

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 should legally abstain from doing so when there is a financial, statutory, ethical conflict of interest or the Board member has insufficient knowledge of the topic being voted on. Not to vote is to abstain.

Legal Reference: 30 MRSA § 2605 et seq.

Cross Reference: BCA – Board Member Code of Ethics
BCB - Board Member Conflict of Interest
BEDF - Voting Method

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