



Agenda Item No. 4

To: Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of February 27, 2009

From: Janet S. Tarantino, Secretary of the District
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Subject: **APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO RULE II, THE RULES OF ORDER,
SECTION A. MEETINGS, OF THE RULES OF THE BOARD**

Recommendation

The Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve an amendment to **RULE II, THE RULES OF ORDER**, Section A. Meetings, of the *Rules of the Board*, as follows:

RULE II, THE RULES OF ORDER, Section A. Meetings:

Add a second paragraph to Section A. Meetings, as follows:

“The President, in consultation with the General Manager, may cancel a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board if there are no items requiring Board review or action prior to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.”

Summary

The current Rule states,

“A. Meetings

The Board shall convene in regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in the District’s San Francisco headquarters. In each calendar year the Board may hold one or more regular meetings in each of the other five counties of the District. (Res. 88-11, 1/29/88.)”

At the January 23, 2009, meeting of the Board of Directors, Director Grosboll inquired as to whether or not it would be possible to consolidate Board of Directors meetings, for instance, to hold only one Board of Directors meeting a month if the agenda is light and action items can be deferred for two weeks. In order to allow flexibility to cancel meetings when there are no matters that require immediate attention by the Board, staff recommends adding the following to Rule II.A:

“The President, in consultation with the General Manager, may cancel a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board if there are no items requiring Board review or action prior to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.”

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to this report.