

THE CHARTER
&
THE BYLAWS
OF THE FORWARD PARTY
OF THE UNITED STATES

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CHARTER OF THE FORWARD PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES

PREAMBLE

We, the Forwards of the United States of America, united in common purpose, hereby rededicate ourselves to the principles which have historically sustained our Party. Recognizing that the vitality of the Nation's political institutions has been the foundation of its enduring strength, we acknowledge that a political party that wishes to lead must listen to those it would lead; a party that asks for the people's trust must prove that it trusts the people; and a party which hopes to call forth the best the Nation can achieve must embody the best of the Nation's heritage and traditions.

What we seek for our Nation, we hope for all people: individual freedom in the framework of a just society, and political freedom in the framework of meaningful participation by all citizens. Bound by the United States Constitution, aware that a party must be responsive to be worthy of responsibility, we pledge ourselves to open, honest endeavors and to the conduct of public affairs in a manner worthy of a society of free people.

Under God, and for these ends and upon these principles, we do establish and adopt this Charter of the Forward Party of the United States of America.

ARTICLE ONE

The Forward Party of the United States of America

The Forward Party of the United States of America shall:

Section 1. Nominate and assist in the election of Forward candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States;

Section 2. Nominate and assist in the election of Forward candidates for the Congress of the United States;

Section 3. Nominate and assist in the election of Forward candidates for offices of municipalities in the United States;

Section 3. Adopt and promote statements of policy;

Section 4. Establish standards and rules of procedure to afford all members of the Forward Party full, timely, and equal opportunities to participate in decisions

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concerning the selection of candidates, the formulation of policy, and the conduct of other Party affairs, without prejudice on the basis of sex, race, age (if of voting age), color, creed, national origin, religion, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ethnic identity or disability, and further, to promote fair campaign practices and the fair adjudication of disputes. Accordingly, the scheduling of Forward Party affairs at all levels shall consider the presence of any religious minorities of significant numbers of concentration whose level of participation would be affected;

Section 5. Raise and disburse monies needed for the successful operation of the Forward Party;

Section 6. Work with Forward public officials at all levels to achieve the objectives of the Forward Party; and

Section 7. Encourage and support codes of political ethics that embody substantive rules of ethical guidance for public officials and employees in federal, state, and local governments, to assure that public officials shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner that reflects creditably upon the office they serve, shall not use their office to gain special privileges and benefits and shall refrain from acting in their official capacities when their independence of judgment would be adversely affected by personal interest or duties.

ARTICLE TWO National Convention

Section 1. The Forward Party shall assemble in National Convention in each month in which an election for office of President of the United States is held.

Section 2. The National Convention shall be the highest authority of the Forward Party, subject to the provisions of this Charter.

Section 3. The National Convention shall nominate a candidate for the office of President of the United States, nominate a candidate for the office of Vice President of the United States, adopt a platform, and act upon such other matters as it deems appropriate.

Section 4. Delegates of the National Convention shall be chosen through processes which:

- (a) assure all Forward voters a full, timely, and equal opportunity to participate,
- (b) assure that delegations fairly reflect the division of preferences expressed by those who participate in the Presidential nominating process,

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- (c) exclude the use of the unit rule at any level,
- (d) do not deny participation for failure to pay a cost, fee, or poll tax,
- (e) allow participation in good faith by all voters who are Forwards and by voters who are not registered or affiliated with any party; and
- (f) prohibit unpledged and uncommitted delegates, except delegates or alternates expressing an uncommitted preference shall be permitted to be elected at the district level, in which event, if such preference meets the applicable threshold and qualifies for at-large or similar delegates or alternates, such at-large or similar delegates or alternates shall be allocated to that uncommitted preference as if it were a presidential candidate,
- (g) notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Section:
 - (i) provide for all of the members of the Forward National Committee to serve as unpledged delegates,
 - (ii) permit unpledged delegates consisting of:
 - 1) the President and Vice President of the United States, if Forwards,
 - 2) the Forward members of the United States Senate and the Forward members of the House of Representatives,
 - 3) former Forward Presidents and Vice Presidents of the United States,
 - 4) former Forward Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate,
 - 5) former Forward Speakers and Minority Leaders of the United States House of Representatives,
 - 6) the Mayor and Vice Mayor of the District of Columbia, if Forwards,
 - 7) the Forward members of the District of Columbia City Council,
 - 8) former Forward Mayors and Vice Mayors of the District of Columbia,
 - 9) former Chairs of the Forward National Committee,
 - 10) such delegates shall not be permitted to have alternates and

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such delegates shall constitute an exception to Subsection (b) of this Section 4.

ARTICLE THREE **Forward National Committee**

Section 1. The Forward National Committee shall have general responsibility for the affairs of the Forward Party between National Conventions, subject to the provisions of this Charter and to the resolutions or other actions of the National Convention. This responsibility shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) issuing the Call to the National Convention;
- (b) conducting the Party's Presidential campaign;
- (c) filling vacancies in the nominations for the office of President and Vice President;
- (d) formulating and disseminating statements of Party policy;
- (e) providing for the election or appointment of a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson, and for the filling of vacancies that occur outside of the regularly scheduled elections, all in accordance with Rules of Procedure adopted by the Forward National Committee; and other appropriate officers; and
- (f) all other actions necessary or appropriate in order to carry out the provisions of this Charter and the objectives of the Forward Party.

Section 2. The Forward National Committee shall be composed of seven at-large members of the Forward National Committee added by election.

Section 3. Members of the Forward National Committee who serve by virtue of holding public or Party office shall serve on the Committee only during their terms in such office. Members of the Forward National Committee shall serve a term that runs coterminously with the Chairperson of the Forward National Committee, through the election of the new Chairperson, and until their successors are chosen; members shall have the right to vote for the new Chairperson.

Section 4. Members of the Forward National Committee shall have been a member of the Forward Party for one month prior to their election or appointment, in the case of filling a vacancy on the Committee.

Section 5. The Bylaws may provide for removal of members of the Forward National Committee for cause by a two-thirds vote of the National Committee and may also require affirmative support for the Forward Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees as a condition of continued membership thereon. The Bylaws may further

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provide for a minimum level of attendance at National Committee meetings for Forward National Committee members. The Bylaws may establish that any member of the Forward National Committee who misses three consecutive meetings of the Forward National Committee has failed to meet the minimum level of attendance and is deemed to have resigned from the Forward National Committee.

Section 6. The Forward National Committee shall meet at least once each month. Meetings shall be called by the Chairperson or by written request of no fewer than one-fourth of the members of the Forward National Committee.

ARTICLE FOUR **Board of Party Operations**

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Party Operations, which shall serve as the chief executive body responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the party as authorized by the Forward National Committee and consistent with this Charter and the party bylaws.

Section 2. The Board of Party Operations shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the National Chairperson, with the advice and consent of the Forward National Committee. The size, composition, and term of office shall be determined by the Forward National Committee.

Section 3. The Bylaws may provide for removal of members of the Board of Party Operations for cause by a two-thirds vote of the National Committee.

Section 3. Meetings of the Board of Party Operations shall be called by the Party Chairperson or by written request of no fewer than one-half of its members. The Board of Party Operations shall keep a record of its proceedings which shall be available to the public.

ARTICLE FIVE **National Chairperson**

Section 1. The National Chairperson of the Forward Party shall carry out the programs and policies of the National Convention and the Forward National Committee.

Section 2. The National Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson shall be elected by the party at large after a term of three months, and each term shall expire upon the election for the following term.

Section 3. The National Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson may be removed for cause by a two-thirds vote of the Forward National Committee.

Section 3. The National Chairperson shall preside over meetings of the Forward

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National Committee and of the Board of Party Operations. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the National Chairperson, the designated Vice Chair as provided for in Article Two, Section 11(b) of the Bylaws, or the next highest ranking officer of the National Committee present at the meeting shall preside.

Section 4. The National Chairperson shall serve full-time and shall receive such compensation as may be determined by agreement between the Chairperson and the Forward National Committee. In the conduct and management of the affairs and procedures of the Forward National Committee, particularly as they apply to the preparation and conduct of the Presidential nomination process, the Chairperson shall exercise impartiality and evenhandedness as between the Presidential candidates and campaigns. The Chairperson shall be responsible for ensuring that the national officers and staff of the Forward National Committee maintain impartiality and evenhandedness during the Forward Party Presidential nominating process.

ARTICLE SIX **Party Conference**

The Forward Party may hold a National Party Conference between National Conventions. The nature, agenda, composition, time and place of the Party Conference shall be determined by the Forward National Committee.

ARTICLE SEVEN **Full Participation**

Section 1. The Forward Party of the United States shall be open to all who desire to support the Party and who wish to be known as Forwards.

Section 2. Discrimination in the conduct of Forward Party affairs on the basis of sex, race, age (if of voting age), color, creed, national origin, religion, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ethnic identity or disability is prohibited, to the end that the Forward Party at all levels be an open party.

ARTICLE EIGHT **General Provisions**

Section 1. Forward Party means the Forward Party of the United States of America.

Section 2. For the purposes of this Charter, the District of Columbia shall be treated as a state containing the appropriate number of Congressional Districts.

Section 3. The Bylaws may provide for regional organizations of the Party.

Section 4. To assure that the Forward nominee for the office of President of the

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United States is selected by a fair and equitable process, the Forward National Committee may adopt such statements of policy as it deems appropriate with respect to the timing of Presidential nominating processes and shall work to accomplish the objectives of such statements.

Section 5. The Forward National Committee shall maintain and publish a code of fair campaign practices, which shall be recommended for observance by all candidates campaigning as Forwards. The Forward Chair shall put in place a code of Forward National Committee conduct concerning Presidential candidates and campaigns prior to each presidential cycle to ensure fairness and transparency. The code shall address areas including, but not limited to: providing information to campaigns; agreements between the Forward National Committee and campaigns; fundraising; and common vendors. This code shall be made readily available to Forward National Committee and all bona fide Forward presidential candidates.

Section 6. The Forward Party shall not require a delegate to a Party convention or caucus to cast a vote contrary to their expressed preference.

Section 7. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted at the National Convention. Voting by proxy shall otherwise be permitted in Forward Party affairs only as provided in the Bylaws of the Forward Party. Alternatives to in-person voting shall be permitted in party affairs only as provided in the FNC Bylaws.

Section 8. All meetings of the Forward National Committee and all other official Party committees, commissions, and bodies shall be open to the public, and votes shall not be taken by secret ballot or use of the unit rule.

Section 9. In the absence of other provisions, Robert's Rules of Order (as most recently revised) shall govern the conduct of all Forward Party meetings.

Section 10. The text of the Charter and the Bylaws, or portions thereof, shall be made available in other languages as needed upon reasonable request.

Section 11. Forward Party Credo.

We Forwards are among the oldest political parties in America yet the youngest in spirit. We will remain so because we embrace the challenge of government. Time and again, for almost one year, the Forward Party has made government work—to build and defend a nation, to encourage commerce, to educate our children, to promote equal opportunity and access, to advance science and industry, to support the arts and humanities, to restore the land, to develop and conserve our human and natural resources, to preserve and enhance our built environment, to relieve poverty, and to explore space. We have reached difficult and vital goals.

We recognize that the capacity of government is limited, but we regard democratic government as a force for good and a source of hope.

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At the heart of our party lies a fundamental conviction that Americans must not only be free, but they must also live in a fair society.

We believe it is the responsibility of government to help us achieve this fair society.

- a society where all people can find living-wage jobs in a growing, full-employment economy;
- a society where all workers are guaranteed without question the legal right to join unions of their own choosing and to bargain collectively for decent wages and conditions of employment;
- a society where the civil rights of all people are fully secured and where no one is denied the opportunity for a better life;
- a society where both public and private discrimination based upon race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status, philosophical persuasion, or disability are condemned and where our government moves aggressively to end such discrimination through lawful means;
- a society where we recognize that the strengthening of the family and the protection of children are essential to the health of the nation;
- a society where every citizen has access to a sound education, proper nutrition, quality medical care, affordable housing, safe communities, and a secure and healthy environment;
- a society where the livelihoods of our family farmers are as stable as the values they instill in the American character;
- a society where strong national defense is a common effort, where promoting human rights is a basic value of our foreign policy, and where we ensure that future by ending the nuclear arms race.
- a society that values and protects the fundamental right of citizens to vote and maintains secure and fair election administration.

This is our purpose and our promise.

ARTICLE NINE **Amendments, Bylaws, and Rules**

Section 1. This Charter may be amended by a vote of a majority of all of the delegates to the National Convention, provided that no such amendment shall be effective unless and until it is subsequently ratified by a vote of the majority of the entire membership of the Forward National Committee. This Charter may also be

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amended by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the Forward National Committee. Any proposed amendment shall be given to all members of the National Committee and shall be released to the national news media. This Charter may also be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of any Forward Party Conference called under the authority of this Charter for such purpose.

Section 2. Bylaws of the Forward Party shall be adopted to provide for the governance of the affairs of the Forward Party in matters not provided for in this Charter. Bylaws may be adopted or amended by a majority vote of:

(a) the National Convention; or

(b) the Forward National Committee. Unless adopted in the form of an amendment to this Charter or otherwise designated, any resolution adopted by the National Convention relating to the governance of the Party shall be considered a Bylaw, provided that no such Bylaw or amendment shall be effective unless and until it is subsequently ratified by a vote of the majority of the entire membership of the Forward National Committee.

Section 3. Each official body of the Forward Party recognized by or created under the authority of this Charter shall adopt and conduct its affairs in accordance with written rules, which rules shall be consistent with this Charter, the Bylaws, and other provisions adopted pursuant to the authority of the Charter, including resolutions or other actions of the National Convention. The Forward National Committee shall maintain copies of all such rules and shall make them available upon request.

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Section 1. The Forward Party of the United States of America, assembled in a Conference on Forward Party Organization and Policy, hereby adopts for the governance of the Party the Charter attached hereto.

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Adopted Pursuant to the Charter of the Forward Party of the United States

ARTICLE ONE

Forward National Convention

Section 1. The National Convention is the highest authority of the Forward Party, subject to the provisions of the Charter.

Section 2. The National Convention shall adopt permanent rules governing the conduct of its business at the beginning of each Convention, and until the adoption of such permanent rules, the Convention and the activities attendant thereto shall be governed by temporary rules set forth in the Call to the National Convention.

Section 3. Delegates to the National Convention shall be allocated in the Call to the Convention consistent with the Charter.

ARTICLE TWO

Forward National Committee

Section 1. Duties and Powers. The Forward National Committee shall have general responsibility for the affairs of the Forward Party between National Conventions, subject to the provisions of the Charter and to the resolutions or other official actions of the National Convention. This responsibility shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) Issuing the Call to the National Convention;
- (b) Conducting the Party's Presidential Campaign;
- (c) Filling vacancies in the nominations for the office of the President and Vice President;
- (d) Assisting state and local Forward Party organizations in the election of their candidates and the education of their voters;
- (e) Formulating and disseminating statements of Party policy, promoting programs for the systematic study of public policy issues, through participation of members of the Forward National Committee and through specific projects administered under the authority of the Chairperson of the Forward National Committee;
- (f) Providing for the election or appointment of a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson, and for the filling of vacancies that occur outside of the

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regularly scheduled elections, all in accordance with Rules of Procedure adopted by the Forward National Committee; and other appropriate officers;

(g) Establishing and maintaining National Headquarters of the Party;

(h) Promoting and encouraging Party activities at every level, including but not limited to the following:

(i) promoting and encouraging implementation of all Party mandates;

(ii) the fulfillment by the Party of its platform pledge and other commitments;

(iii) establishment and support of an adequate system of political research;

(iv) the preparation, distribution, and communication of Party information to its members and the general public;

(v) the development and maintenance of a program of public relations for the Party; and

(vi) development of a program for the coordination of Party committees, organizations, groups, public officials, and members.

(i) Devising and executing ways and means of financing activities of the Party;

(j) Taking such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of the Charter, these Bylaws, the resolutions, and other official actions to achieve the objectives of the Party and the Convention; and

(k) Approval of the budget of the Forward National Committee.

Section 2. Membership. The Forward National Committee shall be composed of seven at-large members added by election.

Section 3. Selection of Members. The entire membership of the Forward Party shall elect members of the Forward National Committee, provided that notice of any such election must be sent to all Forward Party members no less than seven (7) days prior to the election.

Section 4. Certification and Eligibility of Members.

(a) Members of the Forward National Committee provided for in Section 2 of this Article shall be certified to the National Committee by the Vice Chairperson.

(b) No person shall be entitled to vote on a challenge to their credentials.

- (c) Contests involving membership or challenges to the credentials of members shall be heard and adjudicated by the National Committee.

Section 5. *Resignation or Removal of Members.*

- (a) A member of the Forward National Committee may resign by written notice to the Vice Chairperson, and such resignation shall be effective immediately.
- (b) After notice and opportunity for public hearing and upon grounds found by the National Committee to constitute good and sufficient cause, the National Committee may remove a member by two-thirds vote of the National Committee.
- (c) Failure of any member of the National Committee to declare affirmatively his or her support for the Forward Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees within seven (7) days after the adjournment of the National Convention shall constitute good and sufficient cause for removal.

Section 6. *Vacancies.* Vacancies created by resignation or removal of any member of the National Committee shall be filled by appointment of the Party Chair, with the advice and consent of the National Committee.

Section 7. *Meetings.*

- (a) The National Committee shall meet as soon as possible after the adjournment of the National Convention on the call of the Chairperson.
- (b) At least one meeting of the National Committee shall be held each month upon call of the Chairperson and after notice to members unless any such meeting is dispensed with by prior vote of a majority of the full membership of the National Committee.
- (c) Special meetings of the National Committee may be held upon the call of the Chairperson with reasonable notice to the members, and no action may be taken at such a special meeting unless such proposed action was included in the notice of the special meeting. The foregoing notwithstanding, a special meeting to fill a vacancy on the National ticket shall be held on the call of the Chairperson, who shall set the date for such meeting in accordance with the procedural rules provided for in Article Two, Section 8(d) of these Bylaws.
- (d) No later than 24 hours before each regularly scheduled meeting, and as soon as possible before a special meeting of the Forward National Committee, the Vice Chairperson shall send written notice of the date, time, and place of such meeting, and the tentative agenda to all members of the Forward National Committee.

(e) Upon the written request of twenty-five percent or more of the members of the National Committee, filed with the Chairperson within a period of three (3) days, it shall be the duty of the Chairperson within three (3) days from receipt of such request to issue a call for a meeting of the National Committee. The date of such meeting shall be fixed by the Chairperson not later than seven (7) days nor earlier than two (2) days from the date of the call.

Section 8. Attendance and Quorum and Voting.

(a) Members of the National Committee apportioned pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of this Article who miss three consecutive meetings of the Forward National Committee have failed to meet the minimum level of attendance and shall be deemed to have resigned from the Forward National Committee. Vacancies created by any member for failing to meet the minimum level of attendance shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of this Article. Proxies shall not be counted at any meeting for the purpose of meeting the minimum level of attendance.

(b) A majority of the full membership of the Forward National Committee present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum, provided that no less than forty percent (40%) of the full membership be present in person for the purpose of establishing a quorum; provided, however, that for purposes of voting to fill a vacancy on the National ticket, a quorum shall be a majority of the full membership present in person.

(c) Fifty percent (50%) of the full membership present in person or by proxy, or 5 members present in person, whichever is fewer, shall constitute a quorum for meetings of standing or ad hoc committees created pursuant to the provisions of Section 10(a) of these Bylaws.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in the Charter or in these Bylaws, all questions before the Forward National Committee shall be determined by majority vote of those members present and voting in person or by proxy.

(i) A roll call may be requested by a vote of twenty-five percent (25%) of those Forward National Committee members present and voting.

(e) Each member of the National Committee shall be entitled to one vote on each issue before it.

(f) Voting to fill a vacancy on the National ticket shall be in accord with procedural rules adopted by the Rules and Bylaws Committee and approved by the Forward National Committee.

(g) Proxy voting shall be permitted. Proxies may be either general or limited and either instructed or uninstructed. All proxies shall be in writing and

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transferable if so specified. No Forward National Committee member may at any one time hold or exercise proxies for more than one other Forward National Committee member; provided, however, that proxy voting shall not be permitted in voting to fill a vacancy on the National ticket.

Section 9. Committees.

- (a) The National Committee may from time to time create such other standing or *ad hoc* committees as it shall deem appropriate.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in the Charter or in these Bylaws, the members of all committees of the National Committee shall be appointed by the Vice Chairperson, subject to ratification by the Forward National Committee, and shall be appointed to serve for the term of the Chairperson, through the election of the new Chairperson, and until the first meeting of the National Committee following the election of the new Chairperson.
- (c) Failure by members to attend three consecutive meetings of the committees of the National Committee shall constitute a failure to meet the minimum level of attendance and shall constitute automatic resignation from the committee. The provisions of Section 8(g) of this Article shall apply to committees of the National Committee, except that proxies shall not be counted at any meeting for the purpose of meeting the minimum level of attendance.
- (d) All matters referred to any council, special committee, standing committee, conference, or any other subgroup must be acted upon, and said action reported to the body that originated the reference.
- (e) Any committee may adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of its affairs. In the absence of specific rules, Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the conduct of committee affairs.

Section 10. Participation in All Party Affairs.

- (a) The Forward Party of the United States shall be open to all who desire to support the Party and who wish to be known as Forwards. Participation in the affairs of the Forward Party shall be open pursuant to the standards of non-discrimination incorporated into the Charter of the Forward Party of the United States.
- (b) (i) The Forward Party shall undertake programs designed to encourage the fullest participation of all Forwards in all Party affairs. All Party affairs shall mean all activities of each official Party organization commencing at the lowest level and continuing up through the National Forward Party. Such activities shall include but need not be limited to the processes in which delegates are selected to the National

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Forward Convention; Party officials are nominated or selected; Party policy, platforms, and rules are formulated; and regular programs of voter registration, public education and public relations. Such programs may be developed and sponsored in cooperation with the Forward National Committee.

(ii) The Forward Party shall carry out programs to facilitate and increase the participation of low and moderate-income persons. These programs shall include provisions and resources for outreach and recruitment to achieve representation and equitably minimize economic factors which act to bar full participation by such persons.

(iii) The Forward Party shall act to develop and implement appropriate education, training, fund-raising, and outreach programs directed at low and moderate-income Forwards and shall implement rules and regulations of the Party in their most constructive interpretation to effect increased participation and representation by people of low and moderate income.

Section 11. *Duties and Responsibilities of the Chairperson.*

(a) The Chairperson shall be the chief executive officer of the Forward Party and shall exercise authority delegated to them by the Forward National Committee in carrying out the day-to-day activities of the Committee.

(b) By the time of the next FNC meeting following their election, the Chairperson shall designate a Vice Chair who will have authority to act as Chairperson should a vacancy occur or should the Chairperson become incapacitated. In the event of such succession, the designated Vice Chair will serve in the capacity of the Chairperson until a new Chairperson is elected at the next regularly scheduled election by the party at large.

Section 12. *Virtual Meetings.*

(a) When, in the opinion of the Chairperson in consultation with the national officers, circumstances make it unreasonable to conduct an in-person meeting of the National Committee, such meetings may be conducted with remote or virtual participation, in whole or in part. Virtual or remote attendance at a meeting authorized pursuant to this section shall be deemed attendance at the meeting for purposes of establishing the presence of any applicable quorum and for the purposes of Article Two, Section 8.

(b) When, in the opinion of the chair of a standing committee and the Chairperson, circumstances necessitate alternatives to an in-person meeting of the standing committee, such meetings may be conducted with remote or virtual participation, in whole or in part. Virtual or remote attendance at a meeting authorized pursuant to this section shall be deemed attendance at

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the meeting for purposes of establishing the presence of any applicable quorum and for the purposes of Article Two, Section 8.

ARTICLE THREE **Board of Party Operations**

Section 1. Duties and Powers.

- (a) The Board of Party Operations shall be charged with executing the daily functions of the Forward Party, including but not limited to:
 - (i) supporting member engagement and outreach;
 - (ii) managing communications, branding, and digital assets;
 - (iii) providing research and support for party policy initiatives;
 - (iv) and executing directives of the National Committee.
- (b) The Board shall operate under the authority of the National Committee and shall not take independent action contrary to the Committee's directives or the bylaws of the Forward Party.

Section 2. Chief Operating Officer. The Chief Operating Officer shall serve as the head of the Board of Party Operations and the chief executive officer of the party's executive wing. The COO shall be responsible for supervising the Board's activities, managing party administration, and ensuring the execution of operation directives issued by the Forward National Committee.

Section 3. Membership.

- (a) The Board of Party Operations shall consist of the Chief Operating Officer and the Directors of the following departments:
 - (i) Department of Civic Engagement;
 - (ii) Department of Media and Graphics;
 - (iii) Department of Policy Services.
- (b) (i) The Department of Civic Engagement shall be responsible for organizing events, voter outreach, educational initiatives, and member recruitment.
 - (ii) The department shall coordinate efforts to promote active participation in party functions and political engagement throughout the United States.

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- (c) (i) The Department of Media and Graphics shall be responsible for all official party communications, branding, promotional content, and media output.
- (ii) The department shall produce digital and print materials to enhance the visibility of the party and support its campaigns and initiatives.
- (d) (i) The Department of Policy Services shall be responsible for assisting with policy research, drafting legislative proposals, and providing analytical support for the party's platform and public policy priorities.
- (ii) The department shall work closely with elected party officials to ensure alignment with the party's core principles.
- (e) Each aforementioned department shall be headed by a Director, who shall be a full member of the Board of Party Operations and shall be responsible for implementing policies and carrying out tasks assigned to their department.

Section 4. *Appointment of Members.* All members of the Board of Party Operations, including the Chief Operating Officer and Department Directors, shall be appointed by the Party Chairperson with the advice and consent of the National Committee.

Section 5. *Resignation or Removal of Members.*

- (a) A member of the Board of Party Operations may resign by written notice to the Chairperson, and such resignation shall be effective immediately.
- (b) After notice and opportunity for public hearing and upon grounds found by the National Committee to constitute good and sufficient cause, the National Committee may remove a member by two-thirds vote.
- (c) Failure of any member of the Board of Party Operations to declare affirmatively his or her support for the Forward Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees within seven (7) days after the adjournment of the National Convention shall constitute good and sufficient cause for removal.

Section 6. *Vacancies.* Vacancies created by resignation or removal of any member of the Board of Party Operations shall be filled by appointment of the Chairperson, with the advice and consent of the National Committee.

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Amendments

Bylaws may be adopted or amended by majority vote of:

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- (a) the National Convention, as provided in the Charter; or
- (b) the Forward National Committee.