

August 26, 2026

139th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado

October 9, 2026, Westminster, CO

Special Rules of Convention (Proposed)

1. The Convention shall convene at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 9, 2026.
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, and special congregations; Lay Members of the Standing Committee; Lay Deputies to General Convention; lay canons of the Office of the Bishop and Lay Regional Missioners who have been granted seat and voice. Priests and deacons serving in a congregation (but not in charge of the congregation) who are not canonically resident in Colorado may sit with their delegations on the convention floor but may not speak or vote.
3. When recognized by the Chair, the delegate shall identify himself, herself or themselves by name, congregation and city.
4. No motion or amendment to any motion or proposal on the floor 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. Members of the Convention who anticipate that they may wish to amend a proposal are encouraged to prepare the language of the amendment in advance in a format that can be transmitted electronically.
6. 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.

7. 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.
8. 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, and special congregations; Lay Members of the Standing Committee; Lay Deputies to General Convention; lay canons of the Office of the Bishop; Lay Regional Missioners and Members of the clergy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who serve a congregation of the Diocese of Colorado.
9. Any Alternate Delegate wishing to substitute for an absent Lay Delegate must notify the Secretary of Convention for approval before taking his/her/their seat. The Alternate taking the place of a registered Delegate must appear at the Secretary's desk no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of any legislative session (ie 8:45 AM for 9:00 AM start) to execute the change, which must be authorized in writing or in person by the Clergy-in-Charge, Senior Warden or Bishop's Warden (or ELCA partner equivalent) of the Alternate's parish, mission, congregation, institution or ministry. Any such change stays in effect until another change is made.
10. The Secretary of Convention must approve distribution of any electronic or printed material not included in the Virtual Convention packet.
11. There will be no nominations from the floor of Convention.
12. 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.
13. In contested elections, voting shall be by electronic ballot.
14. A simple majority of valid ballots cast [in each Order, when required] shall be sufficient for election.

15. 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.
16. 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.
17. The Chair of Convention may call for prayer at any time during deliberations.
18. Any of the above rules may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.