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February 3, 2025

ORDERED to be referred to the Communications and Community Relations Subcommittee.

WHEREAS: The School Committee represents the people of Cambridge and its proceedings should be as accessible to the public as possible, to provide stakeholders with the information they need; and

WHEREAS: It is incumbent upon the School Committee to conduct its business with as much accessibility and efficiency as possible and to provide a welcoming atmosphere to community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS: Excessive formality in School Committee meetings can serve as a barrier both to the public understanding and to efficiency in its proceedings; and

WHEREAS: The School Committee wishes to maintain decorum and civility while promoting an atmosphere of collaboration, cooperation, and accessibility; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee amend Rule 4.3 by eliminating (f), "Promote a formal atmosphere, with members referring to other members in the third person, and speaking to each other and to members of the public through the Chair."

Motion: #26-018

cc:

Member Jaikumar
Member Hudson
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