair unless the Board elects a different member.
- 2.4 The Chair and Vice Chair shall rotate between the member agency county transportation commissions as follows:

Year	Chair	Vice Chair	2 nd Vice Chair
2011	Los Angeles	San Bernardino	Orange
2013	San Bernardino	Orange	Riverside
2015	Orange	Riverside	Ventura
2017	Riverside	Ventura	Los Angeles
2019	Ventura	Los Angeles	San Bernardino

- 2.5 The rotation shall continue in the same order after 2019.
- 2.6 In the event the Chair or Vice Chair are no longer a member of the Board, the Board shall elect a replacement officer at its next Board meeting at

which a quorum of members is present. The replacement officer shall be from the same county as the former officer.

2.7 If extenuating circumstances exist where neither the Chair or the Vice Chair is present, the following protocol shall be in place.

2.7.1 The Chair may appoint an acting Chair and Vice Chair for purposes of presiding over a Board meeting, except that both officers cannot be from the same member agency.

2.7.2 If neither the Chair nor either Vice Chair is available, the Chief Executive Officer shall call the Board meeting to order if a quorum of members is present. The Board, by majority vote, shall appoint an acting Chair and Vice Chair for purposes of presiding over a Board meeting, except that both officers cannot be from the same member agency.

2.7.3 If neither the Chair nor Vice Chair is available, the second Vice Chair shall act for the Chair.

3.0 Ralph M. Brown Act

3.1 All meetings of the AUTHORITY and its standing committees shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9, commencing with Section 54950, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 of the Government Code).

4.0 Robert's Rules of Order

4.1 The proceedings of the Board shall be governed by the provisions of law applicable thereto and, except as herein provided, suspended, or modified from time to time by the Board, by Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised.

4.2 Provided, further, that the failure to follow Robert's Rules of Order shall not invalidate any action taken. The General Counsel shall act as parliamentarian and, on request of the Chair, shall give parliamentary advice. To the extent that these rules and procedures are inconsistent with Robert's Rules of Order, these rules shall supersede Robert's Rules of Order.

5.0 Committees

5.1 The AUTHORITY shall have the following standing Committees:

5.1.1 Executive Management & Audit

5.1.2 Legislative & Communications

- 5.1.3 Planning & Finance
- 5.1.4 Safety & Operations

- 5.2 The Chair may designate other standing Committees subject to concurrence of the Board. The Chair may designate ad hoc committees in the Chair's discretion.
- 5.3 The Chair shall make appointments to all Committees and designate a chair and vice chair for each standing Committee.
- 5.4 The CEO shall recommend and the Chair shall refer all staff reports and Board member motions to the appropriate Committee.
- 5.5 A majority of the members of a Committee shall constitute a quorum. Fifty percent (50%) of the members of a Committee with an even number of members shall constitute a quorum for that Committee. At each standing Committee, each member agency casts a maximum of one vote, regardless of the number of members from each agency appointed to the Committee.
- 5.6 When a Committee cannot establish a quorum, another Board member not on the Committee may be temporarily appointed by the chair of the Committee to sit as a substitute member of the Committee during that meeting.
- 5.7 Any additional Board member present at a meeting of a Committee may attend as an observer, but may participate only if the additional Board members is a permanent or temporary member of that Committee.
- 5.8 The Board may delegate to Committees any responsibilities authorized by law.

6.0 Consent Calendar

- 6.1 Items and motions approved by Committee without substantial changes shall be placed on a consent calendar on the next Board meeting.
- 6.2 Consent calendar items shall be considered for approval as single item during a Board meeting.
- 6.3 A Board member may request to remove an item from the consent calendar. In such a case, the remaining consent calendar shall be considered for approval as single item and items removed from the consent calendar shall be considered separately at the meeting.

7.0 Board Member Motions

- 7.1 All Board members may place written motions directly on a Board or Committee agenda by submitting the motions to the Board Secretary and referred to the appropriate Committee by the Chair. The motion shall be considered by the Committee at its next meeting.
- 7.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Board member may request that an item be agendized for a full Board Meeting. Also, items that are time sensitive and require consideration prior to the next Committee meeting shall be placed on the agenda of the next Board meeting.
- 7.3 Amending and substitute motions for items already on the Board agenda shall not be subject to these provisions.

8.0 Board Member Discussion

- 8.1 All Board members shall address the Chair to request to speak and shall be recognized in the order requested.
- 8.2 All Board members desiring to speak shall have the opportunity to speak once before other Board members speak again.

9.0 Public Comment

- 9.1 All requests to address the Board or Committee on either agenda or non-agenda items shall be submitted to the Board Secretary, or as permitted in the Chair's discretion.
- 9.2 Requests to speak shall be taken in the order received.
- 9.3 The Board under the direction of the Chair shall reserve the right to limit redundant or repetitive public comment.
- 9.4 No person shall address the Board or Committee until he/she has first been recognized by the Chair. All persons addressing the AUTHORITY shall give their name for the purpose of the record.
- 9.5 The Board shall provide an opportunity at Board and Committee meetings for the public to address the Board on each agenda item for up to three (3) minutes on each item, or at the discretion of the Chair.
- 9.6 If public comment is held for an agenda item, individual members of the public shall be allowed to speak for up to one (1) minute each, or at the discretion of the Chair.

- 9.7 The Board shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the Board on non-agenda items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Each speaker shall be allowed to speak to up to three (3) minutes. The combined total of comments for non-agenda items shall be limited up to a total of twenty (20) minutes at the conclusion of each Board meeting, or at the discretion of the Chair.

10.0 Removal from the Board Room

- 10.1 At the discretion of the Chair or upon vote of the Board, Chair may order removed from the Board Room any person who commits the following acts of disruptive conduct in respect to a regular, adjourned regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.
- a. Disorderly, contemptuous or insolent behavior toward the Board or any member thereof, tending to interrupt the due and orderly course of said meeting;
 - b. A breach of the peace, boisterous conduct or violent disturbance, tending to interrupt the due and orderly course of said meeting;
 - c. Disobedience of any lawful order of the Chair, which shall include an order to be seated or to refrain from addressing the Board; and
 - d. Any other unlawful interference with the due and orderly course of said meeting; and
- 10.2 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 upon motion adopted by a majority vote of the Board, and such exclusion shall be executed by the Sergeant-at-Arms upon being so directed by the Chair.
- e. 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 prior incidents of disruptive conduct.