

2023 LULAC NATIONAL CONVENTION RULES

ADOPTED BY THE LULAC NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Only delegates, or alternates replacing a delegate, wearing their certified badges, will be allowed in the voting section. All other persons shall be seated in an observation area designated by the Presiding Officer or Election Judge. The only exception to this rule shall be to accommodate a physically challenged delegate or alternate who desires to be seated in a special area.
2. A member in good standing has the right to ask that non-members be removed from the election area. This shall include the news media.
3. An Election Judge shall be appointed by the National President to conduct the elections. The Election Judge shall be appointed prior to the start of the National Convention.
4. The Election Judge shall appoint at least three (3) Official Observers for all elections for the purpose of: a). serving as counters, as necessary; and b). being present at the time of electronic voting system installation and testing. Testing will include a sample test vote. The Election Judge will report the results of the sample test vote to the National Assembly.
5. Elections shall be by electronic ballot, including voting on amendments, resolutions, and runoffs. If electronic ballot is unavailable, then a hand count shall be held row by row.
6. No delegate or alternate may have more than one (1) vote in anyone (1) election.
7. Voting in absentia shall not be allowed.
8. A candidate not previously announced, as per the LULAC National Constitution, may run from the floor provided that a written certification endorsement by the total accredited delegations of a minimum of five (5) councils, including the candidate's home council, is made to the Election Judge prior to or at the time of nomination.
9. Each candidate has the right to appoint one (1) observer/counter for the purpose of verifying the count and, if they wish, may be present for the electronic sample test ballot.
10. Each candidate shall have three (3) minutes for speeches. No speeches by unchallenged candidates shall be allowed.
11. In elections in which more than two (2) candidates are involved, and no one (1) candidate receives 50 percent plus one (1) majority of the certified votes, the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall immediately go into a runoff. No speeches shall be allowed in runoff elections.
12. Challenges to any election must be made issued to the Election Judge before the next election is started. It shall take a two-thirds (2/3's) vote to overturn any final ruling made by the Election Judge or by the National Legal Advisor.

13. The order of elections shall be as follows:
 - a. National President
 - b. National Vice President for Women
 - c. National Vice President for Youth
 - d. National Vice President for Young Adults
 - e. National Vice President for the Elderly
 - f. National Treasurer
 - g. National Vice President for the Southwest
 - h. National Vice President for the Midwest
 - i. National Vice President for the Farwest
 - j. National Vice President for the Southeast
 - k. National Vice President for the Northeast
 - l. National Vice President for the Northwest
 - m. 2025 Convention Site
14. Presentation of Constitutional Amendments shall follow the procedures set forth in Article XIV, Section 2. Amendments from the floor shall not be allowed. Discussion on amendments shall be limited to three (3) speakers for and three (3) speakers against with each speaker having two (2) minutes.
15. All Resolutions shall follow the same procedure established for Amendments. Resolutions from the floor may be permitted but must be typewritten and submitted in the form provided for on the LULAC website and submitted by a local council in good standing. Resolutions being submitted from the floor must be presented to the Resolutions Committee not later than 5 pm on the Friday before the National Assembly is Convened. The Resolutions Committee shall read the resolved portion of each resolution and make its recommendation to the General Assembly. Discussion on each resolution shall be limited to two (2) speakers for and two (2) speakers against with each speaker having two (2) minutes. The speaker must announce if he/she is speaking in favor or against the resolution in question.
16. Any issue not covered by these Convention Rules will be determined by the proper provisions within the LULAC National Constitution, By-Laws & Protocol, and Robert's Rules of Order (revised) in that order.
17. These adopted 2023 Convention Rules may be changed by a two-thirds (2/3's) vote of the General Assembly.
18. Delegates, Alternates and Guests must always maintain proper decorum. Whistling and whistles are not allowed.
19. Any individual(s) disrupting the National Assembly business or election proceedings as determined by the Presiding Officer or Election Judge, or that uses profanity or verbally threatens or attacks another member on or near the voting floor will be removed from the voting floor by the Sergeant at Arms and charges to discipline the member(s), including expulsion for "actions contrary to the principles of LULAC" may be brought against the member(s) by the Presiding Officer, the Election Judge or any Certified Delegate at the October National Board of Directors meeting. Charged member(s) rights and appeals shall be those outlined in the LULAC constitution such as in Article IV, Section 1. b. (8).