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## Consensus

The Council employs consensus-based decision-making from across an extremely diverse membership. These principles are central to the development and ongoing refinement of the voluntary LEED standard and product line. The Council's policy for balloting LEED products helps assure that all membership comments are considered and that final decisions and rationales are conveyed to the membership prior to final votes. Our process also encourages members and any interested stakeholder to submit comments to committees. Moreover, whereas consensus typically means that a simple majority of those voting approves a given issue, Council policies require a two-thirds approval of those voting for a standard to be approved. Finally, The LEED Steering Committee also develops detailed policies and procedures governing the LEED product line in its Foundation Documents including provisions for appeals to the Committee and Board.

[Click here](#) for the USGBC Balloting Policy for LEED.