Gulf Council Motions Report
May 12, 2020
Webinar

Discussion of SOPPS: Sections 3.0 Council Meetings

**Motion:** To remove, Council members must be physically present at Council meetings in order to present a motion or vote, from SOPPs Section 3.0 Council Meetings.

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**Substitute Motion:** To change SOPPs Section 3.0 Council meetings to read, Council members must be physically present at Council meetings in order to present motions or vote, unless approved to do so remotely by a majority decision of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Executive Director.

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Substitute Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** To remove, present in the meeting room, from SOPPs Section 3.2.2. Quorum and Roll Call Voting.

**3.2.2 Quorum and Roll Call Voting**

A majority of voting members constitutes a quorum (MSA § 302(e)(1)).

Decisions of the Council are by majority vote of the voting members present and voting (except for proposed removal of Council members which requires an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the members). An abstention does not affect the unanimity of a vote. A roll call vote will be held on any motion before the Council at the request of any voting member. Votes for the approval of management plans or plan amendments and other roll call votes are recorded by name of Council member and how they voted. A vote may not be taken until the motion before the Council is recorded in written form visible to each Council member and the public present in the meeting room.

Motion carried with no opposition.