

Decatur County Board of Education

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1 The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules Of Order, Newly Revised*, shall govern the
2 board in all cases to which they are applicable, except as otherwise provided by any statutes applicable
3 to the board, or by policies of this board including the following exceptions.

4 **VOTING METHOD**

5 When a formal vote is taken on any question brought before the board, the decision shall be made on
6 the basis of a majority of the membership of the board.¹

7 Roll call votes will be used at the discretion of the chair or upon the request of any board member.
8 Each member's vote shall be recorded in the minutes on a roll call vote. Upon request, any member's
9 individual vote may be recorded in the minutes. No secret votes shall be used.²

10 **CHAIRMAN'S PARTICIPATION**

11 The person chairing a meeting may participate in discussion, make motions, and vote on all issues as
12 any other member without relinquishing the chair.³

13 **SUSPENSION OF RULES**

14 Rules of order may be suspended by a majority vote of the membership at any regular or special
15 meeting.

16 **CHALLENGES**

17 Procedural challenges to the rules of order must be made in a timely manner and not later than the next
18 successive meeting.
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Legal References

1. TCA 49-2-202(g)
2. TCA 8-44-104(b)
3. *Reeder v. Trotter*, 142 Tennessee 37 (1919)

Cross References