

RESOLUTION G2024-100

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING A COMMITMENT TO DECORUM AND
PROFESSIONALISM IN PUBLIC MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the elected officials of Symmes Township are many times the public face of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the conduct of elected officials is often seen as representative of the Township government as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Symmes Township elected officials are committed to conducting their meetings with the highest level of decorum and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, these elected officials are committed to transparency and desire to conduct meetings in a manner where all members have been presented with pertinent material in advance of the meeting in order to be the most prepared to address relevant Township business; and

WHEREAS, these elected officials are committed to limiting their comments to a reasonable amount of time given the relative length of the agenda at hand; and

WHEREAS, these elected officials respect the President's responsibility to conduct the meetings efficiently and, when needed, place reasonable limitations on discussion time; and

WHEREAS, these elected officials understand they will at times disagree on issues and remain committed to doing so respectfully and without personal offense; and

WHEREAS, these elected officials are committed to conducting meetings in a manner absent of personal attacks and political gamesmanship; and

WHEREAS, these elected officials shall conduct themselves in an orderly, professional, respectful, and civil manner to ensure that the business of the Township shall be attended to efficiently and thoroughly and to ensure that the integrity of the deliberative process of the Board of Trustees is maintained at all times; and

WHEREAS, these elected officials shall maintain a polite, honest, respectful, and courteous manner when addressing one another, the Township staff, and members of the public during public meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the elected officials of Symmes Township hereby express their commitment to conducting their meetings with the highest level of decorum and professionalism, including but not limited to the conduct in the recitals detailed above.

Section 2. That the individual elected officials hereby make this commitment to one another and to the public.

Section 3. It is hereby certified that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board and that all deliberations of the Board were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. Upon majority vote does hereby dispense with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 5, 2024 – RESOLUTION G2024-100

Vote Record: MS. LEIS ____ MR. BRYANT ____ MR. BECK ____

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Jodie. L. Leis, President

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ATTEST:

Joseph C. Grossi, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jeff Forbes, Law Director