

23. No member is permitted to speak or occupy the time of the meeting for over fifteen minutes on any motion before the chair, nor for over five minutes on any amendment thereto, nor is he permitted to speak more than once on each motion or amendment thereto, without the sanction of the majority of the members present at such meeting.

24. At meetings of the Board or Council the chairman has a double or casting vote in case of a tie.

25. It is the duty of the President or presiding officer at any meeting, to regulate the order thereof when not provided for in the by-laws, to receive and put motions and communicate to the meeting what he thinks concerns the mercantile interests. Appeals may be made from the decision of the chair to the members present. The President, or in his absence a Vice-President, with the Secretary signs all papers and documents requiring signature or execution on behalf of the Board.

26. The Treasurer has charge of all monies belonging to the Board, and collects, or causes to be collected, all amounts due to it. He pays all accounts approved by the Council and keeps a regular account of the revenue and expenditure of the Board, which is laid on the table at the annual meeting and at any other time that he may be required so to do. He deposits the funds of the Board in one of the Banks in this city, balances the books once a month and exhibits them, when required, at the meetings of the Council.

27. The Council conducts all the business of the Board, reporting its proceedings at each ordinary general meeting. It has the control and administration of the properties, moveable and immovable, which the Board holds or may hereafter acquire, and it is empowered to execute all deeds and do all things necessary to the acquirement, administration and alienation of the said properties, with the exception that in every case of the purchase or sale of real estate it must be specially authorised by resolution of the Board.