

135th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado

October 15, 2022

Special Rules of Convention (Proposed)

1. The Convention shall convene at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022.
2. Subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado, presence on the floor of convention is limited to deacons, priests, and bishops who are canonically resident in the Diocese; licensed clergy in charge of congregations granted seat and voice; Lay Delegates elected to represent parishes, missions, diocesan institutions, or special congregations; Lay Members of the Standing Committee; Lay Deputies to General Convention; and Lay Regional Missioners who have been granted seat and voice. Any alternate desiring to substitute for an absent Lay Delegate must notify the Secretary of Convention for approval before taking his/her/their seat.
3. When recognized by the Chair, the delegate shall identify himself, herself or themselves by name, congregation, and city.
4. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded and, when required by the Chair, submitted to the Secretary electronically, as directed by the Chair or a Convention Manager.
5. Discussion on any question shall be limited to three (3) minutes by the proposer and two (2) minutes by additional speakers. Any amendment on any question shall be limited to three (3) minutes by the proposer and two minutes by additional speakers. Additional speakers shall be limited to three to speak in favor and three to speak against the issue. No delegate shall speak twice on the same question unless given specific permission by the Chair.
6. The Chair, without debate, shall decide all questions of order, but any delegate may appeal such decision. On appeal, no delegate shall speak more than once without express consent of the Convention. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is required to reverse the Chair's decision.
7. Voting is subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado and limited to deacons, priests, and bishops canonically resident in the diocese; Lay Delegates elected to represent parishes, missions, diocesan institutions, or special congregations; Lay Members of the Standing Committee; Lay Deputies to General Convention; Lay Regional Missioners and Members of the clergy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who serve a congregation of the Diocese of Colorado.

8. The Secretary of Convention must approve distribution of any electronic or printed material not included in the Virtual Convention packet.
9. There will be no nominations from the floor of Convention. All nominees must have submitted a digital photograph and biographical information not later than August 12, 2022. All submissions shall conform to the *Guidelines for Submissions to Convention* published by the Secretary of Convention.
10. Candidates in uncontested elections may be elected by voice vote. This includes multi-seat elections where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of seats to be filled.
11. In contested elections, voting shall be by electronic ballot, using Ranked Choice Voting. Where three or more candidates are in contention, voters shall rank order every candidate on the ballot, numbering them from 1 to the number of candidates, without breaks in sequence or duplicated numbers. Ballots not meeting this requirement shall be invalidated.
12. A simple majority of valid ballots cast [in each Order, when required] shall be sufficient for election.
13. Electronic ballots shall be taken for the election of four Deputies to General Convention in each Order. After the announcement of the election of four Deputies in each Order, then another electronic ballot shall be taken for the election of four Alternate Deputies in each Order.
14. When procedure is not otherwise covered by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention or of the Diocese of Colorado, or these Rules of Convention, *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised* shall prevail.
15. A proposal to table will not be voted on until one person on each side of the main issue is given the opportunity to speak.
16. The Chair of Convention may call for prayer at any time during deliberations.
17. We will ask this 135th Convention to ratify all the actions taken and decisions made at our 2021 (the 134th) Virtual Convention.
18. Any of the above rules may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.