

**CODE CHANGES 2020:
ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY AMENDMENT**

TO: Council
FROM: Ethics & Accountability Committee
April 2021

Amendment to introduce allow for adding a member if someone recuses themselves.

Additions are indicated by ***bold italics***. Deletions are indicated by striking through (~~like this~~).

SECTION V: COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Article 16. Ethics and Accountability Committee

1. The Ethics and Accountability Committee shall be composed of:
 - (a) the Speaker of Council, who shall be Chair;
 - (b) the non-Executive Chairs of the Standing Committees; and
 - (c) the Ombudsperson, who shall be non-voting.

2. If the number of non-Executive Chairs is less than four (4), Council shall appoint ~~two (2)~~ additional non-Executive Councillors to the Committee so that the total number of seats on the Committee, ***not including the Speaker and the Ombudsperson***, is at least ***four (4)*** ~~five (5)~~.

3. Procedures
 - (a) The Ethics and Accountability Committee shall review issues referred to it by Council in accordance with Section II, Article 22.

 - (b) The Committee shall set its own procedures, but it shall ensure that it hears arguments both for and against the allegations brought before it, and shall ensure that the Council member or members against whom the allegations have been made shall have an opportunity to defend themselves.

 - (c) If a member of the Ethics and Accountability Committee is a party against whom the allegations have been made, they shall recuse themselves and not take part in the Committee's decision-making. ***In such a situation, Council may appoint additional non-Executive Councillors to the Committee for that case so that the total number of Committee members able to take part in the case, in addition to the Speaker and the Ombudsperson, is at least four (4).***