

## Proposed Amendments to the Maine Recovery Council Bylaws

1. **Section 4.7. Manner of Acting.** the Council shall act by consensus. In the event consensus cannot be achieved, the Council shall make decisions by ~~a~~ three-fifths (3/5) ~~vote of its members present of votes cast~~ in person or by remote method in compliance with the Remote Meeting Policy at any duly called and held meeting of the Council at which a quorum is present. Each Council Member shall have one (1) vote.
  - a. **Change to the impact of abstention votes. Previous language would cause an abstention to count as a “no” vote, new language would allow for abstentions to not impact the vote in any way.**
  
2. **Section 5.4. Chair.** The Chair of the Council shall be elected from among the Members of the Council and shall, when present, chair all meetings of the Council. They shall inform themselves concerning all affairs of the Council and see that the duties of the officers of the Council are properly discharged; that the Bylaws of the Council are observed; and that all statements and reports by the Council itself required by law are made; and they shall assume such share in the management of the Council’s business as the Council Members may determine. The Chair shall appoint such committees as they deem necessary, subject to the approval of the Council. The Chair shall perform all duties incident to the office of the Chair. ~~The Chair shall have the authority to approve expenditures on behalf of the Council, provided that such expenditures do not exceed \$5,000.00 per transaction.~~
  - a. **Change in the Chair’s authority to allow for contracting and funding to move more smoothly.**
  
3. **Section 7.3B Conflicts of Interest, Financial Disclosure Statements.** Each Council Member shall submit an initial statement ~~within the sooner of 30 days of initial appointment to the Council or~~ prior to being sworn in as a Council Member. Otherwise, each Member shall submit the annual statement at any time after January 1 and no later than April 16<sup>th</sup> of each year unless that Member has submitted an initial or updating statement during the preceding 30 days. The Council may align the submission deadline with any date proscribed by 5 M.R.S.A. § 19 for filing such statements with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices provided, however, that i) such submission deadline shall be no later than the day following the deadline for filing with the Commission, and ii) the Council must require submission of the financial disclosure statement annually.
  - a. **Changed to remove redundancy.**