

## 8.4 Voting Method

This methodology is only for official proposal votes and applies to all Standing Committees, Senior Task Forces, and Subcommittees that report to the Senior Standing Committees (but not straw polling that may be used as described in the Facilitation Tool Box included in Appendix IV).

The matrix in Appendix III provides a consolidated view of the decision-making and voting methods at the various levels in the stakeholder process:

- any Member, be they a Voting Member or an affiliate Member, may vote;
- all proposals sponsored by a Voting Member or affiliate Member that are requested to be voted, are voted;
- proposals, posted or not, brought up for vote during a meeting, shall be moved and seconded by a Voting Member or affiliate Member;
- each Member gets one vote per proposal;
- there will be no main motions forwarded to the MRC. one representative of a company at the meeting may vote for all of its affiliated Members;
- an authorized agent may vote for multiple Members:
- Votes shall be taken in the following manner:
  - Votes on each proposed alternative – each Member may vote yes, no, abstain, or decline to vote on each proposed alternative,
  - For voting on CBIR developed package options, the first vote to be taken is to determine if any proposed alternatives are preferred to the existing rules or processes. If yes, individual votes will be taken on stakeholder preferences on all developed option solution packages. All solution packages receiving greater than 50%, shall be forward to the parent committee for deliberation and voting.
  - Voting results shall not be revealed until votes on all solution option packages are completed,
  - If a simple majority does not prefer any of the proposed alternatives over the existing rules or process, the chair shall lead a discussion to determine whether to continue working on additional proposed alternatives or to suspend task force discussions on the issue and report to its parent committee that no developed alternatives were considered an improvement to the existing rules or processes. The parent committee may take action on the results of the report including termination of discussions, returning the issue to the task force for further work, or entertain motions from stakeholders.

## Voting at the MRC

- Any proposal brought to the MRC from a subordinate Standing Committee, Subcommittee, or Senior Task Force must be moved and seconded by Voting Members to receive a vote.
- Proposals exceeding the required >50% approval threshold from the subordinate Standing Committee, Subcommittee, or Senior Task Force shall be timely posted to the MRC agenda and noticed for voting.
- Proposals shall be voted in order from highest preference to lowest, provided that each of the proposals are appropriately and individually moved and seconded.
  - To preserve the above-stated priority of voting, the Voting Member moving the proposal must provide written notice to the Secretary of the MRC no later than *three* full business days prior to publication of the MRC's agenda.
- Any amendments to the subordinate groups proposals, including friendly amendments to proposals developed subsequent to voting on at the subordinate Standing Committee, Subcommittee, or Senior Task Force, may only be considered after the MRC is given the opportunity to vote on the proposals voted upon at the subordinate Standing Committee, Subcommittee, or Senior Task Force.
- Discussion of and requests for alternate proposals, including proposals voted upon at the subordinate Standing Committee, Subcommittee, or Senior Task Force but not meeting the above-stated notice requirements or approval thresholds, may be requested after voting upon the proposals considered at the subordinate Standing Committee, Subcommittee, or Senior Task Force.
- PJM utilizes a truncated form of voting at the MRC, such that the first proposal to satisfy the 2/3 sector weighted voting outcome shall be deemed approved by stakeholders and shall complete the agenda item discussion on the topic and end the voting process.