

## Richland County Committee

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**Agenda Item Name:** Amendment to Rule 6

<b>Department</b>	Administration	<b>Presented By:</b>	Administrator
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	04 Mar 2021	<b>Action Needed:</b>	Resolution
<b>Disclosure:</b>	Open Session	<b>Authority:</b>	Committee Structure (C)
<b>Date submitted:</b>	01 Mar 2021	<b>Referred by:</b>	

**Recommendation and/or action language:**

Motion to...amend Rule 6 of the Richland County board to include language to address appointments of previous employees.

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**Background:** *(preferred one page or less with focus on options and decision points)*

In the process of assigning members to Richland County committees, boards and commissions, there are occasional situations where a previous employee of the County is interested in serving on a committee that oversees a department where they previously worked. This leads to a situation where concerns of impacts from previous personal relationships may outweigh the advantage of having a committee, board, or commission member with direct experience with the department.

(Please reference rule amendment below)

**Attachments and References:**

Proposed Amendments – Rule 6	
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**Financial Review:**

(please check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	In adopted budget	Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apportionment needed	Requested Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other funding Source		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No financial impact		

*(summary of current and future impacts)*

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**Approval:**

**Review:**

*Clinton Langreck*

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Department Head

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Administrator, or Elected Office (if applicable)

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#### Rule 6

The Chair shall preserve order and decorum and decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the Board. The Chair shall, after receiving the advice of the committee on committees, appoint all committees subject to confirmation by the Board by motion. The following committees shall be elected by a majority of those present by ballot:

Committee on Committees; the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be automatic members;

Highway and Transportation Committee;

Pine Valley Board of Trustees.

The first ballot for any committee seat shall be an informal ballot. Each succeeding ballot shall be a formal ballot and supervisors may only vote in formal ballots for all persons who have received the top three numbers of votes on the informal ballot for that seat.

In the event of a prolonged, unexcused absence of a Supervisor or citizen member of a committee, board or commission, the chair of that committee, board or commission shall notify the County Board Chair of the absence. Except as to the Highway Committee and the Board of Trustees of Pine Valley Community Village, the County Board Chair shall have the authority to make a temporary appointment upon the prolonged, unexcused absence of any Supervisor or citizen member of any committee, board or commission, after the approval of such appointments by of the County Board. Such temporary appointments shall cease upon the return of the absent member. Permanent vacancies of a citizen member seat on a committee, board, or commission, except the Board of Trustees of Pine Valley Community Village, the Veterans Service Commission and the Commission on Aging, shall be filled by the County Board after receiving the recommendation of the supervising committee, board or commission which shall have solicited nominations for the vacancy by a two consecutive week notice in The Richland Observer, which notice shall also be posted on the County's website.

No supervisor or citizen members shall serve on a committee, board or commission charged with oversight of a department in which the supervisor, or citizen member served the department as an employee, without having separated from employment with the department two years prior to their assignment to such committee, board or commission.

No Supervisor or citizen member shall serve without interruption for the equivalent of more than 3 consecutive, 2-year terms on any committee, board or commission. An individual who has served as a citizen member of a committee, board or commission who becomes a Supervisor is eligible to serve as a Supervisor member of the same committee, board or commission for not to exceed 6 years. A supervisor who has served on a committee, board or commission and who ceases being a Supervisor is eligible to be appointed as a citizen member of the same committee, board or commission for not to exceed 6 years.

The first section of this paragraph does not apply to:

- (a) committees elected by ballot and members serving on a related State board of committee;
- (b) citizen members of the Fair and Recycling Committee;
- (c) statutory 3-year terms of members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment;
- (d) service on committees, boards or commissions for a term of less than 3 years in length;

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(e) service by a Supervisor for a partial Supervisory term.

Except for committees elected by ballot and members serving on a related State board or committee, no Supervisor or citizen member shall serve without interruption for the equivalent of more than three consecutive, two year terms on any committee or board, commencing in April, 1976. This limitation shall not apply to the statutory 3-year terms of members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Service on all committees, boards and commissions for term of less than 3 years in length shall not be counted for the purposes of this Rule, nor shall service by a Supervisor for a partial Supervisory term be counted.