

RULES OF ORDER & PROCEDURE

City Academy

Adopted by the Council on 01/14/26

To promote ethical behaviour and civil discourse, each council member shall:

- attend council meetings on time and prepared
- Make decisions with the needs of students as the main objective
- Listen to and value diverse opinions
- Be sure the opinions of those the council represents are included in discussions
- Expect accountability and be prepared to be accountable
- Act with integrity

Rules of Procedure:

Council members will receive training to understand the responsibilities of the council. Council members receive training before preparing and taking action on School LAND Trust Plans and reports.

All meetings are open to the public and the public is welcome to attend.

The agenda of each upcoming meeting, with draft minutes of the prior meeting, will be made available to all council members at least one week in advance and will be posted on the school website. The agenda will include the date, time, and location of the meeting, and any proposed action items.

Written minutes will be kept of all meetings, prepared in draft format for approval at the next scheduled meeting. Approved minutes will be retained for three years.

The council will prepare a timeline for the school year that includes due dates for all required reporting and other activities/tasks that the council agrees to assume or participate in. The timeline will assist in the preparation of agendas to ensure the council accomplishes its work in a timely manner.

How members of the council are chosen is determined by the [City Academy Trust Land Council Election Procedures](#). A parent or grandparent will serve as chair of this committee.

The chair conducts the meetings, makes assignments, and requests reports on assignments. In the absence of the chair, the chair may delegate responsibilities to other council members.

The council must have a quorum to vote. A quorum is a majority of council members.

Meetings shall be conducted and action taken according to very simplified rules of parliamentary procedure as required in 53G-7-1203(10). Council actions will be taken by motions and voting

with votes and motions recorded in the minutes.

Public Comments are allowed, and the public will be given up to 10 minutes at the beginning of the meeting to share their thoughts or ideas. The counsel will have till the end of their next meeting to respond to any public comments or requests. The principal/director will send a notice to the person/person(s) requesting a follow-up.

Elections will be held according to [City Academy Trust Land Council Election Procedures](#).

City Academy Simple Motions of Parliamentary Procedure

Motion	Does it require a 2nd?	Is it debatable?	Can it be amended?	Is a vote required?
Adjourn	yes	no	no	majority
Amend a motion	yes	yes	yes	majority
Close nominations	yes	no	yes	2/3
Main motion	yes	yes	yes	majority
Point of Order	no	no	no	ruled on by chair
Previous Question	yes	no	no	2/3
Reconsider	yes	yes	no	majority
Withdrawal of motion	no	no	no	majority

A **motion** is an action to be taken by the council and is stated as a motion. Someone else on the council “**seconds**” the motion indicating at least one other person on the council feels the motion is worthy of discussion. Then the council members may provide **input and discussion** as called upon by the chair. When the discussion seems complete **the chair may call for a vote on the motion**. Or when a member of the council “**calls the previous question**” (a motion to end discussion of the first motion), a second is required. Without discussion, the chair calls for a

vote that must pass by 2/3. If the vote on the previous question fails, the council goes back to discussing the first motion. If the motion to call the previous question passes, the chair directly calls for a vote on the first motion. A vote to call the previous question is usually used to move business along.

- A tie vote is a lost vote.
- Most motions are main motions. A main motion may be amended.
- A point of order is offered when there is some question if the procedure has been followed correctly.
- To stop debate or discussion on a motion and force the vote a member would say, "I move the previous question." This requires a second and a 2/3 vote.
- Hasty action may be corrected by use of the motion to reconsider. This motion may be made only by one who voted on the prevailing side.
- A person who made the motion may withdraw the same motion.