

Exhibit A

Gaston County Board of Commissioners Standard Operating Procedures – Proposed Revisions

Part IV. Structure of the Board

Rule 8. Structure of the Board

(c) **Delegation of Authority.** The authority of the Board of Commissioners is exercised by formal action or approval made in official meetings of the Board. Individual Commissioners may act pursuant to authority conferred upon such Commissioner or Commissioners by appropriate approval or direction of the Board made in **formal session**. Commissioners are elected to exercise authority conferred upon them as County Commissioners subject, however, to authority granted and the limitations thereon which are generally set forth in Chapter 153A of the North Carolina General Statutes. No comment or statement made by a Commissioner is binding upon any other Commissioner or upon the Board of Commissioners. It is the duty of a Commissioner to exercise deliberative judgment in determination of matters which lie within the discretion of the Board of Commissioners and to take appropriate action in formal session with respect to such matters, **including the ratification of employment contracts for Board-appointed officials**. The exercise of such judgment by a Commissioner upon such circumstances cannot be delegated.

Part VI. Agenda

Rule 16. Agenda

(b) Requested revisions to the Published Agenda (prior to the meeting) shall be reviewed or approved by the County Manager prior to submission to the Clerk to the Board. Requested revisions must be approved by the chair (or a majority of the Board) and submitted to the Board prior to being published **the day of the meeting**. ~~The Revised Agenda shall be published/distributed as described above no later than 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.~~

Part VIII. Motions and Voting

Rule 32. Procedural Motions

ADD AND RENUMBER – MOTIONS 8-14

ADD: Motion 8. To Table (Defer Consideration). The board may defer its consideration of a substantive motion, and any proposed amendments thereto, to an unspecified time. A motion that has been tabled (deferred) expires unless the board votes to revive it pursuant to Motion 13 within 100 days of deferral. A new motion having the same effect as a tabled motion may not be introduced until the latter has expired.

Motion & 9. To End Debate (Call the Previous Question)

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Motion ~~9~~. 10. To Postpone to a Certain Time.

Motion ~~10~~. 11. To Refer a Motion to a Committee.

Motion ~~11~~. 12. To Amend.

ADD: Motion 13. To Take from the Table (Revive Consideration). The board may vote to revive consideration of any substantive motion that has been deferred pursuant to Motion 8, provided it does so within 100 days of its vote to defer consideration.

Motion ~~13~~. 14. To Rescind.

Administrative Corrections: The County Attorney or Clerk to the Board are authorized to update the Standard Operating Procedures with any minor administrative corrections* (if necessary).

** Administrative errors are of a minor nature and can include punctuation or grammatical errors, typographical errors, and drafting errors such as misnumbering/lettering of sections.*