



Statutes of the Migration and Integration Advisory Board (MIB) of the City of Linz



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Preamble:

The statutes of the Migration and Integration Advisory Board (MIB) of the City of Linz contain the tasks and objectives of the advisory board as well as the organizational framework. The advisory board sees itself as a local political body to articulate matters of integration and migration and to discuss them with members of all municipal council factions.

Integration is a cross-sectional task in which all departments of the members of the City Senate and social groups of the City of Linz participate.

Interdepartmental cooperation on integration and migration issues is to be intensified.

The social groups - associations, NGOs, institutions, experts, stakeholders active in the field of integration - will be more involved in the practical implementation of integration and migration policy than before.

I. Purpose, tasks and objectives of the MIB

1. The formation of the MIB in the city of Linz is done in the interest of good human relations between the Austrian population and the foreign population living in the city of Linz or fellow citizens with a migrant background, as well as in the interest of the participation of migrants at the municipal level.
2. The MIB has the fundamental task of facilitating integration within the framework of the legal foundations and advising political decision-makers in this regard. It therefore also serves to involve migrants in the municipal decision-making processes of the city of Linz. It articulates the interests of foreign residents and people with a migrant background in Linz to the municipal bodies (namely the municipal council, its committees and the city senate) as well as to the mayor and the magistrate of the state capital Linz. The Advisory Board informs and advises these bodies/committees in all matters concerning foreign citizens and migrants in Linz, namely through suggestions, recommendations and statements.
3. The MIB **also aims, among other things, to** develop cultural and social events in the sense of joint participation of foreign or migrant fellow citizens and Austrian citizens in Linz and to advise on proposals.

II. General rights and obligations of the MIB

1. The MIB shall decide autonomously on the performance of its areas of responsibility in accordance with these Articles of Association.
2. In the sense of the objectives according to I./2., the members of the MIB are entitled to work towards the inclusion of experts appointed by the MIB in the meetings of the Municipal Council, the committees of the Municipal Council and the City Senate on matters concerning foreign residents and migrants in Linz. According to the rules of procedure, these competent persons can be granted an advisory function in the aforementioned meetings.
3. The MIB has the right to submit inquiries concerning its own sphere of activity to the municipal body responsible for integration matters according to the departmental division for the City Senate.
4. The MIB has the duty to advise the Municipal Council, the Municipal Committees as well as the Municipal Senate in matters in which migrants are particularly affected, in particular on the basis of their nationality or origin, or for social, cultural or other reasons, in accordance with the provisions of points I. and II./2. In order to ensure the fulfillment of the tasks of the MIB, it is incumbent upon the individual members, with the Integration Office of the Municipality of Linz, to

to seek agreement that the MIB is informed about all activities planned by the Provincial Capital of Linz with a "migrant connection".

5. In order to guarantee the tasks and rights of the MIB, the chairperson of the MIB or, if he/she is prevented from doing so, the deputy chairperson, can exert influence on the respective parliamentary group chairpersons or their deputies to ensure that they inspect the documents available at the Magistrate for dealing with matters pursuant to II./4. of the statutes of the MIB and that the person inspecting them provides information on them; this thus concerns matters with "migrant relevance" which are to be dealt with in the Municipal Council or its committees as well as in the City Senate and which appear as agenda items on the respective invitation for the next meeting. This applies only insofar as the provisions of official secrecy are not violated.
6. The MIB has the right to submit opinions to the mayor. The opinions are generally prepared in a working session. The chairperson is authorized to issue these opinions in agreement with the board. The content of the opinions may be dealt with on the basis of the legal framework. The result of this treatment or any resulting decisions will be communicated to the MIB by the Integration Office in compliance with any confidentiality and data protection obligations.

III. Appointment, composition, term of office and rules of procedure of the MIB

1. In accordance with the municipal council resolution of 18.9.2008, the MIB is composed of a variable number of voting members, but no more than 21, and a variable, unlimited number of members with an advisory vote.
2. The associations registered with the Association Police in Linz, which have a connection to migration and integration issues and can prove at least three years of association activity, have the right to nominate one representative or one substitute representative for appointment to the MIB.
3. On the basis of the available nominations, the Integration Office of the Municipality has to work out a proposal for the composition of the MIB that is as balanced as possible, taking into account the number of members of the different ethnic groups and the gender aspect. From among these persons, the Mayor of the Provincial Capital Linz then appoints the voting members of the MIB and their substitute members for the duration of the term of office.

4. The parties represented in the Municipal Council of the Provincial Capital of Linz are each entitled to send one representative to the MIB as a member with an **advisory vote** for the duration of the term of office.

The MIB meets in the form of preparatory working sessions and main sessions. Resolutions are passed in the main meetings. The advisory members are to be invited to these meetings.

5. In addition to these voting and advisory members, the MIB may at any time call in **experts, representatives of NGOs or other interest groups in an advisory capacity**.
6. The term of office of the MIB shall be six years from its constitution. At the latest three months before the end of the term of office, the clubs entitled to nominate shall be invited by publication in a suitable form to make use of their right of nomination.
7. The Membership in MIB ends prematurely for the voting members of the advisory board
 - a. with the voluntary withdrawal of membership (=resignation);
 - b. with the dismissal by the organization entitled to nominate;
 - c. with death;
 - d. with the dismissal by at least half of the members of the MIB after secretly voted down motion;
 - e. with the justified dismissal by the mayor.

As reasons for the premature end in the MIB for members with advisory vote the lit d and e are not considered.

8. If a voting member leaves the MIB before the end of the six-year term of office, the Mayor of the Provincial Capital Linz shall appoint a new voting member. In this case, the procedure set forth in items 2 and 3 shall apply mutatis mutandis. If a member with an advisory vote resigns, the delegating party shall be entitled to nominate a successor without delay.
9. The constituent meeting of the MIB shall be convened by the Mayor of the Provincial Capital Linz.

The MIB shall draw up its own rules of procedure - with the support of the Integration Office - which shall be approved by the mayor. In these **rules of procedure** of the MIB, the organs (chairperson, working groups, deputies), the course of business (convening and procedure of meetings, correspondence, minutes, etc.) and the resolution requirements (attendance and voting quorums, etc.) are to be regulated in any case.

IV. Coordination office of the MIB

1. The MIB is supported by the Integration Office of the Magistrate as a coordinating body. The ongoing business (making suggestions, recommendations and statements) is basically conducted by the Integration Office.
2. According to the resources available, the Integration Office ensures the proper conduct of the MIB's business in administrative matters, in particular through coordination activities between political bodies and the MIB. The expenses required for the activities of the MIB shall be borne by the Integration Office in accordance with the resources available. The Integration Office keeps the minutes as documentation of the contents of the MIB deliberations.

V. Entry into force

These amended bylaws shall enter into force on the day following the adoption of the resolution by the municipal council. The previously valid statutes of the MIB in the version of the GR resolution of 18.09.2008 shall expire with the same effect.

Notice:

The present amendment to the bylaws was adopted at the municipal council meeting on 25.10.2018.