

Consent Agenda

When preparing the meeting agenda, the Council Chair in consultation with the Council Vice-Chairs determines whether an item belongs on the consent agenda. All items that are subject to a different voting threshold than a simple majority vote (see ICANN Bylaws, Article X, section 3-9) or are subject to absentee voting (see section 4.4. of the GNSO Operating Procedures) are not eligible for inclusion in the consent agenda. A numbered list of consent items is included as part of the meeting agenda. The list and supporting documents are included in the Council agenda in sufficient time to be read by all Council members prior to the meeting in accordance with section 3.3 – Notice of Meetings of the GNSO Operating Procedures.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Chair asks members what items they wish to have removed from the consent agenda and discussed individually. If any Council member requests that an item be removed from the consent agenda, it must be removed. Council members may request that an item be removed for any reason. They may wish, for example, to discuss the item, to query the item, or to register a vote against the item. If an item is removed from the consent agenda, it is added to the meeting agenda for that meeting, unless the Council Chair in consultation with the Council Vice-Chairs determines differently.

When there are no more items to be removed, the Chair reads out the number of the remaining consent items. Then the Chair calls for a vote.

When preparing the minutes, the full text of (or links to) the resolutions, reports or recommendations that were adopted as part of the consent agenda are included. In addition the minutes should include a statement regarding the composition/threshold that approved the consent agenda.