

ENROLLED ORDINANCE 178-49

AMEND CHAPTER 4 OF THE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING
OPERATING PROCEDURES AND RULES RELATED TO NOMINATIONS AND
ELECTIONS AT THE BOARD'S ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

WHEREAS, the County Board is elected in the spring of even years; and

WHEREAS, at the first meeting after each regular election at which members are elected for full terms, the County Board elects a chairperson, vice chairperson, 2nd vice chairperson, and two at-large executive committee members; and

WHEREAS, the County Board's executive committee consists of the county board chairperson, first vice chairperson, second vice chairperson, two members elected by the county board of supervisors and two members appointed by the county board chairperson. Each member of the executive committee chairs a standing committee of the County Board; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to increase transparency, two sets of changes to the Organization Meeting procedures are proposed. The first is to have supervisors declare their interest in a leadership position ahead of time so the slate of candidates are known going into the meeting, to expressly allow additional nominations from the floor, and to discontinue the use of an informal/nominating ballot. The second change is to allow all candidates the option to speak at the Organizational Meeting prior to voting.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WAUKESHA ORDAINS that Sec. 4-64 of the County Code be amended and restated as follows:

Sec. 4-64 Organization.

- (a) The county board of supervisors, at the first meeting after each regular election at which members are elected for full terms, shall elect a member chairperson, a member vice chairperson, a member 2nd vice chairperson, and two (2) at-large members of the executive committee.
- (b) County board supervisors can declare their candidacy for chairperson, vice chairperson, 2nd vice chairperson, and/or at-large member of the executive committee one week prior to the organizational meeting through procedures established by the county board office.
- (c) Candidates who have formally declared their candidacy for an open position need not be further nominated. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Declarations of candidacy and floor nominations shall not prevent balloting for any other member.
- (d) Each candidate will be given the option to speak for up to five (5) minutes prior to balloting.
- (e) Ballots shall be cast for chairperson, vice chairperson and 2nd vice chairperson separately, shall be by secret ballot, and shall be cast until a member receives the vote of the majority of the members present. The same procedure shall be used for the election of two at-large members of the executive committee except that such ballots shall not be secret.
- (f) For the protection of the minority, it is not permissible to suspend this section by any procedure.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Sec. 4-105(b) of the County Code be amended and restated as follows:

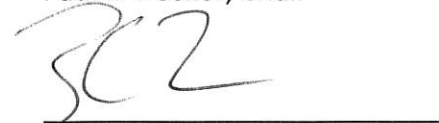
(b) The executive committee shall consist of the county board chairperson, first vice chairperson, second vice chairperson, two (2) at-large members elected by the county board of supervisors at the organizational meeting in even-numbered years, and two (2) members appointed by the county board chairperson.

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Presented by:
Executive Committee



Paul L. Decker, Chair



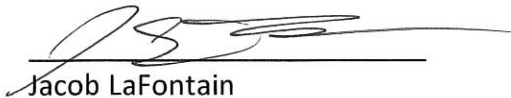
Tyler J. Foti

Absent

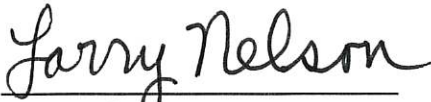
Keith Hammitt



James A. Heinrich



Jacob LaFontain



Larry Nelson



Peter M. Wolff

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, was presented to the County Executive on:

Date: 9/29/2023, 
Margaret Wartman, County Clerk

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

Approved: X
Vetoed: _____

Date: 10/2/2023, 
Paul Farrow, County Executive

VOTE RESULTS >

22 YES 2 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT

Ordinance 178-O-049

Ordinance 178-O-049: Amend Chapter 4 of the County Code of Ordinances Regarding Operating Procedures the Board's Organizational Meeting.

 **Passed By 2/3 Vote**

D1 - Foti	AVE	D10 - Thieme	AVE	D19 - Enriquez	AVE
D2 - Weil	AVE	D11 - Howard	AVE	D20 - Schellinger	NAY
D3 - Morris	AVE	D12 - Wolff	AVE	D21 - Gaughan	AVE
D4 - Batzko	AVE	D13 - Decker	AVE	D22 - Szpara	AVE
D5 - Grant	AVE	D14 - Mommaerts	AVE	D23 - Hammitt	ABSENT
D6 - Walz	AVE	D15 - Kolb	AVE	D24 - Bangs	AVE
D7 - LaFontain	AVE	D16 - Crowley	AVE	D25 - Johnson	NAY
D8 - Koremenos	AVE	D17 - Meier	AVE		
D9 - Heinrich	AVE	D18 - Nelson	AVE		