

"For the Good of the Order"

Under Robert's Rules of Orders, Newly Revised (RONR)

- The term "For the Good of the Order", refers to that portion of the agenda or meeting during which members may make statements, offer informal comments or observations about the work of the Board without having any particular item of business before the meeting on the agenda.
- It allows specific suggestions, constructive criticism and attempts in good faith to rectify wrongs. Any ideas for new business that comes up in this segment may be brought up at a future meetings as ~~Action Items~~ ^{AGENDA OR} ~~Action Items~~. This normally occurs without motions unless an item of urgency arises, whereby it may be presented as a main motion in that segment.

The difference between "New Business" and "Good of the Order"

- "New business" allows generally any new question (motion). "Good of the order" is a more Open Forum allows for Board members to share information about related events or perhaps business for the remainder of a meeting.

Positioning Within the Agenda

- Normally organized in the Agenda beneath "Old/New Business" as "Comments for the Good of the Order" [as below]. Chair simply states, "Is there anything for the Good of the Order"?

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of the Agenda

IV. Approval of the Minutes

V. Reports

1. Energy

2. Bike/Pedestrian

3. Sustainability

4. Leaf Blower

5. Waste Diversion Report

VI. Programs and/or Discussion Items

VII. Citizen Comments

VIII. Old Business/Unfinished Business

IX. New Business

X. Comments for the Good of the Order

.I. Announcements

XII. Adjournment

[No tabled, postponed, referred, defeated or otherwise disposed of motion acted on by the Board can be reintroduced under good of the order]

"Programs"

- Any presentation, offering of general of interest to members, whether film, guest speaker, lecturer, or any other program, should be presented before the meeting is adjourned. It may be scheduled to take place at any place in the agenda, before the minutes are read or, by suspending the rules, inserted within the standard order of business.
- Guest speakers are often on tight schedules, so it's quite proper for the chair to ask for unanimous consent to place the program at any convenient place on the agenda, even if the only convenient place is within the order of business.

"Disclosure":

As usual, these items may be coming before the Board for official action and there can be no response from, or interaction related to this communication and/or these documents among the Board members prior to today's meeting".