



PORTLAND DSA

INTERNAL CHAPTER POLICY

Recall Policy

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Principles

Per the bylaws any member of Portland DSA may initiate a Recall of any member of the Steering Committee or the Grievance Committee at any time and for any reason. This Recall Policy lays out the debate structure that would apply for the recalling of any Portland DSA member who was elected to a chapter position by a vote at a general meeting. Full and fair debate at a general meeting in which Recall is being debated is very important in a democratic organization. The member subject to a recall deserves a chance to be able to speak on their own behalf, but they are forbidden from chairing the meeting in which their recall is being debated. If multiple members are subject to a recall, there must be separate petitions for each individual member. Recall Elections for multiple members can occur at the same general meeting, but it is limited to a maximum of three members subject to a recall per meeting.

Process

1. The signatories of the Recall petition receive at least five minutes to present their case for why they are recalling the elected Portland DSA member. The signatories shall appoint one member to present this case. No questions will be asked during the presentation or immediately afterwards. The presenter cedes the floor and returns to their seat.
2. The member subject to a recall receives at least 5 minutes to argue against their recall. No questions will be asked during the presentation or immediately afterwards.
3. The presenter of the Recall petition returns to the front, joining the member subject to a recall. At least 15 minutes of time allotted for the general membership to ask questions of either the member subject to a recall or the presenter of the Recall Petition. After this time both the Recall presenter and the member subject to a recall cede the floor and return to their seats.

4. At least 20 minutes of debate on the Recall is allotted for members of the chapter. The member subject to a recall may participate in the debate, but is provided no special privileges that other members are not.
5. A secret ballot vote is taken. For the member to be recalled a simple majority affirmative vote in favor of Recall must be achieved.