

RESOLUTION 16D-32

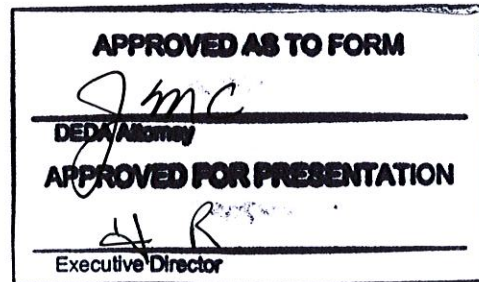
**RESOLUTION AMENDING BYLAWS BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 3.13
PERTAINING TO PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE COMMISSION**

RESOLVED, by the Duluth Economic Development Authority ("DEDA") that the Bylaws of DEDA, as approved on March 2, 2011, are hereby amended by adding a new Section 3.13 establishing procedures for the public to address the Commission at DEDA meetings.

Approved by the Duluth Economic Development Authority this 24th day of August, 2016.

ATTEST:

Executive Director



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to amend the Commission's Bylaws to formally establish procedures related to members of the public (non-Commissioners and non-staff) addressing the Commission on matters before the Commission.

The procedures will apply to both parties who are the subject of agenda items and also to other members of the public. They provide that all such parties will have the right to address the Commission but differentiates between parties to agenda items and the general public by allowing more input from parties to agenda items and by limiting the time allocated to non-parties. They do, however, allow the presiding officer or the Commission as a whole to allow more extensive public input.

3.13 Public Appearances The provisions of this section shall apply to the right to address the Commission by other than Commissioners and Commission staff. Subject to the following provisions, the presiding officer of the Commission shall have the power to control the identity, order and duration of presentations to the Commission subject to the right of the Commission to overturn the decision of the presiding officer by a majority vote of Commissioners present and voting.

3.13.1 Entities Named in Resolution Before the Commission Persons who have identified themselves to the presiding officer as representing an entity which is the subject of a Commission Agenda item and who desire to address the Commission on the subject matter of said item shall have at least one opportunity to do so and shall have such additional right to address the Commission as shall be accorded by the presiding officer or by a vote of the Commission.

3.13.2 Members of the Public The recording secretary of the Commission shall maintain a sign-up sheet which will allow members of the public to sign up to address the Commission on any item on the Commission's Agenda for that meeting. Such persons shall provide their full name, their address and specify which Agenda item they wish to address. Prior to calling the question on any resolution or closing discussion on any other Agenda item, the presiding officer shall consult the sign-up sheet and shall invite those members of the public who have signed up to address the Commission on the subject agenda item to do so, consistent with Section 3.13.3 below.

3.13.3 Time; Frequency Persons addressing the Commission pursuant to Section 3.13.1 shall have such time to address the Commission as shall be deemed appropriate by the presiding officer, subject to the right of the Commission to limit the time by vote of the majority of Commissioners. Persons addressing the Commission pursuant to Section 3.13.2 shall have the right to address the Commission on the subject of any Agenda item for no more than Three (3) minutes, subject to the right of the presiding officer to extend the time or of the Commission to extend the time by a majority vote.

3.13.4 Exceptions Nothing to the contrary in this Section 3.13 withstanding, the presiding officer with the consent of a majority of the Commissioners present and voting or a majority of Commissioners present and voting may waive any of the provisions of this Section 3.13.

3.13.5 Limitation on Addressing the Commission Except as provided for in this Section 3.13, Members of the public shall not have any right to address the Commission during Commission meetings.