

Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2019

No 46, 2019

Long Title

An Ordinance to amend the *Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000*.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

1. Name

This Ordinance is the Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2019.

2. Amendment

The *Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000* is amended as follows –

- (a) all the matter in the Title is deleted and the matter “Synod Standing Orders Ordinance 2019” is inserted instead,
- (b) substitute every reference to ‘Chair of Committees’ wherever they appear with the words ‘Chair of Committee’,
- (c) substitute every reference to ‘Chairs of Committees’ wherever they appear with the words ‘Chairs of Committee’,
- (d) delete the matter ‘Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000’ in clause 1 and insert instead the matter ‘Synod Standing Orders Ordinance 2019’,
- (e) delete all the matter in clause 3(2) and insert instead the following –
‘(2) Each reference in an ordinance (other than this Ordinance) to the Standing Orders Ordinance 1968 and the Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 is changed to the Synod Standing Orders Ordinance 2019.’,
- (f) delete the words ‘of motions,’ in rule 2.6(2) in the Schedule and insert instead the words ‘and scheduling of motions and presentations’,
- (g) delete all the matter in rule 3.2 in the Schedule and insert instead the following (and re-letter the relevant cross references throughout the Ordinance) –

‘3.2 Order of business for the first day of a session

The order of business for the first day of a session of is as follows.

- (a) The President, or a person appointed by him, is to read prayers.
- (b) The President is to table a list of the members of the Synod.
- (c) The President may address the Synod at a time of his choosing.
- (d) The President is to table a document appointing a commissary.
- (e) The President is to call the motions on the business paper appearing in relation to paragraphs (f) and (g) of this clause.
- (f) The Synod is to consider any motion to declare a vacancy or vacancies among the membership of the Property Trust in accordance with the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney Ordinance 1965.
- (g) Where required under Part 2, the Synod is to consider motions for the election of –
 - (i) the Secretary of Synod,
 - (ii) the Chair of Committee,
 - (iii) the Deputy Chair or Chairs of Committee,
 - (iv) the Committee of Elections and Qualifications,
 - (v) the Committee for the Order of Business, and
 - (vi) the Minute Reading Committee.
- (h) The President is to table a list of the results of uncontested elections and declare the persons concerned elected.
- (i) The minute book of the Standing Committee is to be tabled.
- (j) The President is to allow members to present petitions.

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- (k) The President is to table a list of questions asked by members in accordance with 6.3(2)(a).
 - (l) The President is to invite members to give notice of motions.
 - (m) The President is to call the motions, including procedural motions, in the order in which they appear on the business paper in accordance with rule 4.5.
 - (n) The President is to allow members to move procedural motions.
 - (o) The Synod is to consider motions for the formal reception and printing of reports, accounts and other documents in the order in which they appear on the business paper.
 - (p) The Synod is to consider motions for proposed ordinances in the order in which they appear on the business paper.
 - (q) The Synod is to consider motions to be moved at the request of the Synod or the Standing Committee in the order in which they appear on the business paper.
 - (r) The Synod is to consider motions to be moved at the request of a regional council in the order in which they appear on the business paper.
 - (s) The Synod is to consider motions received by the Standing Committee from members in accordance with rule 4.3(3) in the order in which they were received.’
- (h) amend rule 3.3 in the Schedule as follows –
- (i) delete the word ‘rule’ in paragraph (d) and insert instead the matter ‘rules 6.3(2)(d) and’,
 - (ii) delete the words ‘the previous day’ in paragraph (d) and insert instead the words ‘previous days’,
 - (iii) delete the reference ‘rule 6.3’ in paragraph (e) and insert instead the reference ‘rule 6.3(2)(c)’,
 - (iv) delete all the matter in paragraph (f) and insert the following –
‘The President is to invite members to give notice of motions.’,
 - (v) after the matter ‘The President is to call the motions’ in paragraph (g), insert the matter ‘, including procedural motions.’,
 - (vi) insert a new paragraph (h) (and consequentially re-letter the remaining paragraphs) as follows –
‘(h) The President is to allow members to move procedural motions.’,
- (i) renumber the text of clause 3.4 as subclause 3.4(1), and insert new subclauses 3.4(2) and (3) as follows –
- ‘(2) The order of business for the last day of a session may include motions of thanks without notice.
 - (3) The President is authorised to sign the minutes of the final sitting day as a correct record, upon the production to the Standing Committee of the certificate of any two members of the minute reading committee.’,
- (j) insert a new rule 3.6 in the Schedule as follows –
- ‘3.6 Presentations to Synod**
- (1) The President may invite persons at his discretion to address the Synod.
 - (2) Presentations approved by the Standing Committee will appear on the business paper for day 1.
 - (3) Presentations scheduled by the Committee for the Order of Business will appear on business papers for subsequent days.
 - (4) The Synod may, as a result of a procedural motion, allow other presentations to be made to the Synod on any subject related to the Synod. Such presentations –
 - (a) must be no longer than ten minutes, and
 - (b) may not be scheduled to a time following the dinner break.

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- (5) Synod members, or individuals who are not members of Synod but who are named as intended presenters in a procedural motion, may combine for a presentation (including visuals) in accordance with this clause.’
- (k) delete all the matter in rule 4.3(1) in the Schedule and insert instead the following –
‘(1) The Synod is not to consider a motion unless notice of the motion was given on a previous day.’
- (l) delete rule 4.3(4),
- (m) amend rule 4.5 in the Schedule as follows –
(i) insert the words ‘or policy’ in sub-rule (1) after the words ‘about a proposed ordinance’,
(ii) delete the matter ‘call “object” or 1 or more members’ in sub-rule (2) and insert instead the matter ‘stand to object or any member’,
(iii) delete the matter ‘call “object” or 1 or more members’ in sub-rule (3) and insert instead the matter ‘stand to object or any member’,
- (n) insert the following matter in the rider to clause 4.5A, prior to ‘on the next day’s business paper’ –
‘on the list of proposed amendments provided on day 1 or ’,
- (o) insert a new paragraph (b) (and consequentially re-letter the remaining paragraphs and the relevant cross references throughout the Ordinance) in rule 4.6(1) in the Schedule as follows –
‘(b) For a speech following the Synod’s approval to consider a proposed ordinance formally, the mover may speak for up to 3 minutes.’
- (p) amend clause 4.6 as follows –
(i) in re-lettered paragraph (d), omit “procedural motions and for”, and
(ii) in re-lettered paragraph (e), insert “procedural motions and for” prior to “motions moved in a meeting”,
- (q) insert a new sub-rule (3) in rule 4.7 in the Schedule as follows –
‘(3) Once a motion to amend a motion (the principal motion) has been moved, it is a separate motion for the purpose of this clause. Accordingly, if a member has already spoken on the principal motion, they may not move a motion to amend the principal motion, but they may speak on any amendment to the principal motion.’
- (r) amend rule 4.8 in the Schedule as follows –
(i) substitute the word ‘any’ in sub-rule (2) with the word ‘further’,
(ii) after the word ‘proceed’ in sub-rule (3) insert the matter ‘, commencing with speeches for and against the motion before considering amendments to the motion, unless the President determines otherwise’,
- (s) delete sub-rules (1) – (6) in rule 4.14 in the Schedule and insert instead the following –
‘(1) If it is desired not to vote on a motion, at any time following the speeches of the mover and seconder and prior to the motion being put to a vote, a member may move without notice the procedural motion –
“That the motion not be voted on.”
(2) When this procedural motion is moved, debate on the principal motion shall be suspended and the Synod shall immediately consider speeches for and against the procedural motion.
(3) If –
(a) the procedural motion is carried, debate on the Principal motion ceases and it is not put to the vote,
(b) the procedural motion is not carried, debate on the Principal motion continues from that point where the procedural motion was moved.
(4) The procedural motion in rule 4.14(1) may not be amended and is not to be moved in a meeting of the Synod in Committee.’
- (t) insert a new rule 4.14A in the Schedule as follows –
‘4.14A Ending debate on a motion
(1) If it is desired to end debate on a motion, a member may move without notice the procedural motion –

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“That debate cease and the motion be immediately put to the vote.”

(2) When this procedural motion is moved, debate on the principal motion shall be suspended and the Synod shall immediately consider speeches for and against the procedural motion.

(3) If –

- (a) the procedural motion is carried, the principal motion, and any amendments that have been moved, are subject to the mover of the principal motion exercising or declining to exercise a right of reply under rule 4.11 to be voted on immediately without further debate, and
- (b) the procedural motion is not carried, debate on the principal motion continues.

(4) The procedural motion in rule 4.14A(1) may not be amended and is not to be moved in a meeting of the Synod in Committee.’

(u) insert a new rule 4.19 in the Schedule as follows –

‘4.19 Expedited time limits and procedures

(1) Notwithstanding clause 4.6, the Synod may as a result of a procedural motion passed by the Synod to “adopt the expedited time limits”, adopt any or all of the following time limits for speeches for the remainder of a session –

- (a) for a motion that a proposed ordinance be approved in principle –
 - (i) the mover may speak for up to 12 minutes, and up to 5 minutes in reply, and
 - (ii) other members may speak for up to 3 minutes,
- (b) for a speech following the Synod’s approval to consider a proposed ordinance formally, the mover may speak for up to 3 minutes,
- (c) for other motions, except the motions referred to in paragraphs (d) and (e) –
 - (i) the mover may speak for up to 8 minutes, and up to 4 minutes in reply,
 - (ii) a member moving a motion to amend a motion may speak for up to 4 minutes, and
 - (iii) other members may speak for up to 4 minutes,
- (d) for procedural motions, a member may speak for up to 3 minutes, and
- (e) for motions moved in a meeting of the Synod in Committee, a member may speak for up to 3 minutes.

(2) The Synod may, as a result of a procedural motion passed by the Synod to “adopt the expedited procedural rules”, adopt any or all of the following rules for the remainder of a session –

- (a) Notwithstanding clause 6.3(5), the Archbishop is not required to read aloud the answers to questions.
- (b) The afternoon session shall be extended 15 minutes, resulting in a correlating reduction in the length of the dinner break.

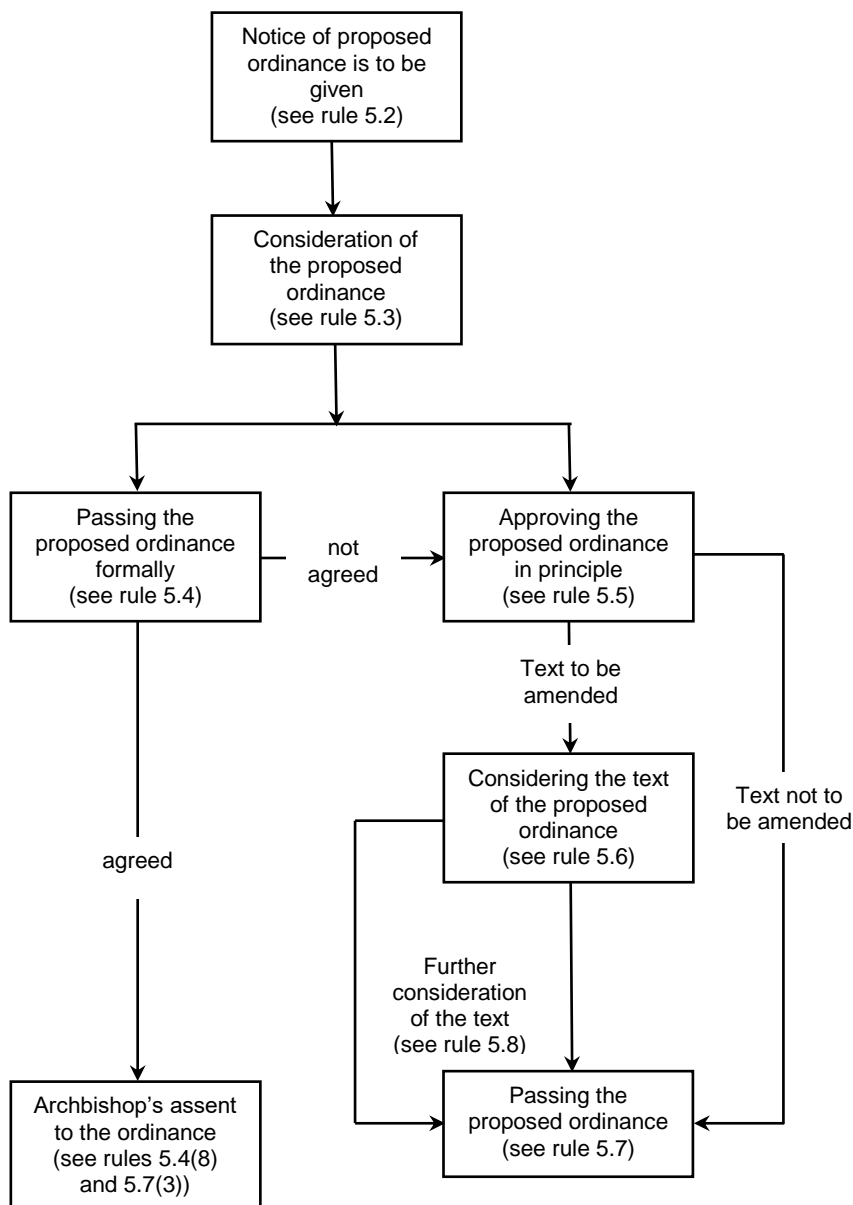
(3) The Synod having passed a procedural motion or motions in this clause, notwithstanding clause 4.16, may on a subsequent day of the same session –

- (a) return to ordinary time limits and procedures prior to the end of a session by moving a procedural motion to that effect, or
- (b) consider a procedural motion under this clause to vary the expedited time limits and procedures adopted for that session.

(4) The President may, by indicating his decision, apply any or all of the expedited time limits specified in paragraphs (a) – (e) of subclause (1) for any particular matter before Synod.’

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(v) delete the diagram in rule 5.1 and insert instead the following diagram –



(w) delete all the matter in rule 5.3 in the Schedule and insert instead the following –

‘5.3 Consideration of the proposed ordinance

(1) At the time permitted by these rules, a member may move that the Synod agree to consider a proposed ordinance by moving a motion as provided in subclause (2) or as provided in rule 5.5(1).

(2) A member desiring to move a proposed ordinance formally may move a motion to the effect –

“That Synod agrees to consider passing the proposed ordinance formally.”

(3) If the motion to consider passing the proposed ordinance formally is passed, the procedure in rule 5.4 applies. Otherwise the mover may immediately move the motion in rule 5.5(1). If the mover does not immediately move that motion, the mover is to move a motion to the effect –

“That Synod agrees to consider [at a specified time] a motion that the [name of the proposed ordinance] be approved in principle.”,

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- (x) amend rule 5.4 in the Schedule as follows –
 - (i) delete the words ‘for not longer than 3 minutes’ from sub-rule (1) in the Schedule and insert instead the words ‘in accordance with clause 4.6(b)’,
 - (ii) insert the words ‘at any time after the motion in 5.3(2) is passed and’ in sub-rule (9) at the beginning of paragraph (a),
 - (iii) insert the words ‘in accordance with clause 4.6(1)(a)’ in sub-rule (9) after the words ‘the mover is to immediately move’,
- (y) delete the words ‘At the time permitted by these rules, the mover of a proposed ordinance’ in rule 5.5(1) and insert instead the words ‘A member desiring to move a proposed ordinance in principle’,
- (z) amend clause 5.5 as follows –
 - (i) in subclause (7), omit the matter “speak for, or against the motion, or move an amendment to it” and insert instead “speak for or against the motion”,
 - (ii) In subclause (8), omit the matter “speak for, or against the motion, or move an amendment” and insert instead “speak for or against the motion”, and
- (aa) insert a new subclause 5.6(6) as follows –
 - ‘(6) Notwithstanding subclause (4), upon the report of an ordinance with or without amendments being adopted by the Synod as a result of a motion without notice passed by the Synod on the last sitting day of a session of Synod, the mover of the proposed ordinance may move the motion under rule 5.7(1).’,
- (bb) amend rule 6.3 in the Schedule as follows –
 - (i) delete the words ‘rule 3.3(e)’ in sub-rule (1) and insert instead the matter ‘rules 3.2(k) and 3.3(e)’,
 - (ii) delete all the matter in sub-rule (2) and insert instead the following –
 - ‘(2) A question may be asked by any member using the following procedure –
 - (a) A member seeking to include a question to be tabled on the first day of a session of Synod, must submit the full text of the question to the Secretary of the Synod no later than 7 days prior to the first day of the session.
 - (b) The Secretary is to make the full text of each question submitted in accordance with paragraph (a) available on the website and the noticeboard in the foyer of Synod, prior to the commencement of the first day of the session.
 - (c) On the other days provided for asking questions, a member called on by the President to do so is to make a brief statement informing the Synod of the subject matter of the question and hand the full text of the question to the Secretary of the Synod to be printed in the business paper for the next day of the session.
 - (d) If a member asking a question indicates in writing that they do not require the answer to their question to be read orally to the Synod, the President need not read the answer orally (but may do so at his discretion).’,
 - (iii) delete the word “An” at the beginning of sub-rule (5) and insert the matter ‘Except as provided in paragraphs 6.3(2)(d) and 4.19(2)(a), an’, and
 - (iv) insert the words ‘of the question and answer’ in sub-rule (5) after the words ‘As soon as possible a written copy’.

I Certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

R TONG
Chair of Committees

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I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 22 October 2019.

D GLYNN
Secretary of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

G DAVIES
Archbishop of Sydney

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