

## Additional Procedural Rules of the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission

Rule 11. Amendments to the recommendations of the Secretary of Defense in Final Deliberations. When the Commission meets to deliberate and vote on any action that would amend the recommendations of the Secretary of Defense, the Commission shall proceed by motion, seconded, and vote. All such motions shall be offered in writing. In the event of a conflict between the written text of the motion and the oral description of that motion, the text of the written motion shall control. A Commissioner may withdraw a motion that he or she offered at any point prior to the Commission's vote on the motion. A motion that is defeated may be reconsidered by the Commission by a vote of the majority of the Commissioners then serving.

Rule 12. The Chairman shall define a general format for substantive motions that would amend the recommendations of the Secretary of Defense. The format for such motions shall include the proposed amendment and the associated findings required by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act. Each Commissioner shall provide any amendments that he or she intends to offer to the Commission Office of General Counsel as far in advance as possible to the final deliberations, but in no case later than 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Monday, August 22, 2005. The Office of General Counsel shall ensure that each motion to amend conforms to the format defined by the Chairman. The Office of General Counsel shall take appropriate measures to ensure the confidentiality of the motions as predecisional matters until such time as the motion is offered before the Commission. By a vote of the majority of the Commissioners then serving, a Commissioner may offer a motion that was not previously filed with the Office of General Counsel in accordance with the timeframe established by this rule.

Rule 13. In addition to the powers enumerated in Rule 8, the Chairman shall have the authority to table any substantive motion at any time prior to the vote of the Commission. Any motion tabled by the Chairman, if not sooner withdrawn by the Commissioner who offered the motion, must be put to a vote before the closure of final deliberations.

Rule 14. All adopted motions, both as to findings and recommendations, are subject to further revision by later motions approved by the consent of a majority of Commissioners prior to the completion of final deliberations on or about August 27, 2005. The Commission Staff are authorized to make non-substantive technical, grammatical and administrative corrections to the proceedings of the Commission, subject to the approval of the Chairman.

Rule 15. All Commissioners present for deliberations shall vote on all procedural motions. A Commissioner who is present may abstain from voting on an action that would amend the recommendations of the Secretary of Defense only on the basis of a recusal.

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**Discussion of Additional Procedural Rules**

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Additional Procedural Rules of the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, Rules 11 through 14, are designed to provide a general procedural framework for the final deliberations. The salient points are:

- amendments to the Secretary's recommendations, and to the further realignments or closures placed under consideration by the Commission on July 19 will be made by motion, seconded, and vote
- amendments shall be in writing, and the written text controls
- amendments, if offered, may be withdrawn by the proponent
- defeated amendments may be reconsidered with the consent of the majority
- adopted motions may be reconsidered and revised by a new amendment with the consent of the majority
- amendments shall be filed with OGC not later than 6 p.m. EST August 22
- after the filing deadline for amendments, new amendments may be introduced only with the consent of the majority
- the Chairman may table a motion to amend at any time prior to vote
- tabled amendments must be considered before the close of final deliberations on or about August 27, unless withdrawn