Delaware Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee
Voting Procedures

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Background

The Delaware Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee will make recommendations to the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) that will guide the development of a Statewide Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan for Delaware. These recommendations will include, but are not limited to:

- Designating additional Advisory Committee Members;
- Establishing workgroups and designating workgroup members;
- Directing activities of workgroups and approving workgroup products;
- Determining content of a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment;
- Determining content and recommendations of an Adaptation Plan;
- Determining appropriate public outreach strategies.

Procedures

Recommendations of the Advisory Committee will be made by vote, after building consensus amongst Committee members.

To build consensus, adequate time will be given for discussion, negotiation and compromise on items requiring a vote. Advisory Committee members will be allowed sufficient time to consult with colleagues, agency management and constituents prior to making a decision on any key recommendations.

Once it is apparent that consensus has been reached or the discussion has reached an end, an Advisory Committee member must make a motion to vote. This motion must be seconded by another Advisory Committee member.

Only Advisory Committee members can vote; if the designated Advisory Committee member is unable to attend, his/her designated alternate can vote for their organization. Advance voting by proxy will be allowed if there is just reason why an Advisory Committee member or alternate cannot vote in person.

Votes will take place in-person during committee meetings, unless prior arrangements for proxy vote have been made. The affirmative vote of 2/3 of total committee membership is required to pass any motion.

Advisory Committee members who do not agree with a recommendation can draft a dissenting opinion on the recommendation that will be recorded and reflected in any documentation referencing the recommendation.