

## Overview of the Rules of Procedures for the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

In North Carolina, county governing boards are required to comply with the North Carolina General Statutes.

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<a href="#">G.S. 153A-52.1</a>	Public Comment
<a href="#">G.S. 153A-53; 160A-86 to -87</a>	Ethics
<a href="#">G.S. Chapter 143, Article 33C</a>	Public Meetings
<a href="#">G.S. 143-318.10</a>	Public Meetings, General
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<a href="#">G.S. 143-318.12</a>	Notice of Meetings
<a href="#">G.S. 143-318.13</a>	Ballots
<a href="#">G.S. 143-318.14</a>	Recording Meetings
<a href="#">G.S. 143-318.17</a>	Disruption of Meetings

While not mandated by law, many local government boards choose to adopt their own procedural rules to provide structure and consistency in their operations. Recommended Rules of Procedure have been developed by organizations such as the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, the University of North Carolina School of Government, local attorneys, and other advisory bodies. Each local government Rules of Procedure are uniquely their own and speak to their needs and how they wish to conduct the business of the county.

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners first adopted formal Rules of Procedure in 1994. These rules remained in effect until they were amended in 2020 to incorporate provisions for electronic meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2023, the Board expressed interest in further updating its procedural rules and established a committee consisting of Commissioner David Delaney, County Attorney Bob Hagemann, County Manager Dan LaMontagne, and Clerk to the Board Jenifer Johnson.

Following multiple reviews and revisions, the Board adopted the current Rules of Procedure and Code of Ethics on April 15, 2024.

The 2024 revision consolidated and modernized the Board's policies by incorporating updated procedural rules, planning guidelines, and the Code of Ethics.