

A. Explanation of Vote Tally:

Voting Tally - Eligible Votes for motions shall be counted in the manner exemplified by <https://empowerla.org/neighborhood-council-voting-facts/> ***Note: As of the 2022 Bylaws, Encino NC has selected Option 2 of the linked guide per Article V, Section 3 of the Bylaws, as follows:

The board will take action in the following way: By vote of a simple majority of board members present and voting.

For example:

A Neighborhood Council has 21 board seats and has a quorum of 11 board members to take action. Fourteen board members are present, but only 12 are qualified to vote for an item because 2 of them do not meet training requirements.

Thus, the simple majority of board members present and voting is 12, and requires 7 votes "for" for it to pass.

If the final vote is 7 "for", 5 against, then the motion passes. However, if the final vote is 6 "for", 5 against, and 1 abstention, the motion fails. For the purpose of determining a majority of votes, abstentions are counted as a "no" vote (Encino NC Bylaws Article V, Section 3).

Note, the required number of votes necessary can change between each agenda item. For instance, if in this scenario, an agenda item requires 1 board member recusal, then some of the important numbers have shifted because now only 11 board members are present and qualified to vote.

Thus, a simple majority of board members present and voting requires 6 "for" votes to pass. If the final vote is 6 "for" and 5 against, then the motion passes. If at any point a recusal(s) brings the number of board members to less than a quorum, no action may be taken on the item.

Although a board member may be ineligible to vote on a particular item, they still count towards quorum. They do not, however, count towards the number of board members voting. A recused board member does not count towards quorum, nor the number of board members present, nor the number of board members voting. (6/22/2022)