#### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Webster Republican Town and County Committee.

#### ARTICLE II PURPOSES

- To promote diligent, consistent, and sustained political action in order to insure the continuation of good Republican Government at all levels.
- To select and support Republican Party Candidates for elective office.
- 3. To participate in political functions at all levels of government.
- To initiate and carry out programs for the promotion of the general welfare and progress of the community.
- To advance the common knowledge and understanding of the Republican Party, its principles programs and ideology.

# ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

#### 1. NUMBER

Each election district in the Town shall be represented on the Committee by up to 4 committee members. One of the four Committee members shall be designated the Election District Leader. Each committee member shall be a Monroe County Republican Committee Member.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY

All Committee members must reside within the Town of Webster and be an enrolled Republican voter. Except through membership by petition, an individual must attend two meeting of the Committee within a six month period and be approved by a majority of the Committee present and in attendance in order to be a Committee member.

# 3. SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Selection of members shall take place biannually pursuant to these Bylaws and the provisions of the New York State Elections law, except upon the occurrence of vacancies. Vacancies shall be filled in accordance with rules duly approved by the Committee or Executive Committee.

#### 4. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

Types of Membership shall be defined by rules duly approved by the Committee or Executive Committee. Full Committee membership shall conform to the eligibility requirements herein.

# 5. ASSIGNMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ELECTION DISTRICTS

The Town Leader shall assign Committee members to the election districts in the Town. Every effort shall be made to assign committee members to the election districts of their residence.

# 6. DUTIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In addition to other responsibilities assigned by the Town Leader, the duties of a committee member shall include:

- (A) Circulating Petitions of candidates for public and/or party office in their assigned election district and returning such petitions to their District Leader, Area Leader, or Town Leader.
- (B) Maintaining personal contact with voters on their district, especially Republicans, reporting back to the Committee concerns of the voters.
- (C) Registering new voters in their election district as Republicans and recruiting Republicans to the Committee.
- (D) Attending Town Committee Meetings, particularly Committee Designating and Organizational Meetings.
- (E) Aiding designated candidates for office through fund-raising activities, telephoning, passing of literature, going door-to-door, erecting signs

#### 7. RESIGNATION

The resignation of any committee member shall be in writing to the Town Leader and shall be effective upon receipt. Resignation of any committee member shall automatically occur upon such member's failure to meet and maintain any of the eligibility or residence requirement provided for in these Bylaws, with or without notice to the Town Leader.

# ARTICLE IV OFFICERS & COMMITTEE OFFICIALS

# 1. OFFICES AND OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Subject to the provisions for the eligibility of Committee members provided for in these Bylaws, the officers of the Committee shall be the Town Leader, Chair of Committee, Deputy Town Leader, Treasurer, and Secretary. Except upon consent of two-thirds of the Committee, the Leader shall have all duties and responsibilities of the Chair and no Chair shall be chosen. Once established, the office of Chair may be abolished by the Committee through majority vote to be effective at the next Organizational Meeting.

#### 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Town Leader, Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be elected by the Committee in a manner consistent with the provisions in Article V,2. The

election of these officers shall take place at an Organizational Meeting which shall occur no later than 15 days after each biannual Primary Election at which the members of the Committee were elected. The Town Leader shall appoint the Deputy Town Leader.

#### 3. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

### (A) TOWN LEADER

- [1] The Town Leader shall oversee the operations of the Committee and be its primary spokesperson.
- [2] The Town Leader shall attend, or in writing designate a member of the Executive Committee attend, all Monroe County Republican Executive Committee Meetings or subcommittee meetings. The Leader or their designate shall report regularly to the Committee about the activities and concerns of the Monroe County Republican Committee.
- [3] The Town Leader shall preside at all meetings of the Town Executive Committee and shall attend all meetings of the Committee.
- [4] The Town Leader may appoint a Secretary pro tem, in the event of the absence of the Secretary at Committee meetings or Executive Committee Meetings.
- [5] The Town Leader shall be a voting member of all Committees and subcommittees of the Committee.
- [6] The Town Leader shall be responsible for coordinating all campaign activities for all elections in the Town and Village.
- [7] The Town Leader, with the assistance of the Area Leaders, shall be responsible for the distribution and circulation of all designating petitions, the distribution of campaign materials, and for coordinating the campaigns of the Village and Town candidates with the applicable Committee members.
- [8] The Town Leader shall see that these Bylaws and any rules duly adopted by the Committee or Executive Committee, be enforced.
- [9] The Town Leader may promulgate policies to facilitate the operations of the Committee.
- [10] By the February Regular Committee meeting of each calendar year the Town Leader shall deliver a written report of the membership status, fundraising activity, campaign activity and committee activities for the previous calendar year.
- [11] The Town Leader shall perform the functions of the Chair in the absence or disability of that officer.
- [12] By January 1 of each calendar year, the Town Leader shall compose a Calendar of Dates for the coming year containing the intended days, dates, times and locations for all meetings of the Committee, Executive Committee, Nominating Committee, Village subcommittee and all dates, times and locations of all Committee fundraising events. The Calendar of Dates shall be mailed to all committee members at their address of record at least 10 days before the January meeting of the Committee and shall be distributed to the Monroe County Republican Committee. The Calendar of Dates shall be sufficient to satisfy and constitute written notice required in these Bylaws for those dates, times and locations included.

# (B) CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

- [1] The Committee Chair shall conduct all regular meetings of the Webster Republican Committee.
- [2] The Committee Chair shall be responsible for the appointment of all Event Chairs and shall oversee all fundraising activities of the
- [3] The Committee Chair shall see that these Bylaws and any committee rules or policies, be enforced.
- [4] The Committee Chair shall have such other duties as may be assigned by the Town Leader.

# (C) DEPUTY TOWN LEADER

- The Deputy Town Leader may be responsible for coordinating the activities of the Standing Committees of the Webster Republican Committee.
- [2] The Deputy Town Leader may be responsible for communicating information and directives from the Executive Committee to the Area and District Leaders and for coordinating the activities of such leaders, including, but not limited to, the Committee's support for the campaigns of the Village and Town prior to the each election, and the reporting of the tally from each polling place at the close of each election, both primary and general elections.
- [3] The Deputy Town Leader shall perform the functions of the Leader in the absence or disability of that officer.

[4] The Deputy Town Leader shall have such other duties as may be assigned by the Town Leader.

#### (D) SECRETARY

- [1] The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Committee and Executive Committee. Furthermore, they may be responsible for arranging the meeting times and places of all Committee and Executive Committee meetings.
- [2] At each Committee and Executive Committee Meeting, the Secretary shall make available minutes of the last meeting of either the Committee or Executive Committee.
- The Secretary shall keep a current membership list by Area and Election Districts.
- [4] The Secretary shall take attendance at every Committee meeting, and keep a record thereof, and shall report to the presiding officer whether a quorum is present.
- [5] The Secretary shall be designated to keep and maintain the lists of the Committee, such as, but not limited to, membership lists, fund-raising lists, and attendance lists which shall be open to members upon request.
- [6] The Secretary shall keep a record of all rules adopted by the Committee and Executive Committee.
- [7] The Secretary shall have such other duties as may be assigned by the Town Leader.

#### (E) TREASURER

- [1] The Treasurer shall keep an account of all moneys received and disbursed by the Committee; shall deposit all moneys and other valuable in the name of, and the credit of, the Committee, in such depositories as the Executive Committee shall designate.
- [2] The Treasurer shall comply with the reporting requirements of the New York State Board of Elections and the New York State Election Law, and shall file the appropriate financial disclosure statements in a complete and timely fashion.
- [3] The Treasurer shall make a current financial report at each Committee meeting.

# 4. DUTIES OF COMMITTEE OFFICIALS

#### (A) AREAS & AREA LEADERS

- [1] The Town Leader shall determine, from time to time, the number of areas into which the election districts of the Town shall be divided; thereafter, the Town Leader shall appoint Area Leaders for each such area, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Leader.
- [2] Area Leaders shall act as liaisons between District Leaders of the Election Districts assigned to him/her and the Executive Committee and shall coordinate District Leaders activities in his/her areas.
- [3] Area Leaders shall assist with distribution of petitions and campaign materials within their areas. They shall make regular contact with District Leaders and members in their Area.
- [4] Area Leaders shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the Town Leader or Deputy Leader.

#### (B) DISTRICT LEADERS

- There shall be one District Leader appointed in each election district by Town Leader.
- [2] In addition to being a committee member, each District Leader shall be responsible for recruitment and training of the other committee members in his/her district, shall be responsible for the distribution of designating petitions, campaign material, registering new voters, election campaigns, and any other communications his/her district.
- [3] District Leaders shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the Committee Chair and the Town Leader.

# 5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

# (A) COMPOSITION & VOTE

- The Executive Committee shall consist of the Town Leader, the Committee Chair, Deputy Town Leader, Secretary, Treasurer, and Area Leaders.
- [2] Chairs of Standing Committees and persons having positions inferior to those enumerated in these Bylaws shall have open invitations to attend Executive Committee Meetings but may not vote.
- [3] Republican Board members of the Village, Town and County Legislature shall have open invitations to attend Executive Committee Meetings but may not vote.
- [4] No Committee member shall hold more than one position on the Executive Committee excepting Chairs of Standing Committees,

the Deputy Leader, who may be an Area Leader, and the Leader, who may have all powers and responsibilities of the Chair. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote.

# (B) MEETING, NOTICE OF MEETINGS, QUORUM

- [1] The Executive Committee shall convene at the call of the Town Leader or Chair of the Committee.
- [2] There shall be an Executive Committee meeting in any month in which a full Committee meeting shall occur.
- [3] The time, place and date of each Executive Committee meeting shall be publicized to the full Committee at least 5 days prior to such meeting.
- [4] It shall require a vote of three-fifths of the Executive Committee, including at least three officers, in order for any meeting to be closed to any Committee member.
- [5] A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be, at minimum, 50% of its membership, including at least two Officers and two Area Leaders.
- [6] The Executive Committee may also convene upon submission to the Secretary of the Committee a petition containing the signatures of at least one-third of the membership of the Executive Committee.
- [7] Meetings called by petition shall require, at minimum, five days notice

#### (C) RESPONSIBILITIES

- [1] The Executive Committee shall have all such powers as described in these Bylaws in addition to which it may establish financial, membership and other such policies and rules for the Committee. Furthermore, it shall review the annual budget, event expenditures, and operational expenditures.
- [2] The Executive Committee may not repeal or alter any rule or policy approved by the Committee.
- [3] It shall require a vote of two-thirds of the Executive Committee to cancel or reschedule any previously scheduled Committee fundraiser.

# 6. VACANCIES & OFFICER REMOVAL

- (A) Vacancies in any elected officer's position shall be accompanied, within thirty days, by the nominations of new members to fill the vacant position and, within sixty days, by election to fill the vacant positions. Persons elected in this fashion shall complete the term of the office to which they were elected.
- (B) The Webster Republican Executive Committee may designate an interim appointee to fill the vacant position until elections are held. It shall direct the nominating Committee to meet in the interim to interview and recommend candidates for the vacant office.
- (C) Any elected officers of the Committee may be removed upon majority vote of the full Committee at a regular meeting of the Committee or special meeting called for such purpose. Said elected officers shall receive at least seven (7) days notice of the proposed removal action.

#### ARTICLE V COMMITTEE MEETINGS

# 1. TYPES OF MEETINGS, NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

- (A) Regular meetings of the Committee shall be held on the Third Wednesday of each month. There shall be a least six meetings per calendar year which shall be set by the Leader on or before January 31 of each year for the coming calendar year, provided that regular meetings shall be scheduled not less than 20 days nor more than 120 days from each other.
- (B) Notice of regular meetings shall be given at least five (5) days prior to the meeting, stating the date, time and place for such a meeting.
- (C) Special meetings of the Committee may be held at any time upon the call of the Leader or Chair or upon written request - delivered to the Secretary - of 25% of committee members. Written notice of a Special Meeting must be given at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting and shall contain an explanation of why such meeting was called.
- (D) Any regular or special meeting in which candidates for Public Office will be nominated shall be called a Designating Meeting. Any regular or special meeting in which committee officers shall be elected will be called an Organizational Meeting. Written notice of such meetings shall be made at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting stating the date, time and place for such meeting and the offices to be voted upon.
- (E) All Committee meetings shall be held in accordance with the Public Officers Law, Article 7, Section 103.
- (F) Emergency meetings may be called by the Leader or the Chair or upon

submission to the Secretary of a written request by one-third of the members of the Executive Committee. Emergency meetings may not deal with questions of nominations or elections of elected Public or Committee offices or amendments to these Bylaws.

#### 2. QUORUM, VOTING, PROXY VOTES

- (A) A quorum of the Committee shall be 25% of the membership.
- (B) Unless otherwise provided by law or these bylaws, for all questions that come before it or resolutions it may adopt, the Committee shall act by an affirmative vote of a majority of Committee members present and voting.
- (C) No Committee member shall be denied their opportunity to vote on any issue or for any candidate if in attendance when such vote occurs.
- (D) Nominations of Public Officials and Election of Committee officers shall be by majority vote, provided that if more than two candidates are nominated and no candidate receives a majority vote, the lowest ranked candidate will be dropped from the ballot and the remaining candidates will be voted upon in another round. This process shall continue until there is a majority vote. For purposes of voting, "bullet" voting shall be allowed.
- (E) Votes for the election of Committee officers, for the selection of candidates for elective public office or for their endorsement by the Committee shall be by secret paper ballot. Ballots shall be secret, unless a nomination is uncontested or made by unanimous acclaim. All other votes shall be taken by voice vote except upon the request of paper ballot made by at least 1/3 of the membership present and voting. Whenever a vote is taken by secret paper ballot, the presiding officer and each candidate shall appoint a teller who shall act as Inspectors of Election and who shall count the ballots, certify the results in writing, report the same to the Committee and affix their written certification the minutes of the meeting. The Town Leader, Committee Chair, Nominating Committee Chair, Treasurer or Secretary shall not act as tellers for any candidate.
- (F) Proxy votes are not permitted at Committee meetings for any purpose.

#### 3. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS & AGENDA

- (A) Committee meetings shall be conducted according to rules set forth in these Bylaws, by rules passed by the full Committee or, in the absence of any designated procedure, as provided for in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order. The order of business for Committee meetings shall be the option of the presiding officer
- (B) Committee meetings shall contain an agenda item allowing for informational time for candidates regarding all offices for which the Committee will designate a candidate or for which Committee Members shall be eligible to vote at a Committee meeting, a County Committee convention or at a mini-convention. Any announced Republican candidate for each office shall be responsible for notifying the Leader of his or her interest in attending a meeting and making a presentation before the Committee. Candidates shall be given fair and equal opportunity to make an appearance before the Committee.

# ARTICLE VI NOMINATING AND SEARCH COMMITTEE

# 1. COMPOSITION & QUORUM

- (A) The Nominating and Search Committee (hereafter Nominating Committee) shall consist of the Town Leader, the Committee Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) at-large members elected by the Town Committee from its membership.
- (B) At large members shall be elected annually no later than the October meeting of the calendar year except that they shall be elected though plurality vote, the five candidates receiving the greatest number of votes being declared winners. No member who would otherwise be on the Nominating Committee may be considered for election as an atlarge member.
- (C) Vacancies in any at-large position shall be filled no later than the next Committee Meeting. Such election shall be conducted as any election would be for at-large members. Notice of such vacancies shall be made to the Committee within 10 days of the meeting where the election shall occur. Any at-large member who might otherwise be appointed or elected to any position that would entitle them to membership on the Nominating Committee will immediately give up their seat and it shall be considered vacant.
- (D) The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be elected annually from the Nominating and Search Committee's membership. In no event shall the Town Leader serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee.
- (E) A quorum of the Nominating Committee shall be half plus one member its total membership.

#### 2. CONVENING, PURPOSE & VOTING

- (A) The Nominating Committee shall convene at the call of the Town Leader, the Nominating Committee Chair or upon written request of three-quarters of the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee shall re-organize and meet no later than February 10th of each year.
- (B) The Nominating Committee shall interview candidates for any office the Committee may endorse or designate including local offices, county, state, federal offices or Committee Offices. Provided that, unless the Town Leader or Executive Committee has specifically called a meeting or scheduled interviews, for any office where only one candidate has announced their attention to appear before the Nominating Committee, the Chair of the Nominating Committee may dispense with such interview and/or meeting.
- (C) The Nominating Committee may search within the Webster Republican Committee and among qualified enrolled voters in the Webster community for candidates for public elective offices for presentation to the Webster Republican Committee for its consideration. It may also search for candidates within the Committee for candidates for Committee Offices.
- (D) All questions that come before the Nominating Committee shall be decided by a majority of the total membership. Recommendations for Public Officials or Committee officers shall be by majority vote, provided that if more than two candidates are interviewed for any single office and no candidate receives a majority vote, the lowest ranked candidate will be dropped from the ballot and the remaining candidates will be voted upon in another round. This process shall continue until there is a majority vote. For purposes of voting, "bullet" voting shall be allowed. All votes shall be secret, unless a nomination is uncontested or made by unanimous acclaim. Whenever a vote is taken by secret paper ballot, each candidate interviewed shall appoint a teller from among the Nominating Committee membership who shall act as Inspectors of Election and who shall count the ballots and announce results to the Nominating Committee. Proxy votes are not permitted for any purpose. The Nominating Committee shall be conducted in conformance with these Bylaws, or, in the absence of any designated procedure, as provided for in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order. The order of business shall be the option of the Nominating Committee Chair.
- (E) The Nominating Committee shall make one recommendation for each position but, if it deems that there is no person qualified or suitable may choose to make no recommendation.
- (F) No person on the Nominating Committee shall participate in any of the deliberations or vote for a position they express an interest to run for.
- (G) No person shall cast more than one vote on the Nominating Committee. Proxy votes are not allowed.

#### 3. NOTICE REQUIRMENTS

- (A) Written notice of any meeting of the Nominating Committee shall be made by the Nominating Committee Chair or Town Leader to the full Committee at least 21 days prior to such meeting; provided that, for any nomination or recommendation that must be made by the Committee in 30 days or less, written notice may be made within 12 days.
- (B) Not later than eight (8) days prior to a meeting of the Nominating Committee, those persons interested in being interviewed by the Nominating Committee shall express their intent to appear to the Town Leader.
- (C) Decisions of the Nominating Committee shall be publicized to the full Committee through written notice not less than seven (7) days prior to the Designating or Organizational Meeting.

# 4. RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL COMMITTEE

- (A) The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall present the Nominating Committee's recommendations at the Town Committee's Designating or Organizational Meetings. The Chair shall state the reason for recommendation and indicate if such recommendation was by unanimous vote of the Nominating Committee. Recommended candidates shall not require either nomination or second when their name is placed before the Committee. During these meetings, termed as such in the notice to the Town Committee members, the Town Committee shall endorse candidates of the Party for elective public office, and/or elect Committee officers.
- (B) If the Nominating Committee shall not present recommendations, then nominations shall be made from the floor.
- (C) Nothing in these Bylaws shall preclude the nominating of individuals by the Town Committee members from the floor at the Designating Meeting or Organizational Meeting, in addition to those who have been

recommended by the Nominating and Search Committee in its report.

# ARTICLE VII STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES; CREATION OF INFERIOR POSITIONS

- The Town Leader may, at his/her discretion, name such standing or Ad Hoc Committees, and appoint Chairs to those Committees, as he/she may decide are necessary to carry out the functions of the Committee and these Bylaws. The Committee shall be notified of the creation, purpose, and powers of such Committees and the names of their respective chairs and members, who shall be Committee members.
- Standing and Ad Hoc Committees shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Leader.
- All standing Committees shall formulate their own rules for their own purposes but the Executive Committee may formulate rules and procedures to be followed by other Standing or Ad Hoc Committees which shall supersede all rules created in such other Committees.
- 4. The Town Leader, may, at his/her discretion, create positions inferior to those described in these Bylaws and appoint committee members thereto. Each position so created shall have a written statement of the responsibilities, duties and powers invested in such position and shall be approved by the Executive Committee. The Committee shall be notified of the creation, purpose and powers of such positions and the names of the people appointed to them.
- Such inferior positions may be abolished by one-third of the Executive Committee with the concurrence of the Leader; persons appointed to such positions shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Leader and shall be nonvoting members of the Executive Committee.

# ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEE & CAMPAIGN FINANCES

- At the direction of the Town Leader, or by the September prior to the next fiscal year, a budget shall be prepared for the Committee. The Committee shall approve such budget no later than November prior to the next fiscal year.
- All Committee funds shall be disbursed by check; provided that the Executive Committee may adopt rules for the use of debit and/or credit cards.
- 3. No funds shall be disbursed unless the expenditure is a budgeted item and not in excess of its budgeted amount. In the absence of having been budgeted, three-fifths of the Executive Committee, including at least three officers, may approve an expenditure of not more than \$500. Any Expenditures in excess of \$100 shall be disclosed by the Treasurer at the next Regular Committee Meeting. All operational expenses shall be signed off by the Leader and receipts retained by the Treasurer. All event or campaign receipts shall bear the signatures of their chair(s).
- The Committee's fiscal year shall coincide with the Financial Disclosure year as set forth by the New York State Board of Elections.
- 5. The financial records, including applicable minutes, of the Committee shall be reviewed at least every other year ending in an even digit (i.e. 96,98,00,02) by a non-officer with an accounting background. The Executive Committee shall appoint such individual. A report generated from the financial review shall be submitted to the Executive Committee by March of the year following the years reviewed and to the Committee by the April meeting following the years reviewed.
- 6. There shall be no Committee dues, either mandatory or voluntary.
- 7. No officer or Committee member shall by reason of his/her office be entitled to receive any salary or compensation, but nothing herein shall be construed to prevent an officer or Committee member from receiving reimbursement form the committee for approved expenditures made on behalf of the Committee.
- Committee funds which are expended on behalf of one or more candidates must be approved, in advance, by the Executive Committee.
- The Committee shall not undertake any borrowing, or pledging of the assets of the Committee.

# ARTICLE IX AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

- Any committee member may propose an amendment or amendments to these Bylaws.
- A proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall review such amendments and, by written notice, refer them to the Committee for consideration at least 14 days before the next Regular Committee Meeting.
- Two-thirds of the Committee members present and voting will be required for adoption of any proposed amendment.
- 4. Every ten years, starting with the year 2002, the Leader shall appoint a committee of 7 members to review these Bylaws. This committee may propose amendments to the Bylaws in a manner consistent with IX(2&3).

#### ARTICLE X THE VILLAGE SUBCOMMITTEE

- All members of the Committee who reside within the Village of Webster shall also be members of the Village Subcommittee.
- The Chairperson of the Village Subcommittee shall be responsible for managing Village campaign activities, including the distribution of campaign materials.
- The members of the Village Subcommittee shall elect a Chairperson biannually in September of even numbered years from their membership who shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Leader.
- The Chairperson of the Village Subcommittee may appoint a Secretary and create any other inferior positions or name ad hoc committees from among the Subcommittee's membership.
- The Village Subcommittee may endorse candidates for elected Village office
  at meeting called for such purpose no later than the last day of November.
  The procedure for such meeting shall be substantially that set forth in Article
  V, 2 & 3 of these Bylaws.
- The Village Subcommittee shall be a Standing Committee which shall meet at the discretion of its Chair, the Town Leader, or upon petition of 25% of its membership.
- The Village Subcommittee shall have powers and responsibilities as delegated to it by the Town Leader.

# ARTICLE XI CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

Where these Bylaws conflict with the provisions of the rules of the Monroe County Republican Committee or the New York State Election Law, the County Rules and State Law shall govern.

Public Officers Law Article 7

§ 103. Open meetings and executive sessions.

- a.) Every meeting of a public body shall be open to the general public, except that an executive session of such body may be called and business transacted thereat in accordance with section ninety-five of this article.
- b.) Public bodies shall make or cause to be made all reasonable efforts to ensure that meetings are held in facilities that permit barrier-free physical access to the physically handicapped, as defined in subdivision five of section fifty of the public buildings law.
- c.) A public body that uses videoconferencing to conduct its meetings shall provide an opportunity for the public to attend, listen and observe at any site at which a member participates.

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