

Albuquerque Model City Council Curriculum

PRACTICING PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE ROLES TO PLAY

Make sure that students only see the description for their role. This exercise will be more fun and true to life if they don't know what the other people are going to say.

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PRESIDENT SHORT:

- Your main job is to make sure the meeting runs smoothly.
- First, you call the meeting to order, saying, "The meeting of the Advisory Committee will come to order."
 - Call the names of the Committee members: Councilor Knight, Councilor Day, Councilor Summer, Councilor Winter, Councilor Tall and acknowledge them one by one.
 - You say, "Thank you councilors for being here. I also want to thank the members of the public who have taken time out of their busy schedules to attend this meeting."
 - You say, "Today we will be considering five bills which name streets in Albuquerque for famous New Mexicans. Councilor Knight, you have the floor."
 - Councilor Knight should move that the City name a street in the South Valley for Dennis Chavez. You ask, "Is there a second?" Someone should second it.
 - Say, "It is moved and seconded that we name a street in the South Valley for Dennis Chavez. Councilor Knight, please lead off the discussion."
 - Call on councilors as they raise their hand and ask to speak.
 - As the councilors debate, any time a motion is made, it is your job to ask if anyone would like to second the motion. If no one seconds the motion, it cannot be considered. (Points of Order do not require seconds.)
 - If a motion is seconded, you say, "It is moved and seconded that we..." and then restate the motion.
 - When discussion has ended say, "As you know, anyone can express their point of view before the Council. If you'd like to speak about naming a street in the South Valley for Dennis Chavez, please give your name to the Council Staff (our teacher) and your name will be placed on a speaker list. You will be allowed to speak for two minutes."

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- Allow time for anyone to give their name to council staff, and then for staff to give the names to you. Read the names and allow each person to speak for two minutes.
- You say, “Thank you members of the public. Councilor Knight, would you like to say some final words about your motion?”
- When Councilor Knight is finished, say, “The question is on the adoption of the motion that the City of Albuquerque name a street in the South Valley for Dennis Chavez. As many as are in favor, say ‘Aye’. (Pause for response.) Those opposed, say ‘Nay’. (Pause for response.) Those abstained please say ‘Aye’.” (If a motion ends in a tie vote, the motion loses.)
- Announce the result of the vote: “The ayes have it, the motion carries, and a street in the South Valley will be named for Dennis Chavez.” or “The nays have it and the motion fails.”

Repeat this process for each of the other four bills.

The bills and sponsors are:

- a. Councilor Knight - ST-17-1 Dennis Chavez Boulevard
- b. Councilor Day - ST-17-2 Notah Begay III Avenue
- c. Councilor Summer -ST-17-3 Georgia O’Keeffe Place
- d. Councilor Winter - ST-17-4 Tony Hillerman Avenue
- e. Councilor Tall - ST-17-5 Amanda Tall Street

When there is a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it receives a second, you must take a vote and announce that the meeting is over.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KNIGHT:

You have introduced Bill ST-17-1 to name a street in the South Valley for Dennis Chavez. You speak in support of this bill. You may like or dislike any of the other bills.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DAY:

You have introduced Bill ST-17-2 to name a street in the Northeast Heights for Notah Begay III. You speak in support of this bill. You may like or dislike any of the other bills.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SUMMER:

You have introduced Bill ST-17-3 to name a street in Old Town for Georgia O’Keeffe. You speak in support of this bill. You may like or dislike any of the other ordinances.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WINTER:

You have introduced Bill ST-17-4 to name a street on the West Side for Tony Hillerman. You speak in support of this bill. You may like or dislike any of the other ordinances.

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COUNCIL MEMBER TALL:

You have introduced Bill ST-17-4 to name a street in the Southeast Heights for your grandmother, Amanda Tall. You speak in support of this bill. You may like or dislike any of the other ordinances.