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CONVENTION RULES – 2023

Rule 1

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.

Rule 2

Any speaker shall identify themselves by name and chapter number upon being recognized by the Chair. In order to be recognized, speakers must have their Convention identification badge and ribbon visibly displayed.

Rule 3

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 all amendments recommended for approval have been considered, the Convention shall vote by electronic ballot for acceptance or rejection of the individual 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 all amendments recommended for rejection have been

considered, the Convention shall vote by electronic ballot for acceptance or rejection of the individual amendments.

- C. All proposed Constitutional amendments which were not published in The NTEU Bulletin shall be considered third. After the introduction of each proposed constitutional amendment, but before any debate, the Convention shall vote on whether to consider the proposed amendment. Those amendments receiving a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Convention shall be considered 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 all proposed amendments have been considered, the Convention shall vote by electronic ballot for acceptance or rejection of the individual amendments.

- D. All proposed Bylaw amendments submitted to the Administrative Controller for consideration by the National Executive Board shall be considered fourth. 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.

- E. All proposed Bylaw amendments not submitted to the Executive Board prior to the Convention shall be considered fifth. After the introduction of each proposed Bylaw amendment, but before any debate, the Convention shall vote on whether it shall be considered. Those receiving a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Convention shall then be considered individually, amendment by amendment, and in the order in which they would appear in the Bylaws. Interested parties, as defined in Rule 1, shall be given an opportunity to speak for or against each proposed Bylaw amendment. After each proposed Bylaw amendment is considered, the Convention shall vote for its acceptance or rejection.

- F. All proposed Resolutions recommended for approval by the Resolutions Committee shall be considered sixth. Resolutions to which no objection is lodged shall be immediately voted upon by the Convention as a group. Those Resolutions to which an objection is lodged shall be considered individually. Interested parties, as defined in Rule 1, shall be given an opportunity to speak for or against each proposed Resolution. After each such Resolution is considered, the Convention shall vote for its acceptance or rejection. 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.
- G. All proposed Resolutions not reported by the Resolutions Committee to the Convention shall be considered seventh. Such Resolutions must be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee before adjournment or 5:00 p.m., whichever is later, on the second day of the Convention (Tuesday) before they may be considered by the Convention. After the introduction of each Resolution, interested parties, as defined in Rule 1, shall be given an opportunity to speak for or against the Resolution. After the consideration of each proposed Resolution, the Convention shall vote for its acceptance or rejection.
- H. All proposed Resolutions not submitted to the Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee before adjournment or 5:00 p.m. on the second day of the Convention shall be considered eighth. After the introduction of each proposed Resolution, but before any debate, the Convention shall vote on whether it shall be considered. Those receiving a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Convention shall then be considered individually, Resolution by Resolution. Interested parties, as defined in Rule 1, shall be given an opportunity to speak for or against each proposed Resolution. After each proposed Resolution is considered, the Convention shall vote for its acceptance or rejection.

Rule 4

The votes for proposed Constitutional amendments and the 2027 Convention site selection vote shall be by electronic ballot. The electronic balloting

procedure will be explained by the Chair. All votes by the Convention other than the electronic ballot votes required by Rule 3, the 2027 Convention site selection vote, and the election of National Officers, shall be by voice. A request for a Division of the House shall require the chair to take a vote by directing the delegates to stand to indicate their vote. Upon the Chair's initiative or upon a further request for a roll call vote which is seconded by thirty (30) Chapter delegations, the Chair shall be required to direct a call of the roll by Chapter with each Chapter recording its votes orally and representatives of the Nominations and Elections Committee tallying the votes.

Rule 5

All proposed Constitutional amendments, Bylaw amendments and Resolutions, as well as any amendments to these main motions, must be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee 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 6

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 7

Guest credentials, which will be required in order to be on the Convention floor, will be issued to the following persons:

- A. Any NTEU member in good standing who requests such credentials and who has not otherwise been certified as a delegate to the Convention;
- B. Any person to whom the NTEU National President has extended an official invitation;
- C. Any spouse, friend or family member of an NTEU delegate or member in good standing;

Provided that none of the above persons:

- A. Is a member of a rival labor organization engaged in an organizing campaign against NTEU;
- B. Is or has been an employee, consultant, advisor or contractor to another labor organization involved in a campaign against NTEU;
- C. Is or has been a proponent of a rival labor organization involved in a campaign against NTEU; or
- D. Has organized against NTEU or otherwise acted to defeat or oppose NTEU's organizing efforts, or acted in a way that is inimical to the goals, objectives, purposes or principles of NTEU.