

RULES AND REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS OF THE
PALO ALTO HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1.0 The name of this board shall be the PALO ALTO HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD (HRB)

ARTICLE II

Section 2.0 This board shall perform any duties imposed upon it by Ordinances of the City of Palo Alto and by applicable State and Federal law, or as requested by the City Council of the City of Palo Alto.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Section 3.0 The officers of the Board Shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, and a Secretary who shall be a non-voting member.

Section 3.1 The offices of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected from among the appointed members of the Board, and the person so elected shall serve for a term of one year or until a successor is elected. Elections shall be held at the first meeting in April that has full member attendance each year or following the first meeting with newly appointed Board members in attendance, when this occurs after the first April meeting.

Section 3.2 The Director of Planning and Community Environment of the City of Palo Alto or his/her designated representative shall be the Secretary of the Board.

Section 3.3 The duties of the offices of the HRB shall be as follows:

Section 3.31 It shall be the duty of the Chairperson to preside over all meeting of the Board, to appoint committees and to serve as an ex-officio member of the committees so appointed, to call special meetings of the Board and to designate the time and place of such meeting, to set the date and time for the public hearing held by the Board, to sign documents and correspondence in the name of the Board, and to represent the Board before the City Council, its commissions and committees, and such other groups and organizations as may be appropriate. The Chairperson may designate the Vice Chairperson, or in the Vice Chairperson's absence, another member of the Board to act in his/her stead.

Section 3.32 It shall be the duty of the Vice Chairperson to assist the Chairperson and to act in his/her stead during his/her absence.

Section 3.33 It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all meeting of the Board, to accept in the name of the Board documents and correspondence addressed to it, to present such correspondence to the Board, and perform other staff functions as deemed necessary by the Board. The Secretary will determine the agenda for all public meeting of the Board, based upon an assessment of the applications made to the City requiring historic architectural review, and based also upon the desirability of hearing such other matters as may be deemed, by the Chairperson or by the Secretary, to be of concern to the Board.

ARTICLE IV

Committees

Section 4.0 The Chairperson shall appoint special committees as they be desired or required.

ARTICLE V

Quorums and Voting

Section 5.0 Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting business.

Section 5.1 All actions taken must be by affirmative vote of majority of those Board members present, except to adjourn or continue for lack of a quorum.

A tie vote constitutes a denial of an item, except that a member of the Board may then move that the item be reconsidered or continued to another meeting. A majority of the Board may then vote to reconsider or continue the item to another meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

Section 6.0 Regular meetings of the HRB shall be held monthly or at the pleasure of the Chairperson, but no fewer than four meetings per year. The Chairperson shall establish the dates of the meetings. Meetings shall be held on Thursday at 8:30 A.M. in the Palo Alto City Hall. HRB regular meetings shall occur on alternate Thursdays from ARB regular meetings. Regular meetings may be adjourned and reconvened upon a majority vote of the members present.

Section 6.1 Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chairperson, or at the request of three members, by a written or oral notice given to each member at least 48 hours before the time specified for the proposed meeting.

Section 6.2 Boardmembers may attend remotely to the extent permitted by State law.

ARTICLE VII

Rules

Section 7.0 All meetings of the Board shall be conducted in accordance with a modified Robert's Rules of Order.

THE FOREGOING BY-LAWS WERE ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE PALO ALTO HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015.

Amended: January 6, 2017
March 9, 2023
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