

Election Procedures

I. Officers. In accordance with Section 201 of *The Code*, a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary (Board offices) shall be elected. Nominations and elections for Board offices shall be conducted pursuant to the schedule set forth in this policy, in the following order: chair, vice chair, and secretary.

II. General Provisions for Board Office Elections

A. Nominations and elections for regular full terms of Board offices shall take place during the Board's last regular meeting before July 1 in each even-numbered year. Alternatively, the Board may schedule a special meeting for the purpose of conducting nominations and election of Board officers before July 1 of an even-numbered year. Nominations and elections for partial terms shall occur only in the event of a vacancy and will be conducted consistent with Section 201 of *The Code*.

B. Only voting members of the Board may make nominations for Board offices, be nominated for Board offices, vote for Board offices, or be elected to Board offices.

C. A voting member may hold only one Board office at a time.

III. Nominations

A. Subject to the requirements of section II., of this policy, any voting member of the Board may be nominated for any office unless prohibited from serving by *The Code*. Self-nominations are permitted.

B. Any voting member of the Board may orally nominate any voting Board member for any office. No "second" to the nomination will be permitted or required. The Board member making the nomination may offer remarks in support of the nomination that do not exceed five minutes. Nominations may be declined by the nominated voting member. Once a Board member is nominated for an office, no additional nominations for the Board member with respect to that office will be received or registered.

C. Nominations shall be made in open session. Every voting member so nominated shall be a candidate for that office, unless the voting member has declined the nomination.

D. Nominees for the offices of chair, vice chair, and secretary may offer remarks in support of their candidacies. Nominees for each office who choose to offer remarks shall be recognized in alphabetical order by last name and may speak for no more than 10 minutes.

IV. Election

A. Written ballots for each office shall be distributed by the Office of the Secretary to each member of the Board who shall cast one vote from the list of candidates for that office. Voting shall be completed for each office separately and in succession, in the order of chair, vice chair, and secretary.

B. After the first and each succeeding ballot, if no candidate receives the requisite majority and when votes are received for three or more candidates, the name of the candidate receiving the smallest number of votes shall be dropped from the list of nominated members and shall cease to be a candidate.

C. All written ballots for each office shall be signed by the member casting the ballot. A committee consisting of no fewer than two chancellors appointed by the chair shall tally the ballots for each office and announce the results to the Board. The ballots shall be collected and retained by the assistant secretary of the Board of Governors for disposition under G.S. 143-318.13(b).

D. If the chair is a candidate for re-election, the vice chair shall preside over the election portion of the meeting. If the chair and the vice chair are both candidates for re-election, the chair shall designate another individual to preside over the election portion of the meeting.

V. Procedures. Except as above modified, the procedure shall be under Section 202 C(4) of *The Code* and *Robert's Rules of Order*.

VI. Other Matters

A. Effective Date. The requirements of this policy shall be effective on July 1, 2018.

B. Relation to Federal and State Laws. The foregoing policy as adopted by the Board of Governors is meant to supplement, and does not purport to supplant or modify, those statutory enactments which may govern or relate to the subject matter of this policy.