



MCCONNELL CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPERATING RULES

Article I. Name

The name of the committee is the McConnell Center Advisory Committee.

Article II. Authority and Duties

- A. The McConnell Center Advisory Committee shall have the following functions:
1. Advocate for achieving the mission of the McConnell Community Center.
 2. Review the operations budget recommended to City Manager.
 3. Seek and recommend tenants to the City of Dover.
 4. Assist in the creation and dissemination of publicity related to the McConnell Community Center.
 5. Foster collaborative programming between tenants of the McConnell Community Center and other agencies.
 6. Study, consider and recommend policies for the operation of the McConnell Center.

Article III. Membership

- A. **Membership. The McConnell Center Advisory Committee** shall consist of seven (7) members and two (2) alternates. The membership shall include two (2) representatives of McConnell Center tenants.
- B. **Terms of Members.** Members and Alternates shall be appointed to terms of three (3) years, consistent with staggered terms.
- C. **Attendance, Vacancies and Removal.** All appointments to the committee shall serve for the terms appointed and until a successor shall have been appointed and qualified, unless any committee member is absent for four (4) consecutive meetings or four (4) regular meetings in a calendar year, whereby a vacancy shall be created in the position, and said vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority. Appointments made to fill any vacancies shall be for full terms to begin the date of appointment by the appointing authority unless otherwise provided in state statute. Conditions for removal of any committee member shall be defined by statute, ordinance or the Charter.

Article IV. Officers and Staffing

- A. **Officers.** The officers consist of a Chair and Vice Chair who shall be selected by the membership and who shall serve at the pleasure of the membership for one-year terms. Officers may be re-elected.
- B. **Duties of the Chair.** The Chair shall have general supervisory and directional powers over the committee. The Chair shall preside at all committee meetings and set the committee's agenda. The

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Chair shall also be an ex-officio member of all subcommittees and shall be the sole spokesperson for the committee, unless this responsibility is delegated in writing.

- C. **Vice Chair.** The Vice Chair shall execute all powers of the Chair in the absence of the Chair.
- D. **Staff.** The City of Dover may provide staff support to the committee for meeting notification, typing, copying, and information gathering to the extent permitted by the city budget. All staff shall remain under the direction of the employer.

Article V. Procedures

- A. **Meetings.** The committee shall hold regular meetings as necessary at a time and place designated by the Chair. The business of the public shall be conducted in public session unless otherwise permitted by state law. All meetings of the committee and subcommittees shall be posted to comply with state law. State law requires all meetings to be posted in two (2) places with a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours' notice.
- B. **Quorum.** Fifty-one percent (51%) of the voting membership of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
- C. **Parliamentary Authority.** The parliamentary authority for the committee is the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Revised*, except as provided by these rules or local, state or federal law.
- D. **Minutes.** Minutes shall be kept for all meetings of the committee. The minutes shall include the names of the members in attendance, all actions, motions and resolutions coming before the public body including the votes of the members, and a summary of all discussions. Draft minutes shall be provided to the City Clerk within five (5) business days of each meeting for posting on the city website in draft form. Draft minutes shall be clearly marked "DRAFT". Draft minutes with or without revisions shall be approved by the committee at the next meeting of the committee, or as soon as possible. Final approved minutes shall be provided to the City Clerk for posting on the city website.
- E. **Recording of Meetings.** The committee shall arrange for video recording at all meetings. If video is not available, meetings shall be recorded using audio equipment. All recordings shall be provided to the City Clerk within five (5) business days of the meeting.
- F. **E-mail accounts.** Committee members may obtain a City of Dover e-mail address to facilitate communications regarding meetings, agendas and the dissemination of information. Committee members shall refrain from using e-mail to discuss issues with other members where the e-mail discussion directly or indirectly involves a quorum of the committee. In addition, committee members shall refrain from conducting the official business of the committee outside the view of the public and the press unless permitted by state law.
- G. **Nonpublic meetings.** The committee may conduct nonpublic meetings pursuant to the laws of the State of New Hampshire. The Chair shall conduct nonpublic meetings utilizing the Checklist prepared by General Legal Counsel for nonpublic meetings.
- H. **Amendment of Rules.** These rules may be repealed or amended by a vote of the Dover City Council based upon the recommendation of the committee.