



FORWARD PARTY
CHARTER CONVENTION
STANDING RULES AND
PROCEDURES

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Article I. Authority and Purpose

Section 1. Establishment

This document establishes the official rules and procedures governing the Forward Party National Charter Convention (“the Convention”).

Section 2. Purpose

The Convention is convened for the purpose of drafting, debating, and adopting a new National Charter for the Forward Party, built from the ground up by its duly appointed National Committee members.

Section 3. Jurisdiction and Independence

1. The Forward Party National Charter Convention is organized and administered exclusively by the National Committee of the Forward Party.
2. The Federal Election Commission (FEC) holds no authority, input, oversight, or relevance in the organization, operation, or outcomes of this Convention.
3. All proceedings are conducted under the sole jurisdiction of the Forward Party National Committee.

Article II. Leadership and Structure

Section 1. Appointment of the Convention Chair

1. The Chairman of the Forward Party shall appoint a member of the National Committee to serve as Chairman of the Convention.
2. The appointed Convention Chairman shall preside over all proceedings, ensure procedural fairness, and enforce these Rules and Procedures.
3. The Convention Chairman may not appoint an additional assistant or moderators to aid in maintaining order and managing votes.

Article III. Discord Channels and Communications

Section 1. Official Channels

The Convention shall operate within three designated Discord channels:

1. #charter-voting - For official voting only. No discussion shall occur within this channel.
2. #charter-discussion - A forum channel dedicated to debate, feedback, and discussion of proposed articles.
3. #charter-logging - For timestamp logs, procedural updates, and official records of vote openings, closings, and results.

Article IV. Submission of Articles

Section 1. Eligibility

Any member of the National Committee may propose an Article or Section to be included in the Party Charter.

Section 2. Format of Submission

Each proposal shall be clearly formatted with:

1. A title (e.g., *Article II — Membership Requirements*)
2. The full text of the proposed Article or Section
3. An optional explanatory note or rationale

Section 3. Submission Process

1. Articles must be posted in the #charter-discussion forum for open discussion before voting.
2. Once discussion concludes, the Convention Chairman will open a formal vote in #charter-voting.
3. Each article shall be voted on separately.

Article V. Voting Procedures

Section 1. Voting Requirements

1. A two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) supermajority of voting National Committee members is required to adopt any Article or Section into the Charter.
2. Abstentions shall not count toward the total required for passage but shall be recorded.

Section 2. Voting Duration

1. Every vote shall remain open for a minimum of 24 hours, regardless of whether a two-thirds majority is reached early.
2. No vote may remain open for longer than 48 hours.
3. Once the voting period concludes, the Convention Chairman shall announce the results in #charter-logging and update the working draft of the Charter accordingly.

Section 3. Voting Method

Votes shall be conducted by the Convention Chairman via Discord reactions in #charter-voting

Article VI. Record Keeping

Section 1. Documentation

1. The Convention Chairman or an appointed Clerk shall maintain accurate records of all proposals, votes, and outcomes in #charter-logging.
2. Each entry shall include:
 - a. The name of the proposer
 - b. The title of the Article
 - c. The voting start and end timestamps
 - d. The total results (Yes / No / Abstain)

Section 2. Publication

Upon the completion of the Convention, a compiled version of the adopted Charter shall be published to the Forward Party's National Committee platform for ratification or adoption as directed by the Party Chairman.

Article VII — Amendments to These Rules

Any changes to these Rules and Procedures during the Convention shall require a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) majority vote of the Charter Committee and approval by the Party Chairman.

Article VIII — Removal of the Convention Chairman

Section 1. Authority to Remove

The National Committee retains the right to call for the removal of the Convention Chairman if they are found to be neglecting duties, acting with bias, or failing to uphold the established Rules and Procedures.

Section 2. Procedure for Removal

A motion to remove the Convention Chairman must be formally introduced in writing within the #charter-discussion forum channel.

The motion must clearly state the reasons for removal.

Section 3. Voting Requirement

The removal of the Convention Chairman shall require a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) majority vote of the National Committee members participating in the Convention.

Section 4. Replacement

If the Convention Chairman is removed, the Party Chairman shall appoint a new member of the National Committee to serve as the new Convention Chairman for the remainder of the Convention.

Article IX — Participation of Party Leadership

Section 1. Party Chairman Participation

The Party Chairman may take full part in all discussions, debates, and voting conducted during the Forward Party National Charter Convention.

Section 2. Tie-Breaking Authority

In the event of a tied vote on any motion, proposal, or article, the Party Vice Chairman shall cast the tie-breaking vote, and that decision shall be considered final.

Adopted by the Forward Party National Committee

Effective upon the opening of the Forward Party National Charter Convention.