

*Hospitals and Charitable Institutions.*

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as the Board or, in the case of a first election, as the Governor appoints, at which meeting the members present shall elect a Chairman, who shall hold office until the election of his successor, but shall be eligible for re-election.

(2.) If from any cause a Chairman is not elected at any such meeting, the Governor shall appoint some member of the Committee to be Chairman.

(3.) If the Chairman from any cause ceases to be a member of the Committee or resigns his office of Chairman, the Committee shall, as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, elect another of its members to be Chairman in his stead.

15. (1.) If a member of the Board or of the Committee dies, or resigns by writing under his hand addressed to the Secretary of the Board, or becomes bankrupt or of unsound mind, or is convicted of any crime, or is absent without leave from four consecutive ordinary meetings of the Board or Committee, or holds any office or place of profit under or in the gift of the Board, or is concerned or participates (other than as a member of an incorporated company in which there are not less than seven members) in any contract with or work to be done for the Board, his office shall become vacant. Extraordinary vacancies.

(2.) Such vacancy shall be filled by the election of a new member in the manner prescribed by "The Local Elections Act, 1904."

(3.) The member so elected shall hold office only for so long as his predecessor would have held it.

*Proceedings of the Board.*

16. (1.) On the third Wednesday in May in every year the Board shall hold its annual meeting, and the members present at such meeting shall elect one of their number to be Chairman of the Board for the ensuing twelve months. Annual meeting.

(2.) If the Chairman is absent from any meeting, the members present shall choose one of their number to preside in his stead at that meeting, and such presiding member shall have the same power at that meeting as the Chairman. Chairman.

(3.) The Chairman shall have a deliberative vote, and in case the votes are equal shall have a casting-vote also.

(4.) If the Chairman from any cause ceases to be a member of the Board, or resigns the office of Chairman, the Board shall, as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, elect another member of the Board to be Chairman in his stead.

17. (1.) Every question before the Board shall be decided by the votes of the majority of members present: Voting.

Provided that no business shall be transacted at any meeting unless at least a quorum is present thereat.

(2.) A quorum shall consist of half the number of members when that number is even, and of a majority when such number is odd. Quorum.

*Functions of the Board.*

18 The Board shall have the general superintendence and control of every institution within its district wholly or partly main- Board to have control of institutions.