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Outline of the Procedure to Adopt or Amend Minutes

- 1. Chair announces approval of minutes as the next item of business.
- 2. Secretary reads the minutes (if not distributed in advance).
- 3. Chair asks for corrections to the minutes.
 - Members suggest corrections, if any.
 - Chair handles corrections (no vote is appropriate unless there's disagreement).
- 4. Chair declares (no vote) the minutes approved as corrected (or as presented, if no corrections).

Script Example

1. Chair / Presiding Officer:

"The next item of business is the approval of the minutes from our last meeting [include if accurate:] that were circulated in advance."

If minutes were previously distributed, Chair can skip to #3 and proceed.

If the minutes were not distributed in advance:

"Will the secretary please read the minutes?"

- 2. Secretary reads minutes aloud.
- 3. Chair:

"Are there any corrections to the minutes?" (pause)

(Members offer corrections, if any.)

4. Chair (no corrections):

"Since there are no corrections, the minutes are approved."

Or with corrections, the Chair recognizes the member, they state the correction. Chair writes down corrections, verify Secretary has the same language.

Repeat #3 until no further corrections are offered.

"Since there are no further corrections, the minutes will be approved as corrected."

Chair: The next item of business is ...