



Agenda Item No. 2

To: Rules Policy and Industrial Relations Committee
Meeting of February 9, 2007

From: Janet S. Tarantino, Secretary of the District
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Subject: **APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO RULE III OF THE RULES OF THE BOARD RELATIVE TO BRINGING FORWARD ACTIONS BY A COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Recommendation

The Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee recommends that the Board of Directors amend Rule III, COMMITTEES, Subsection D, Committee Reports and Agenda, of the *Rules of the Board*, by replacing the third paragraph in its entirety to read as follows:

"Matters calendared for Committee meetings resulting in recommendations for action by the Board shall be presented at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, unless otherwise decided by the Committee Chair."

Background

The third paragraph of Rule III, COMMITTEES, Subsection D, Committee Reports and Agenda, currently reads as follows:

"Matters calendared for Committee meetings held during the week of a regularly scheduled Board meeting shall be presented at the next following regularly scheduled Board meeting, except that any Committee Chair may direct the Secretary of the District to list on the Board Agenda any items scheduled for consideration by his or her Committee meeting to be held less than 72 hours before the next Board meeting, and except as otherwise permitted by law. (Res. 86-363, 12/19/86.)"

For continuity and ease of operation, staff is recommending that matters originating from standing committees that require action by the Board of Directors (Board) be presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Currently, matters originating from standing committees requiring action are presented to the Board for their consideration at the Board meeting scheduled in two weeks, unless business needs call for earlier consideration. In recent times, more and more Committee actions have been taken up at the first Board meeting occurring after the Committee's consideration of the matter.

Recently, staff has received feedback from Board members commenting on the smoother operation due to more timely consideration of Committee matters. Comments have also been received from members of the public who have expressed confusion about the delay in Board consideration of a Committee's action.

Therefore, staff is recommending that the process be amended to routinely have Committee actions be brought forward immediately to the next Board meeting for consideration by the full Board, unless otherwise deemed necessary by the Committee Chair.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this matter.