

City of Dallas 2021 Redistricting Commission

Meeting Protocol

1. Agenda Requirements

- a. During a meeting, TOMA prohibits members of a governmental body from discussing, inquiring, or responding matters which do not fall within the limited scope of the meeting's posted agenda.
- b. Therefore, Commission Members will be ruled out of order should they raise issues or seek information during a meeting from the Chair, other members, staff, or public speakers pertaining matters not included on the agenda.
 - i. The prohibition applies even if a public speaker raises an issue outside the scope of the meeting agenda.
- c. A Commissioner who is unsure as to whether their intended comments or questions meet agenda requirements should seek clarification via parliamentary inquiry.

2. Requests to speak and to make motions

- i. A Commission Member wishing to speak shall first get the attention of the Chair, and after being recognized, state the purpose of their request for the floor, i.e., a general motion, a parliamentary inquiry, a privileged motion, etc.
- ii. Approving a request to make a general motion when a motion has not been called for is at the discretion of the Chair. The Chair may decline the requestor request. If allowed to proceed, the Commissioner may then state the text of the motion.
- iii. A Commissioner wishing to second a motion may request recognition after the Chair calls for seconding of the motion. Seconds offered prior to recognition by the Chair will be ignored.

3. Nothing herein shall act to change the priority or rights of privileged or procedural motions or inquiries.