

## PABC INFORMATIONAL MEETING POLICY

RATIONALE – The Current Constitution calls for application of “Robert’s Rules of Order” to congregational meetings. However, there are many editions of “Robert’s Rules of Order” and many interpretations of the various editions. Not only does this engender confusion, but the full text of Roberts has not been used; and is not suitable for use, in congregational meetings, as the “Rules” are unduly confusing and cumbersome. Therefore, we propose the following “Meeting Policies”.

1. The intent of these Policies is to govern Park Avenue Baptist Church democratically, under majority rule, and also to protect the minority’s right and ability to be heard.
2. The “Meeting Policies” shall be available for review by any member, upon reasonable notice, in the office of the Church Clerk. Copies may be made available to any Church Member.
3. All Informational Meetings and any other meeting of the Church membership, excluding voting meetings, shall be conducted in accordance with “Meeting Policies”.
4. These “Meeting Policies” may be Amended by the Governing Elders and any Amendments shall be available as set forth above.
5. The Chairman of any meeting held in accordance with these Rules will be the Senior Pastor (as Chief Elder) or his designee.
6. The Chairman of each meeting will appoint the Church Secretary or other designee to take minutes. The Governing Elders present shall serve as parliamentarians, to decide procedural disputes, if any.
7. The Chairman will set the Agenda for each meeting.
8. The Parliamentarians in their discretion, shall follow the spirit of Robert’s Rules of Order (1915 Edition) as to issues not specifically delineated below.
9. Any member may suggest and/or recommend a change or amendment to an agenda item. A suggestion or recommendation must be seconded before discussion is allowed.
10. Discussion shall be permitted as to recommendations and suggestions. The Chairman shall have the authority to limit each speaker’s time.
11. Any suggestion or recommendation supported by 2/3 of those members present and voting shall be deemed a “Final” suggestion or recommendation.
12. All final suggestions and/or recommendations made shall be documented in the Minutes and considered by the Governing Elders.