

**BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH**

**RESOLUTION 2022-172**

**ADOPTING HYBRID MEETING GUIDELINES**

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated regulations that addressed requirements for remote meetings that were being conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Bradley Beach wishes to adopt guidelines governing the conduct of Hybrid Meetings in accordance with the aforementioned regulations.

WHEREAS, Hybrid Meetings will include telecommunications equipment that will enable citizens who do not wish to attend the Council Business Meeting in person, and wish to comment at the public portion of the meeting to attend remotely.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bradley Beach, that the following guidelines govern Hybrid Meetings of the Governing Body:

**Muting of disruptive members of the public and time limit in which to speak.**

- A) Members of the public that are disruptive during a remote public meeting may be muted and/or removed from the meeting. For purposes of this section, “disruptive conduct” includes sustained inappropriate behaviors such as, but not limited to, shouting, interruption and use of profanity.
- B) Once a member of the public exhibits disruptive conduct, the member may be initially muted and warned that continued disruption may result in their being prevented from speaking during the meeting or removed from the remote meeting. The disruptive member shall then be unmuted.
- C) If the disruptive member continues to exhibit disruptive conduct, they may be muted without further warning while other members of the public are allowed to proceed with their comments or questions.
- D) If time permits, the muted disruptive member shall be allowed to speak after all other members of the public have been given the opportunity to make comment.
- E) If the member continues to exhibit disruptive conduct, they shall be muted for the remainder and/or removed from the meeting.
- F) Each member in the queue shall have a time limit of five (5) minutes and single instance in which to speak during all portions of the meeting that involve public commentary.
- (G) There will be a timer in place that will signal when the five minute limit to speak has ended at which time the speaker is expected to respectfully end their commentary.

Seconded by Councilman Weber and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. Bonnell	X			
Mr. Gubitosi	X			
Mr. Sexsmith				X
Mr. Weber	X			
Mayor Fox	X			

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Erica Kostyz, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bradley Beach, Monmouth County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body at the June 14, 2022 Council Business Meeting.

  
Erica Kostyz, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk