

# 710 Task Force Voting Protocols

# Issue #1: Abstentions

*If a member chooses to abstain from a vote, how is the Member's abstention considered in determining if a quorum exists in advance of a vote?*

**ANSWER:** Yes. Abstentions are allowed. The quorum will be determined at the beginning of the meeting (50% of the membership+1 of the members present) and confirmed before each vote. The number needed for a supermajority (60% threshold) will be determined after each vote by subtracting the number of abstentions from the total number of members present. The supermajority (60% threshold) will be determined based on that number.

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Example:

- There are currently 38 Task Force Members.
- In this scenario, quorum is (50% of 38 Members) +1 = 20. The quorum is 20. 5 Task Force Members abstain from the vote.
- The number of votes that count is based on (Total Task Force Members Present and Voting – Abstentions) = (20-5) =15. The denominator is 15.
- A recommendation will be made on a proposal in which a supermajority (60% X 15=9) of members votes for or against the proposal.

*NOTE: A consequence of allowing abstentions is that less than a supermajority vote can approve an item.*

## Issue #2: Technical Difficulties

*Can a member experiencing technical difficulties submit a vote after the final vote count or meeting adjournment via phone or email?*

**ANSWER:** If a member experiences technical difficulties in casting a vote during a Virtual Task Force Meeting, they may cast their vote by calling or texting the Technical Support Line at 323.609.3345 **before the final vote** count for the vote to be valid. The Facilitator will be notified of the call/text vote and will announce the vote on behalf of that member.

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## Issue #3: Leaving Before the Final Vote

*Can a member who needs to leave the meeting prior to the official roll call vote express their vote choice to be counted in the final vote tally?*

**ANSWER:** If a member needs to leave the meeting prior to the official roll call vote, they can announce their voting intention to the Task Force/Working Group/Committee or via the chat function during the meeting and it will be considered in the final vote count.

(Yes, verbally or in the chat before the final vote)

## Issue #4: Voting by Proxy or Absentia

***Can a Member delegate to an Alternate their vote if the Member will be absent from a Task Force Meeting?***

Yes. The charter states that the Lead Delegate votes for the Task Force member organization on Task Force votes, and the Designated Alternate (per Charter Attachment A) votes in place of the Lead Delegate should he/she be absent. No one else can vote for each organization without express communication from the organization prior to a meeting that identifies a new Designated Alternate. All members voting must be present — no votes by proxy or in absentia.

(Not including)

# Voting Protocol Resources

[I-710 South Corridor Task Force Charter](#)

[Robert's Rules of Order – Cheat Sheet](#)

[Robert's Rules of Order – Other Considerations](#)

# Questions?