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Requested by: Chairman Beathard

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JEFF WHIDBY, COUNTY CLERK JW

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JEFF WHIDBY, COUNTY CLERK JW

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES OF
THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING
CENSURE OF COMMISSIONERS**

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Rules, Regulations and Procedures ("Rules") for the Williamson County Board of Commissioners, a rule shall remain in effect until such time as it is appealed or amended; and
- WHEREAS,** Rule 11 provides that any amendment to the Rules requires only a majority vote if the proposed amendment is introduced to the Board of Commissioners at the October or November meeting;
- WHEREAS,** currently, Rule 4.1.g provides that each Commissioner, while speaking, shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid all personal, indecorous or sarcastic language, and shall address all of his remarks to the Chairperson; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners have determined that the Chairperson or a majority of the Board of Commissioners shall be permitted to censure members who, continuously act in violation of the Rules including but not limited to Rule 4.1.g:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session this the 12th day of November 2024, by a majority vote and upon recommendation of the Rules Committee, make the following revisions to the Rules, Regulations and Procedures for the Williamson County Board of Commissioners:

Amend Rule 4 by adding the following new subsection:

4.8. CENSURE AND CENSOR

- a. Censure of a Commissioner may be made by the Chairperson of the Board, in the Chairperson's discretion, or by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners, when a Commissioner is continuously acting in violation of the Board of Commissioner's Rules and Regulations. Censure by the Chairperson is subject to overruling by a majority of the Board of Commissioners.
- b. A Commissioner may be censored as part of the censure by the Chairperson of the Board, subject to overruling by a majority of the Board of Commissioners. If the Commissioner's violations are limited to one item on the agenda, the Chairperson may choose to censor the Commissioner for only that agenda item, however, continued violations may result in a broader censor. A censored Commissioner can still vote but cannot gain the floor for the purpose of speaking.


AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of this resolution and its signing, the Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk's Office to make the revisions to the Rules, Regulations and Procedures of the Board of County Commissioners.



County Commissioner

COMMITTEES REFERRED TO & ACTION TAKEN:

Rules Committee:	For <u>4</u>	Against <u>2</u>		
Commission Action Taken	For <u>15*</u>	Against <u>9</u>	Pass <u> </u>	Out <u> </u> *Defer until
				February 10, 2025
				meeting

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Jeff Whidby, County Clerk

Brian Beathard, Commission Chairman

Rogers Anderson, Williamson County Mayor

Date

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES OF
THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING
VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS AMENDING THE RULES**

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Rules, Regulations and Procedures (“Rules”) for the Williamson County Board of Commissioners, a rule shall remain in effect until such time as it is appealed or amended; and
- WHEREAS,** Rule 11 provides that any amendment to the Rules requires a two-thirds majority vote unless the proposed amendment is introduced at the regularly scheduled October or November meetings at which times only a majority vote is required; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners have determined that the Rules should be amended to require a two-thirds majority vote for all amendments to the Rules:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session this the 13th day of January 2025, by a two-thirds majority vote make the following revisions to the Rules, Regulations and Procedures for the Williamson County Board of Commissioners:

Amend Rule 11 by deleting the following sentence:

“Such changes as are recommended by the Rules Committee at the regularly scheduled October or November meeting shall require only a Majority Vote of the Board of Commissioners to be adopted at that meeting.”

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of this resolution and its signing, the Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk’s Office to make the revisions to the Rules, Regulations and Procedures of the Board of County Commissioners.


County Commissioner –Drew Torres

COMMITTEES REFERRED TO & ACTION TAKEN:

Rules Committee: For ____ Against ____
Commission Action Taken: For ____ Against ____ Pass ____ Out ____

Jeff Whidby, County Clerk

Brian Beathard, Commission Chairman

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Date