

CONVENTION RULES – 2021

Rule 1

- A. The Convention shall be a fully virtual Convention conducted using the 2021 Convention Platform. References in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules to physical actions or arrangements shall be interpreted by the Chair to have the closest sensible meaning in the virtual platform. References to rooms or other physical space shall mean the Convention Platform or meeting rooms therein; references to posting, publishing, distributing or any other action related to disseminating information or documents, shall mean posting through the Convention Platform, the micro-site provided by the Platform vendor, or the NTEU Convention web-site page linked to the micro-site. To the extent a signature is required for any Convention business, providing a signature by digital means will suffice.
- B. Participation in the Convention shall be limited to Chapter Delegates, the National President and National Executive Vice President, National Vice Presidents, members of the Resolution Committee and authorized staff. All Delegates are required to have registered in advance of this Convention, in accordance with the registration instructions.
- C. For items on the Program where questions or discussion are permitted, Delegates shall use the recognition feature of the Convention Platform. Use of the chat or question submission features shall not constitute recognition for debate or questions; Delegates must be recognized by the Chair to ask a question or speak in debate.
- D. All designated Chapter delegates, members of the Resolutions Committee, and members of the National Executive Board shall be eligible to speak on all matters to come before the Convention for up to three minutes per matter. Upon recognition, Delegates shall identify themselves, by stating their name and Chapter.
- E. All voting, other than election voting, shall be conducted through the virtual polling feature on the Convention Platform.

Rule 2

The Resolutions Committee shall report to the Convention its recommendations on the proposed Constitution and Bylaw amendments and its recommendations on the proposed Resolutions. The report of the Resolutions Committee shall be considered in the following manner:

- A. The proposed Constitutional amendments printed in The NTEU Bulletin which are recommended for approval by the Resolutions Committee shall be considered first. The proposed amendments shall be considered by the Convention individually, amendment by amendment, and in the order in which they would appear in the Constitution. Interested parties, as defined in Rule 1, shall be given an opportunity to speak for or against each amendment. After each amendment recommended for approval has been considered, the Convention shall vote by electronic ballot for acceptance or rejection of the amendments.
- B. The proposed Constitutional amendments printed in The NTEU Bulletin which are recommended for rejection by the Resolutions Committee shall be considered second. The proposed amendments shall be considered by the Convention individually, amendment by amendment, and in the order in which they would appear in the Constitution. Interested parties, as defined in Rule 1, shall be given an opportunity to speak for or against each amendment. After each amendment recommended for rejection has been considered, the Convention shall vote by ballot for acceptance or rejection of the amendments.
- C. All proposed Bylaw amendments submitted to the Administrative Controller July 22, 2021 for consideration by the National Executive Board shall be considered third. The proposed amendments shall be considered by the Convention individually, amendment by amendment, and in the order in which they would appear in the Bylaws. After the introduction of each Bylaw amendment, interested parties, as defined in Rule 1, shall be given an opportunity to speak for or against the amendment. After the consideration of each proposed amendment, the Convention shall vote for its acceptance or rejection.
- D. All proposed Resolutions recommended for approval by the Resolutions Committee shall be considered fourth. To be considered by the Committee, such resolutions must be received by the NTEU

Administrative Controller no later than July 22, 2021 date. After consideration by the Committee, such Resolutions shall be posted on the Convention website no less than five calendar days preceding the first day of the Convention for review. Resolutions not identified for discussion shall be voted upon by the Convention as a group. Interested parties, as defined in Rule 1, shall be given an opportunity to speak for or against each proposed Resolution identified for discussion. After each such Resolution is considered, the Convention shall vote for its acceptance or rejection. To identify Resolutions for discussion, interested parties must notify the Convention Chair at an email address designated for that purpose on the Convention web page no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2021. Any previously adopted Resolution not reported to the Convention through the Resolution Committee's report will be considered to have been disapproved by the Committee.

Rule 3

All amendments and Resolutions submitted in accordance with these rules must be in writing to the NTEU Administrative Controller before they may be considered by the Convention. To the extent a proposed amendment would delete or replace existing Constitutional, Bylaw or Resolution language, the written submission must reflect the deleted or replaced language.

Rule 4

Other than motions to adopt items on the Convention agenda, because of the practical limitations of a virtual Convention, only the following motions may be made during the General Session of the Convention: point of order or parliamentary inquiry; request for information; and, motion to close debate.

Rule 5

The NTEU National President may correct article, part and section designations, punctuation, cross-references and make other technical and conforming changes to *NTEU's Constitution and Bylaws*, as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the delegates in connection with adoption of Constitutional and Bylaw amendments.

Rule 6

Guest admission will be provided to any NTEU member in good standing who registers as a guest in advance of the Convention proceedings and who has not otherwise been certified as a delegate to the Convention.