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CHAPTER III

OF THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

1. The Board shall consist of not more than twenty members, including the Governor of the State and the President of the College, whose term of office shall be for one year.

2. The Board shall elect a President and a Vice-President, who shall hold office for one year.

3. The President shall have the authority to call and preside at all meetings of the Board, and to sign all orders and resolutions of the Board.

4. The Board shall elect a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall hold office for one year. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board, and the Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Board.

5. Of the officers, members of the Board shall be elected at least once in every year, and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

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CHAPTER I.

OF THE TRUSTEES GENERALLY.

1.—THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF NOT MORE THAN TWENTY SEVEN PERSONS, INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE DURING THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICIAL TERMS.*

2.—OF THE ENTIRE BOARD, TWELVE SHALL BE INHABITANTS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

3.—THE TRUSTEES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE, SHALL HOLD OFFICE DURING THEIR NATURAL LIVES, SAVE IN CASE OF RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL, WITH CAUSE, BY THE BOARD.

4.—EACH TRUSTEE, BEFORE HE ENTERS UPON THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE, SHALL TAKE AND SUBSCRIBE AN OATH OR AFFIRMATION, FAITHFULLY AND IMPARTIALLY TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE, AN OATH TO SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND AN OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE STATE IN WHICH HE RESIDES. THE SAID OATHS SHALL BE TAKEN IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BOARD, AND MAY BE ADMINISTERED BY ANY MEMBER OF SAID CORPORATION.

5.—Of the ordinary members of the Board, twelve at least shall be clergymen, and twelve at least shall be laymen, save when, for reasons of expediency, it may be proper to alter this proportion, in which case, the proportionate numbers shall be restored as soon as practicable.

* Provisions of the Charter are printed in small capitals.

6.—Whenever a vacancy in the Board occurs, a new Trustee shall be elected by ballot. Such election, however, shall not take place at the session of the Board at which the nomination of the candidate to fill such vacancy is made, although it may take place at the same meeting.

7.—If any Trustee be absent from three consecutive stated meetings of the Board, without satisfactory excuse, rendered in writing, he shall be regarded as having vacated his seat ; and if any Trustee be absent, even with excuse, from six consecutive meetings, his seat shall be regarded as vacated, save by a special vote of the Board to the contrary.

CHAPTER II.

OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

1.—There shall be three Stated Meetings of the Board each year ; the first, or Commencement Meeting, on the Monday preceding the Commencement ; the second on the Second Thursday in November, and the third on the second Thursday in February.

2.—SPECIAL MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD UPON THE REQUISITION OF SIX TRUSTEES, MADE UPON THE CLERK. This requisition shall specify the object for which the meeting is called, and such object shall be stated by the Clerk in his notice of the meeting ; and no business shall be transacted at such special meeting other than that specified in the requisition and mentioned in the notice.

3.—ANY NINE OR MORE OF THE TRUSTEES, WHEN DULY CONVENED, SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM, AND BE COMPETENT TO PERFORM AND EXECUTE ALL THE DUTIES, BUSINESS, MATTERS AND THINGS OF THE SAID CORPORATION, PROVIDED ALWAYS, THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE FOR THE TIME BEING, OR IN CASE OF HIS DEATH OR ABSENCE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SAID COLLEGE FOR THE TIME BEING ; AND IN CASE OF THE DEATH OR ABSENCE OF BOTH THE GOVERNOR AND PRESIDENT, THE SENIOR TRUSTEE OF THE SAID COLLEGE SHALL ALWAYS BE ONE OF THE SAID NINE TRUSTEES, SO AT ANY TIME CONSTITUTING THE QUORUM AS AFORESAID ; BUT IN CASE OF THE ABSENCE OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE AND THE SENIOR TRUSTEE, THEN THIRTEEN MEMBERS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

4.—NO MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES SHALL BE VALID OR LEGAL FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANY BUSINESS WHATEVER, UNLESS THE CLERK OF THE BOARD HAS DULY AND LEGALLY NOTIFIED EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE CORPORATION OF SUCH MEETING ; AND BEFORE THEIR ENTERING UPON ANY BUSINESS, THE CLERK SHALL CERTIFY SUCH NOTIFICATION, UNDER HIS HAND, TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

5.—The Clerk shall give notice at least one week before each meeting of the Board.

6.—Any number convened, at the time of a meeting, less than a quorum, and more than two, may adjourn from time to time, for a period of three days ; after which time they may adjourn to a period not less than one week distant, of which adjourned meeting due notice shall be given by the Clerk.

7.—Each meeting of the Board shall be opened with prayer.

8.—Trustees shall sit, when in session, in the order of seniority, beginning at the right hand of the President.

CHAPTER III.

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

1.—The Officers of the Board shall be the Presiding Officer, the Clerk, Treasurer, Curator of Grounds and Buildings, Librarian, and such other officers as the Board may deem it expedient to appoint.

2.—THESE OFFICERS, with the exception of the Presiding Officer, SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE BOARD, AND SHALL CONTINUE IN OFFICE DURING THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD, AND THEY SHALL RECEIVE SUCH COMPENSATION AS THE BOARD MAY DIRECT.

CHAPTER IV.

OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER.

1.—THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY SHALL BE, *ex-officio*, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD, AND IN HIS ABSENCE THE PRES-

IDENT OF THE COLLEGE SHALL PRESIDE, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE GOVERNOR AND PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE, THE ELDEST TRUSTEE PRESENT AT ANY MEETING, SHALL PRESIDE.

2.—It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to observe the order of business, and enforce the rules of order.

CHAPTER V.

OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE (IN HIS RELATIONS TO THE BOARD).

1.—The President of the College shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of the entire Board of Trustees. The election of any person to the office of President, shall not take place until at least the day following his nomination.

2.—IN THE ABSENCE OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE, HE SHALL PRESIDE AT THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

3.—It shall be his duty to sign all obligations and contracts entered into by or on behalf of the Board, unless otherwise provided by these By-Laws.

4.—He shall have the custody of the Seal of the College, and affix the same to such instruments as require its use, when so directed by the Board.

5.—He shall present a printed report at each stated meeting of the Board, of the condition of the College in respect of such matters as he may deem necessary, with such suggestions as he may think proper, for the guidance of the Board. The different subjects embraced in his report shall be referred to the appropriate Standing Committees having charge of the same.

6.—In case of the death or absence of the President of the College, during an *interim* of the Board, the Faculty shall select from their number a President *ad interim*, who shall act in the place of the President, so far as his duties are concerned with the government of the students and the Presidency of the Faculty, until the next meeting of the Board, at which time the appointment of the President *ad interim* shall be made by the Board.

CHAPTER VI.

OF THE CLERK.

- 1.—The Clerk shall always be a member of the Board of Trustees.
- 2.—IT SHALL BE HIS DUTY TO NOTIFY THE TRUSTEES OF ALL MEETINGS, AND TO CERTIFY THE FACT OF SUCH NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN AT THE OPENING OF EACH MEETING OF THE BOARD.
- 3.—He shall be the custodian of the Charter of the Institution, of the minute books and papers relating to the records of the College, and of the bond of the Treasurer.
- 4.—He shall keep full minutes of the meetings of the Board, and at each stated meeting shall present the minutes of the last preceding meeting or meetings, fairly written, for the approval of the Board. When such minutes are approved by the Board, they shall be engrossed in the book of minutes.
- 5.—He shall notify, by letter, all persons elected to office by the Board, and those receiving Honorary Degrees of the fact that such degrees have been conferred upon them.
- 6.—As soon as possible after each meeting, he shall transmit to the President of the College, the Clerk of the Faculty, and the Chairman of each Standing Committee, all papers, matters, resolutions, or business that have been referred respectively to the President, the Faculty, or such Committee.
- 7.—At least one week before each stated meeting, he shall transmit to each member of the Board, a printed copy of the docket of the business that will come before said meeting.
- 8.—He may, with the approbation of the Board, appoint an assistant to aid him in his duties, and to supply his place when absent, which assistant shall receive such compensation as the Board may direct.
- 9.—In case of the death, absence, or disability of the Clerk, the President of the College, or the President *ad interim*, shall be *ex-officio* Clerk of the Board, for the purpose of notifying the Trustees of meetings.

CHAPTER VII.

OF THE TREASURER.

1.—The Treasurer shall have charge and supervision, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, of all the Securities and Funds of the Corporation.

2.—He shall sign receipts and acknowledgments for all money and other property of the Corporation, and disburse the money under the direction of the Finance Committee.

3.—He shall deposit the funds of the College in the corporate name of the College, in such Banks or Trust Companies as the Finance Committee shall direct; which funds shall not be drawn out except by checks signed by him, and, when for sums exceeding one thousand dollars, countersigned by a member of the Finance Committee, or some person specially designated by the Finance Committee for that purpose.

4.—He shall render a full and particular statement of his cash accounts, accompanied by vouchers, and an inventory of the investments of the corporation, to the Finance Committee, at least one week prior to each November and February meeting of the Board.

5.—His books shall be open at all reasonable times to the inspection of Members of the Finance Committee.

6.—He may be authorized by the Board to employ an assistant when the funds of the College permit.

7.—He shall give bonds for the faithful performance of his duties, in such amount as the Board shall direct.

CHAPTER VIII.

OF THE CURATOR OF GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS.

1.—The Curator of Grounds and Buildings, shall have charge and supervision, under the direction of the respective Committees, of the real

and personal property of the Corporation, except the securities and funds in charge of the Treasurer, and the Library in charge of the Librarian.

2.—He shall be accountable, under the direction of Committee on Grounds and Buildings, that the buildings are kept in repair, and the public grounds neat and clean.

3.—He shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to him by the Board and the several Committees.

4.—He shall report in writing to the Committee on Grounds and Buildings the condition of the property in his charge, with such suggestions as he may desire to make, at each meeting of the Committee.

CHAPTER IX.

OF THE LIBRARY AND THE LIBRARIAN.

1.—The Librarian shall have the care of the Library, under the direction of the Committee on the Library and Apparatus. He shall be responsible for the safe keeping, proper treatment and prompt exhibition of everything hereby committed to his care.

2.—He shall annually report to the Trustees the condition of the Library, including his expenditure for books, binding, and periodicals; the accessions by purchase and by donation; the average daily loans to college students, each term, and such other facts as may seem deserving their attention. He shall also permanently record these reports.

3.—Two-thirds of the existing annual revenue of the Library shall be expended by the Librarian, under the direction of the Faculty. The remaining third of the revenue shall be expended by the Librarian for such books as belong to departments of learning not coming within the province of any professorship, with the approval of the Committee on the Library and Apparatus.

CHAPTER X.

OF THE FACULTY.

1.—The Faculty of the College shall consist of the President, Professors and Tutors, including all of them not specially excepted by the Board.

2.—Professors shall be elected by ballot—and no election shall take place at the sitting of the Board at which the person so to be elected is nominated, although the nomination and election may be at the same meeting.

3.—Tutors shall be appointed by the Faculty, with the approbation of the Board at the next stated meeting following such appointment.

4.—The Faculty shall keep a book of minutes, which book shall be laid before the Board of Trustees at each of their stated meetings, and shall be referred to the Committees on the Curriculum, and Morals and Discipline.

5.—The Faculty shall, before each stated meeting of the Board, elect by ballot, three Professors, two from the Academic department and one from the School of Science, who shall, when requested, attend and present to the Board the views of the Faculty on matters pertaining to the instruction, order and government of the College.

CHAPTER XI.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

1.—The Board, at their stated June meeting, shall appoint, by ballot, the following five Standing Committees, each consisting of eight members, including the President, who shall hold their office for one year, and until others are appointed in their place:

1. A Committee on Finance.
2. A Committee on College Grounds and Buildings.
3. A Committee on the Library and Apparatus.
4. A Committee on the Curriculum.
5. A Committee on Morals and Discipline.

2.—The President of the College shall be, *ex-officio*, a member of each of these Committees.

3.—Of the seven regular members of each of these Committees, at least two shall be laymen, and two shall be clergymen.

4.—Each Committee shall be empowered to elect its own Chairman, and no Trustee, other than the President of the College, shall be a member of more than three of these Committees, and no Trustee shall be Chairman of more than one Standing Committee. If a Trustee be elected as Chairman of more than one, he shall have the privilege of selection.

5.—Each Standing Committee shall meet at least three times a year, and at such other times as they may be directed to meet by the Board, or may be called together by the Chairman; and the Chairman shall always call a meeting of the Committee on the requisition of the President of the College, or of three members of the Board. One week's notice of each meeting shall be given.

6.—Any number, not less than three, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

7.—Each Committee shall report in writing at each stated meeting of the Board, which reports shall be recorded in books provided for the purpose.

8.—The Chairman of each Committee shall be in readiness to report at the opening of the Board.

CHAPTER XII.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

1.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance to supervise the funds and securities of the Corporation.

2.—They shall keep a careful oversight of the investments of the Corporation, and shall report to the Board their judgment as to the investment of the funds, and the changes that should be made.

3.—Should any funds accrue during an *interim* of the Board, they

shall have power to invest the same, making a report of such investment at the next stated meeting.

4.—If at any time during an *interim* of the Board they should deem it essential to the interests of the College that a change of investments be made, they shall have the power to make such change, and they shall always report the fact of such change, and the reason thereof, to the Board at its next stated meeting.

5.—They shall inform themselves whenever any interest upon the securities of the College has failed to be paid, and proceed to collect the same.

6.—They shall, at each stated meeting of the Board, give an estimate of the probable expenses of the College for the ensuing four months, the amount which the Treasurer will control to meet the same, and the sources from which such sum is derivable.

7.—They shall see that no contracts are made for the payment of money, without the money is arranged for beforehand; and no distinct fund shall be borrowed from, for any other use than that for which it is designated, unless by a vote of the Board.

8.—They shall, at least once a year, examine the securities of the Corporation, and report the result of such examination to the Board.

9.—They shall designate in writing to the Treasurer in what Banks or Trust Companies the cash of the Corporation shall be deposited, and in what depository the securities of the same shall be kept.

10.—They shall designate a person to sign the checks of the Corporation with the Treasurer.

11.—Expenditures authorized by any of the Standing Committees shall not be made, if it be certified by the Committee on Finance to the Treasurer that there are no moneys available for the purpose.

12.—They shall appoint an Auditing Committee of three members of the Board, who shall carefully audit the accounts of the Treasurer, verify his statements, and report, upon the same, to the Committee twice in each year, which Report, together with the Treasurer's Report, the Committee shall present to the Board at each stated meeting in November and February.

CHAPTER XIII.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON COLLEGE GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS.

1.—The Committee on College Grounds and Buildings shall have the supervision of the real estate, buildings and furniture, belonging to the College.

2.—They shall, at least once in each year, examine each building.

3.—They shall instruct the Curator of Grounds and Buildings what repairs are necessary, and shall give him such power as they think necessary to enable him to attend to the care and repairs of the buildings, fences, real estate and furniture.

4.—They shall have the supervision and control of the servants of the College, and shall instruct the Curator of Grounds and Buildings as to their number and compensation.

5.—They shall be responsible that the Curator of Grounds and Buildings takes care of all matters in their department, and keeps the fences, drains, walks, offices and furniture in proper condition.

6.—They may authorize the Curator of Grounds and Buildings to act in cases where delay would work an injury.

CHAPTER XIV.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY AND APPARATUS.

1.—The Committee on the Library and Apparatus shall have the supervision of the Library and all the apparatus belonging to the College. They shall have under their supervision the Gymnasium, its management and machinery; the Observatory, its management and instruments.

2.—They shall have the direction of the Library, shall prescribe the times of opening and closing the same, and shall authorize the purchase of books in consistence with the By-Laws relating to the Librarian.

3.—It shall be their duty to see that none of the property under

their charge is lost or needlessly injured ; and they shall hold the Librarian, Professors and Teachers, having charge of the same, to strict accountability in the premises.

4.—The expenses of all new movable property, apparatus, chemicals and furniture, and all repairs of the same, shall be authorized by the Committee, to the extent only of the appropriations made by the Board.

CHAPTER XV.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CURRICULUM.

1.—The Committee on the Curriculum shall have charge of the studies pursued in the College.

2.—They shall assign the duties of the Professors, and the time which shall be allotted to each branch of the studies.

3.—They shall have charge of the studies pursued in the School of Science.

4.—They shall report to the Board what changes may be desirable in both the Academic Department and the School of Science.

5.—They shall receive from the Faculty the names of candidates for Degrees in Course, examine and report to the Board the names of those whom they recommend for such Degrees.

CHAPTER XVI.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON MORALS AND DISCIPLINE.

1.—The Committee on Morals and Discipline shall acquaint themselves thoroughly with the plans for discipline pursued in this and other Colleges, and shall suggest to the Trustees and Faculty such plans as may, in their opinion, be of advantage to the College.

2.—They may be consulted by the Faculty on the best means of managing the discipline of the College and the preservation of the morals of the Institution.

CHAPTER XVII.

OF THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

The Preparatory School, in its different parts, shall be under the supervision of the Standing Committees that supervise similar parts in the Classical and Scientific Departments.

CHAPTER XVIII.

OF HONORARY DEGREES.

1.—Honorary Degrees may be conferred at any stated meeting of the Board by ballot.

2.—The Degrees of LL.D., D.D., D.S., and Ph.D., shall not be conferred at the stated meeting at which the nomination of the candidate is made, save by the unanimous vote of all the members present ; at the following stated meeting, however, such Degrees may be conferred by a majority vote of the members present.

3.—The Clerk shall keep, *in retentis*, a list of nominations for Honorary Degrees that lie over, with the date of the nomination, and the name of the person making the nomination. The names of persons who are not acted upon within one year after their nomination, shall be dropped from the Clerk's list.

CHAPTER XIX.

OF THE ORDER OF MEETINGS.

1.—A printed docket shall be placed before the Board by the Clerk at each stated meeting. The general schedule shall be as follows :

1. Organization with Prayer.
2. Reading of the Clerk's Certificate.
3. Reading, correction and approval of Minutes.
4. Clerk's Report.

5. President's Report.
6. Presentation and reference of Faculty Minutes and Librarian's Report.
7. Reports of Committees.
 - (1.) Finance.
 - (2.) College Grounds and Buildings.
 - (3.) Library and Apparatus.
 - (4.) The Curriculum.
 - (5.) Morals and Discipline.
 - (6.) Special Committees.
8. Reports on Fellowships and Prizes.
9. Consideration of Degrees in Course.
10. Nomination and consideration of Honorary Degrees.
11. Special reports of the Standing Committees on the President's Report.
12. Special reports of the Standing Committees on the Minutes of the Faculty.

2.—Other matters may be placed upon the docket as they arise, or by special order of the Board.

3.—The order of business prescribed in the docket shall not be departed from, unless by a vote of the Board upon motion.

4.—Whenever a matter requiring the action of a committee shall arise, it shall be referred to the Standing Committee having charge of the subject, unless by special order of the Board.

5.—Committees shall, in all cases, report to the Board in writing. Should a Standing Committee fail thus to report, such failure shall be entered in the record book of the Committee, with the reasons thereof.

6.—Those entrusted with the giving of fellowships and prizes, shall report to the Board on the first day of the meeting, except in cases where the competition takes place during the session of the Board.

CHAPTER XX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1.—No resolution shall be considered by the Board, unless it be first put in writing and delivered to the Clerk.

2.—No change in these By-Laws shall be made, save by a two-thirds vote at the stated meeting at which the proposed change is made, or by a majority vote of the members present at a stated meeting, subsequent to a meeting at which notice of proposal to change such By-Law shall have been given; and no change shall be made in Chap. XVIII., Art. 2, at a meeting at which a change is proposed, save by a unanimous vote of all the members present.

3.—All resolutions of the Board, inconsistent with these By-Laws, are hereby repealed.

4.—The actual traveling expenses of Trustees attending meetings of the Board and Committees, shall be refunded to them on application to the Treasurer.

5.—All proceedings of the Board, the debates, and every part of the business transacted at its meetings, shall be considered as confidential, and shall not be divulged, except officially or when permitted by the Board, during the sessions of the Board.

6.—The Commencement Arrangements shall be under the direction of a Committee of the Board of Trustees, who shall be authorized to add to their number from the Faculty or otherwise.

RULES OF ORDER.

- 1.—The Presiding Officer shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Board stands adjourned; and shall immediately call the members to order; and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall open the session with prayer.
- 2.—The business shall be taken up and disposed of in the order prescribed in the By-Laws.
- 3.—The Presiding Officer may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from the seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal to the Board by any two members.
- 4.—If the Presiding Officer desires to discuss any question he shall leave the chair for the purpose, and call the senior member of the Board present, to take the chair.
- 5.—When a vote is taken by ballot, the Presiding Officer shall vote with the other members; but he shall not vote in any other case, unless the Board be equally divided; when, if he do not choose to vote, the question shall be lost.
- 6.—A motion made must be seconded, and afterwards repeated by the Presiding Officer or read aloud before it is debated.
- 7.—Any member who shall have made a motion, shall have liberty to withdraw it, with the consent of his second, before any debate has taken place thereon; but not afterwards, without the leave of the Board.
- 8.—If a motion under debate contains several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.
- 9.—When various motions are made, with respect to the filling of blanks with particular numbers or times, the questions shall always be first taken on the highest number and the longest time.

10.—Motions to lay on the table, to take up business, to adjourn, and the call for the previous question, shall be put without debate. On questions of order, postponement, or commitment, no member shall speak more than once; on all other questions each member may speak twice, but not oftener without express leave of the Board.

11.—When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are herein arranged; and the motion of adjournment shall always be in order.

12.—An amendment, and also an amendment to an amendment, may be moved on any motion; but a motion to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be in order. Action on amendments shall precede action on the original motion.

13.—A distinction shall be observed between a motion to lay on the table *for the present*, and a motion to lay on the table *unconditionally*, viz.: A motion to lay on the table *for the present* shall be taken without debate; and, if carried in the affirmative, the effect shall be to place the subject on the docket, and it may be taken up and considered at any subsequent time. But a motion to lay on the table *unconditionally*, shall be taken without debate; and, if carried in the affirmative, it shall not be in order to take up the subject during the same meeting of the Board, without a vote of reconsideration.

14.—The previous question shall be put in this form, namely: Shall the main question be now put? It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present, and the effect shall be to put an end to all debate and bring the body to a direct vote; first, on a consideration to commit the subject under consideration (if such motion shall have been made); secondly, if the motion for commitment does not prevail on pending amendments; and, lastly, on the main question.

15.—A question shall not be again called up or considered at the same meeting of the Board at which it has been decided, unless by consent of two-thirds of the members who were present at the decision, and unless the motion to re-consider be made, and seconded by persons who voted with the majority.

16.—When the Presiding Officer has commenced taking the vote, no

further debate or remarks shall be admitted, unless there has evidently been a mistake, in which case the mistake shall be rectified and the Presiding Officer shall recommence taking the vote.

17.—The *yeyes* and *nays* on any question shall not be recorded unless required by one-third of the members present.

18.—No member, in the course of the debate, shall be allowed to indulge in personal reflections.

19.—If more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the member who is most distant from the Presiding Officer's chair shall speak first.

20.—When more than three members of the Board shall be standing at the same time, the Presiding Officer may require all to take their seats, the person only excepted who may be speaking.

21.—Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the Presiding Officer; and shall treat his fellow members, and especially the Presiding Officer, with decorum and respect.

22.—No speaker shall be interrupted, unless he be out of order; or for the purpose of correcting mistakes, or misrepresentations.

23.—Without express permission, no member of the Board, while business is going on, shall engage in private conversation.

24.—Members shall attend closely, in their speeches, to the subject under consideration; and when they deviate from the subject, it shall be the privilege of any member, and the duty of the Presiding Officer, to call them to order.

25.—If any member act in any respect in a disorderly manner, it shall be the privilege of any member, and the duty of the Presiding Officer, to call him to order.

26.—If any member consider himself aggrieved by a decision of the Presiding Officer, it shall be his privilege to appeal to the Board, and the question on the appeal shall be taken without debate.

27.—Any member shall have the right to have his dissent from, or protest against, any action of the Board, with the reasons therefor, if couched in respectful language, recorded in the minutes.