

Board Declared Vacancy Caused by Absenteeism

When a member must be absent from a regular meeting of the Board of Directors for any reason, that member shall contact the Board Chairman and request to be excused from the meeting; if the Chairman must be absent, he/she shall contact the Vice-Chairman. The Chairman, or Vice-Chairman in the case of absence of the Chairman, shall determine whether or not the request shall be granted. The minutes of each meeting shall reflect the names of the members present, those absent with excuse (if any) and those absent without excuse (if any).

The Board shall take the following action when a member is absent without excuse:

1. After two consecutive unexcused absences from regular meetings, the member shall be notified in writing by the board informing him/her that a third consecutive unexcused absence from a regular meeting will constitute cause for the board to consider declaring his/her seat on the board vacant.
2. After three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from regular meetings, the board shall notify said member in writing that the board will consider declaring his/her seat vacant at the next regular meeting of the board or at a special meeting called for the purpose of considering this matter.
3. At the meeting where the declaration of a vacancy, in accordance with this policy, is being considered, the board member who is the subject of the action shall be provided the opportunity to present his/her reasons why the board should not declare a vacancy.
4. Following the deliberation outlined in sections two and three of this policy, the board shall vote whether or not to declare a vacancy.
5. Should a vacancy be declared in accordance with this policy, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the appropriate provisions of M.R.S.A. Title 20-A.
6. An absence for the following reasons shall be routinely considered an excused absence: Illness of the member or member of his/her immediate family, death in the member's family, a short-term family obligation, or an unavoidable commitment related to the member's employment. Absences for reasons other than those identified above shall be considered by the board on an individual basis.

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