

# Courthouse Board Ordinance

This Ordinance States:

*Effective October 2015*

The Villoux Server System offers the establishment of courthouse boards to serve as a means for groups of users to collaboratively achieve goals. The Villoux Chief of Staff shall establish boards as needed and remove them once their goal has been met. Users whom wish to form boards not requested by the Chief of Staff must convince the Chief of Staff of their proposed board's merits and receive the Chief of Staff's approval.

Dr. Baskerville Clause

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Boards will be administrated by a singular president. The presidents of boards should not necessarily be the highest-ranking user on the board but should be a user of highly regarded within Villoux, a user familiar with the board's dilemmas and ambitions, and a user with the leadership and negotiating capability to maintain order and progress on the board. It is the president's duty to present the board's agenda, maintain decorum, and moderate conversation. The Villoux Chief of Staff appoints the president of each board but may request the board's members vote to elect a president from amongst themselves instead.

The second highest position on the board is the position of vice president. The vice presidents of boards should respectfully provide opposition to the president of the board by arguing the president's points thereby providing multiple views for each scenario. The vice president becomes acting president for a board meeting in the absence of the president but does not ascertain any administrative privileges associated with the board's presidency. The vice president also becomes the acting president of the board should the board's president resign or be impeached. The Villoux Chief of Staff appoints the vice presidents of each board upon the recommendation of the boards' respective president.

Each board must have a minimum of three users but can host as many additional members as desired. Members of boards should have certain credentials warranting their position, such as

experience, involvement, knowledge, historical context, or interest. The Villoux Chief of Staff appoints the members of each board upon the recommendation of the boards' respective president.

Boards may also employ the use of advisors. Advisors provide insight into specific situations on which the board requires guidance. Advisors are not required to attend each meeting but must attend the ones in which they are requested. The attendance of advisor in meetings wherein they are not specifically needed is at the discretion of the president of the board. The Villoux Chief of Staff appoints the advisors of each board upon the recommendation of the boards' respective president.

Presidents may permit users whom potentially wish to join the board the ability to attend a board meeting as an "Applicant". Applicants generally function in the same respect as board members but should be notably more reserved in an effort to silently observe how the board operates. Presidents will recommend the Villoux Chief of Staff name any applicants whom impressed them to serve as board members.

#### Jdaca Clause

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All board meetings will be hosted in the Courthouse voice channel on Villoux's Discord Server. It is the responsibility of each board's president to ensure a system staff member with the capability of moving the board members into the Courthouse voice channel is present to do so at the respective board's meeting time.

Board meetings are called to order by the president of the board declaring: "Order, order! I the <system position> <username> do hereby call the <board's name> to order. We will open this meeting with a rollcall. Please say 'present' when your name is called." The president will then proceed to state the system position and username of each member of the board followed by the system position and username of the vice president, e.g. "the Villoux Chief of Staff, Dr. Baskerville". Members will respond with "present" when their username is called. Advisors and applicants are not called during rollcall, but the president will make note of any advisors and applicants present after rollcall has concluded.

The president will then introduce the topics of conversation for the board's meeting. The president will note any time restrictions on topics should the president have chosen to enforce said restrictions. The president then begins conversation of the first topic and welcomes members to raise points as they see fit and continue this process for all other topics.

The president will conclude the meeting after all topics have been addressed and open the floor to any final questions, comments, or concerns. The president will adjourn the meeting after final conversation by declaring: "I, the <system position> <username>, do hereby adjourn this meeting of the <board's name>. Please return to your appropriate channels." The president's final duty is ensuring all members leave the Courthouse voice channel.

#### IronRain Clause

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The president and the vice president of each board maintain the right to call a vote on the board. Whether or not the vote is binding is at the discretion of the president. The president, the vice president, and each member of the board have one vote each. No user on the board may be granted more than one vote nor denied if they serve as president, vice president, or member. Advisors and applicants are not granted a vote, but may attempt to influence the board's vote during deliberation. Votes will be submitted to the president of the board via direct message on Discord.

Voting options are as follows:

*In Favor* - the voter supports the proposed item

*Opposed* - the voter opposes the proposed item

*Abstained* - the voter cannot make a decision regarding the proposed item

*Non-Voting* - the user serving on the board is ineligible to cast a vote, e.g. advisors and applicants

*Absent* - the voter is not present during the time of the vote

MENGES Clause

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The roster of each board will be available on Villoux’s website on the “Courthouse Boards” page. Rosters will list the board’s president, followed by the vice president, followed by each member, followed by each advisor and the system position of each of the aforementioned, e.g. “President - Dr. Baskerville, Villoux Chief of Staff”. Members and advisors will be listed in order of precedence of their respective system positions. Multiple users holding the same position will be listed alphabetically.

Peekatchu Clause

*Effective June 2019*

It should be noted the Board of Executives branch of the Villoux Grand Council is not considered a Courthouse board and advisors on boards are not considered Baskerville Advisors nor vice versa.