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ABSTENTIONS

An abstention is a non-expression and cannot be considered a vote in favor of or against a motion.

Each member of a public body has the duty to express a choice or preference by voting on the issues, but can legally abstain from doing so when there is a statutory or ethical conflict of interest. Abstentions are intended for situations where a member may have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the matter being voted on.

Not to vote is to abstain.

ADOPTED: May 21, 2003

REAFFIRMATION: December 16, 2013

SOURCE: Board Policy