

Legislative Positions - Quick Reference

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Voting

- Voting must be done in person/online, meaning no text or email voting is acceptable
- Only member/or designee votes count
- If abstention votes outnumber votes in favor, the motion fails
- All votes are recorded in public minutes

Quorum

- Roll-call vote to be taken on first item to establish quorum and on any subsequent item if not unanimous
- A quorum of at least half the body of the commission must be present for a vote to carry (15 members = 8 for a quorum)
- A member must inform the Chair/Director of their designee (where allowed by statute) by email before voting.

Motions

- A motion must receive a second in support before it can be voted on
- If the subsequent motion is made before a vote on the first motion, then the subsequent motion must be resolved before the first motion can be addressed
- The first motion becomes moot and no longer considered if the subsequent motion carries.
- If both motions fail, then a new motion can be entertained.

Motion Process

- Motion made
- Motion seconded
- Public comment (if not already heard)
- Request for opposition or abstention and the same is noted
 - A vote with more than one opposition or abstention goes to a roll call vote
- Vote
- Outcome verbally stated: Motion carries as '*position*' on '*bill*' OR Motion fails

Positions

- **Priority Support** - Strong backing for an essential proposal, encouraging its passage
- **Support** - General approval of a proposal with no concern
- **Support in Concept** - Agreement with the idea but some parts of the bill need further clarification/follow-up
- **Hold** - More information and clarification/follow-up needed
- **No Position** - No formal stance or opinion on the issue
- **Oppose** - Major concerns and disagreement with the proposal
- **Beyond Scope** - Outside the focus of the Commission, not related to criminal/juvenile justice