

RULES OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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The Democratic Committee of the County of Westchester, under the authority of the Law of the State of New York, adopts the following Rules for organization and government of the Democratic Party in the County of Westchester.

ARTICLE I:
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. All persons residing in the County of Westchester who are duly registered to vote and enrolled in the Democratic Party shall be members of the Democratic Party of Westchester County.

Section 2. The Democratic Party of Westchester County shall have the following representative bodies:

- A. A committee to be known as the Democratic Committee of the County of Westchester (the “County Committee,” also known as “Westchester County Democratic Committee” and “WCDC”).
- B. A municipal committee for each political unit of Westchester County, i.e. city, town or village.
- C. Each municipal committee may provide for committees of its political units such as wards.

Section 3. The County Committee shall have general authority over the Democratic Party in Westchester County, subject to the provisions of the Election Law, the New York State Democratic Committee Rules and these Rules, and shall have power to decide all questions relating to party administration in the County of Westchester and in any political unit of the County of Westchester.

Section 4. The municipal committee in each of the political units of the county of Westchester shall have organizational responsibility for the Democratic Party within its political unit, subject to the

authority of the County Committee.

Section 5. These Rules shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the Election Law.

Section 6. Meetings of the County Committee shall be open to all members of the Democratic Party of Westchester County.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The County Committee shall consist of those persons duly elected from the Election Districts of the County of Westchester and those persons duly appointed to fill vacancies in the County Committee in accordance with these Rules. Members of the County Committee shall be elected biennially in even numbered years.

Section 2. A vacancy in the membership of the County Committee shall be filled by the selection of an enrolled voter of the Democratic Party qualified for election to the County Committee under the Election Law. The vacancy is to be filled by the town or city committee where the vacancy exists or as provided by the rules of that town or city committee.

Section 3. If no committee exists in a particular town or city, the Executive Committee of the County Committee (the "Executive Committee") may fill up to 50 percent of the vacancies in that committee by appointing members of the Democratic Party residing in that town or city who are qualified for election to the County Committee under the Election Law.

Section 4. A member of the County Committee may be removed by the County Committee as permitted under and in the manner provided by the Election Law.

Section 5. No person who is selected to fill a vacancy in the membership of the County Committee shall be entitled to notice of, or to vote at, any regular or special meeting of the County Committee, any mini convention, or any meeting of a committee of the County Committee unless notice of the person's selection is filed with or provided by electronic means to the Secretary or Assistant Secretary at least 10 days prior to the meeting or mini convention. Notice transmitted by mail will not be deemed filed unless and until received at the County Committee Headquarters.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the County Committee shall be elected at the Organization Meeting. The officers shall hold office until a new committee is elected and organized and their successors are chosen. The officers of the County Committee shall be: Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, 12 Vice Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary. No more than 60 percent of the 12 Vice Chairs shall identify as the same gender at the time of their election. Officers of the County Committee need not be members of the County Committee, but each officer must be an enrolled voter of the Democratic Party qualified for election to the County Committee under the Election Law.

Section 2. The Chair shall:

- A. Preside at all meetings of the County Committee and of the Executive Committee;
- B. Serve as an ex-officio member of all special and standing committees, unless otherwise

provided by these Rules;

- C. Determine the date and time of, and establish the agenda for, all meetings of the County Committee and the Executive Committee;
- D. Appoint the chairs of standing committees and such ad hoc committees as the Chair may establish;
- E. Speak on behalf of the County Committee and/or the Executive Committee on matters of public concern;
- F. Authorize the payment of ordinary and necessary expenses;
- G. Execute legally binding agreements authorized by the Executive Committee;
- H. Have such additional powers as are necessary to direct the programs, policies, and activities of the County Committee; and
- I. Perform any other duties prescribed by the County Committee, the Executive Committee, or these Rules.

Section 3. The Vice Chairs shall perform any duties assigned to them by the Chair, the County Committee, the Executive Committee, or these Rules. In the absence of the Chair, or in the case of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the First Vice Chair, or, in the absence of the First Vice Chair or a vacancy in the office of First Vice Chair, the Second Vice Chair, shall preside at meetings of the County Committee and the Executive Committee and shall perform all the duties of the Chair. In the absence of the Chair, the First Vice Chair and the Second Vice Chair, the remaining Vice Chairs, in alphabetical order by last names, shall preside at meetings of the County Committee and Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Secretary shall:

- A. Keep full and accurate minutes of all proceedings of the County Committee and the Executive Committee;
- B. Prepare and maintain a roll of the members, which includes the e-mail address and phone number of each member and the weighted vote to which each member is entitled;
- C. Notify all members of the time and place of all meetings;
- D. Prepare and distribute all notices, statements and resolutions that are required by these Rules which, except with respect to an Organization Meeting, may be transmitted by e-mail to the extent that the Secretary has e-mail addresses for such members that the Secretary believes to be current; and
- E. Perform any other duties ordinarily performed by the secretary of a political committee and any other duties pertaining to the office of Secretary as may be assigned by the Chair, the County Committee, the Executive Committee, or these Rules.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall:

- A. Serve as the chief financial officer of the County Committee;
- B. Keep detailed accounts of all monies or other property received and all expenditures made or property disposed of by the County Committee;
- C. Issue payments on behalf of the County Committee;

- D. File all campaign finance reports for the County Committee as required by law;
- E. Perform any duties ordinarily performed by the treasurer of a political committee and any other duties pertaining to the office of Treasurer as may be assigned by the Chair, the County Committee, the Executive Committee, or these Rules; and
- F. The Treasurer shall submit a financial report to the Executive Committee quarterly or as required by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary in the performance of the duties of the Secretary and, in the event of a vacancy, serve in the place of the Secretary until the vacancy is filled.

Section 7. The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in the performance of the duties of the Treasurer and, in the event of a vacancy, serve in the place of the Treasurer until the vacancy is filled.

Section 8. Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Chair, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The Executive Director shall assist the Chair in the performance of the Chair's duties and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chair, the Executive Committee or the County Committee. The Executive Director shall supervise the administration and activities of all standing committees and other committees appointed by the Chair, except the Law Committee, and shall be a member ex-officio of all such committees, except the Law Committee.

Section 9. The Chair of the County Committee may appoint a Director of Operations who shall direct the day-to-day operations of the County Committee, its office, and employees, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 10. No salary shall be paid to any officer except upon the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 11. Vacancies in office.

- A. In the case of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the First Vice Chair shall act as Chair until the office is filled as prescribed by this section. If the office of First Vice Chair is vacant, the Second Vice Chair shall act as Chair. If the offices of both First and Second Vice Chair are vacant, the remaining vice chairs in alphabetical order by last name shall act as Chair.
- B. A vacancy in the office of Chair of the County Committee shall be filled by a majority weighted vote of the County Committee at a meeting of the County Committee that has already been scheduled to be held not less than 30 days after the date on which the vacancy occurs, or at a meeting called by the First Vice Chair to be held not less than 60 days nor more than 120 days after the date on which the vacancy occurred. If notice of the meeting that has already been scheduled had already been given when the vacancy occurred, the Secretary must prepare and distribute to each member of the County Committee an amended notice stating that the vacancy in the office of Chair will be filled at the meeting.
- C. A vacancy in any office of the County Committee other than the office of Chair of the County Committee may be filled by a majority weighted vote of the Executive Committee at a meeting for which the notice of meeting includes the filling of the vacancy as an item of business to be considered.

ARTICLE IV:
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the elected officers of the County Committee, the Executive Director, the State Committee Members from each Assembly District or portion thereof within the County, the Chair of each city and town committee, a designated representative who is eligible to be an officer of the County Committee from each of the following: Westchester Young Democrats, Hispanic Democrats of Westchester, Black Democrats of Westchester, Women Democrats of Westchester, Westchester Asian American Democrats, Westchester Jewish Democrats, and Hudson Valley Stonewall Democrats, any residents of Westchester County presently serving on the Executive Committee of the New York State Democratic Party, and all former Westchester County Democratic Committee Chairs who reside within the County.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise at all times when the County Committee is not in session, all the rights, privileges, powers and duties of the County Committee, except as otherwise provided in these Rules.

Section 3. The Secretary shall provide notice of the time and place of a meeting of the Executive Committee to each member of the Executive Committee at least seven days before the meeting, except that a meeting of the Executive Committee may be held on shorter notice if, in the judgment of the Chair, exigent circumstances require. The Secretary shall provide the agenda for the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee at least 72 hours before the meeting or with the notice of the meeting if the meeting is called on less than 72 hours' notice. Notice shall be given by electronic transmission, except that any member who requests at least 30 days in advance of the meeting that the Secretary provide notice by mail and any member who fails to provide the Secretary with an address for electronic transmission shall be given notice by mail.

Section 4. Quorum. Twenty members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Executive Committee Voting.

- A. For the purposes of this section, "the position of municipal chair" shall refer to a chair or co-chairs of a town or city committee, or an authorized alternate as provided in these Rules. If a town or city committee has co-chairs, the co-chairs shall each cast half of the weighted or unweighted vote allocated to the position of municipal chair when both are present, otherwise one of them may cast the whole vote allocated to the position of municipal chair. The position of municipal chair shall be treated as one member of the Executive Committee.
 - (i) An authorized alternate means the highest-ranking vice chair of the municipal committee, or, if none, the officer authorized by the rules of the municipal committee to represent the chair at the Executive Committee, or, if there is no such authorization, the vice chair designated by the municipal committee chair.
- B. On all matters except votes to endorse or nominate candidates for public office and to fill vacancies in County Committee offices, each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote, notwithstanding the number of positions the member holds.
- C. Voting to endorse or nominate candidates for public office and to fill vacancies in County Committee offices shall be by weighted vote. To determine the weighted vote of each member of the Executive Committee, the following system shall be employed:

1. The weighted vote for each city and town (a "municipality") shall be equal to the sum of the weighted vote of its election districts as calculated pursuant to Election Law § 2-104(1).
2. For purposes of these by-laws, an Executive Committee member "resides" at his or her address as reflected in the records of the Board of Elections.
3. If only one Executive Committee member resides in a municipality, the entire weighted vote for the municipality shall be allocated to that member.
4. If more than one member of the Executive Committee resides in a municipality, the weighted vote for that municipality shall be allocated to members of the Executive Committee who reside in that municipality as follows:
 - a. Each municipal committee chair may assign equal or unequal percentages of the weighted votes to the members of the Executive Committee who reside within the municipality, but a municipal chair may not allocate more than 50 percent of the weighted vote to the position of municipal chair.
 - b. The municipal committee chair must provide a written designation of the allocation of the weighted vote among Executive Committee members residing in the municipality within 10 days after the Chair requests the allocation in writing or at the first Executive Committee meeting in the new year after the County Committee's Organization Meeting, whichever is the later to occur. This allocation shall be effective until the next Organization Meeting unless a change is required due to a change in the composition of the Executive Committee, in which case the municipal chair must provide a new written designation of the allocation of the weighted vote at least five days in advance of the Executive Committee meeting at which the designation is to take effect.
 - c. If a municipal chair fails to provide a written designation of the allocation of the weighted vote among Executive Committee members residing in the municipality within the time frames set forth above, 50 percent of the weighted vote shall be allocated to the position of municipal chair and the balance shall be split evenly among the other Executive Committee members residing in the municipality, except that if no Executive Committee member other than the municipal chair resides in the municipality, then the entire vote of the municipality shall be allocated to the municipal chair.
5. If an Executive Committee member is not in present in person at a meeting of the Executive Committee, that member's allocated share of the weighted vote is re-allocated to the position of chair of the municipal committee, if present, or to the vice-chair. If neither the chair nor the vice-chair is present, that member's allocated share of the weighted vote shall be re-allocated equally to the remaining Executive Committee members from the absent member's municipality who are present. If no member of the Executive Committee who resides in the particular municipality is present in person at the Executive Committee meeting, no portion of the municipality's weighted vote shall be cast.

D. On all votes in the Executive Committee:

1. Proxies are not permitted at meetings of the Executive Committee.

2. The vote of a member of the Executive Committee may not be split.

ARTICLE V:
COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Chair of the County Committee shall appoint the Chair and members of the following Standing Committees:

A. Law Committee

1. The Chair of this Committee shall serve as the Parliamentarian of the Executive Committee and the Westchester County Democratic Committee, unless the Chair of the County Committee designates another person as Parliamentarian.

B. Finance and Fundraising Committee

1. The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall serve as ex-officio members of this committee

C. Voter Outreach Committee

D. Municipal Education and Support Committee

E. Platform Committee

F. Judicial Screening Committee

1. The Judicial Screening Committee shall review the qualifications of candidates for countywide judicial offices and for Supreme Court from the Ninth Judicial District and report on its findings at least 30 days in advance of a scheduled endorsement vote by the County Committee or the Executive Committee, or, with respect to candidates for Supreme Court, at least 30 days in advance of the scheduled date of a Ninth Judicial District Convention.

G. Rules Committee

H. Communications Committee

I. Technology Support Committee

J. Ethics Committee

Section 2. The Chair shall appoint such other Committees as may be deemed necessary for the proper conduct of party affairs.

ARTICLE VI:
MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES

Section 1. Each municipal committee shall consist of the members of the County Committee from the Election Districts within that political unit.

Section 2. Each municipal committee may add additional members for its own local purposes, but those additional members are not members of the County Committee. The chair of each municipal committee shall make his or her best effort to provide to the Secretary promptly the telephone number, e-mail address, and other electronic contact information, as well as an up-to-date mailing

address, for each member of the municipal committee who is also a member of the County Committee.

Section 3. Organization Meetings.

- A. Each municipal committee must meet to organize after the primary election at which members of the County Committee are elected, but no later than 10 days prior to the date of the Organization Meeting of the County Committee.
- B. The outgoing chair of each municipal committee shall call the Organization Meeting for the municipal committee. If the outgoing Chair is unable to act or refuses to act, the organization meeting shall be called as provided by the rules of the municipal committee or by the highest-ranking vice chair or other officer of the outgoing municipal committee able or willing to act. If no Organization Meeting of the municipal committee has been called within 30 days after the Organization Meeting of the County Committee, the County Chair may call the Organization Meeting of the municipal committee.
- C. Notice of the time and place of the Organization Meeting must, if provided before the primary election, be provided to all candidates for the position of member of the County Committee in the municipality, or, if provided after the primary election, be provided to each member of the County Committee duly elected at the primary election at least 10 days prior to the meeting.
- D. At its Organization Meeting, each municipal committee shall elect, by a majority vote, a Chair or Co-Chairs, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and those other officers, including Vice Chairs, for which the municipal committee's rules provide and shall fill vacancies in the committee. The officers shall hold office until a new municipal committee is elected and organized and their successors are installed. The officers shall perform the duties ordinarily performed by a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, and such additional duties as may be prescribed by the municipal committee of which they are officers.

Section 4. Each municipal committee shall adopt rules for its governance. Such rules must not be inconsistent with these Rules.

ARTICLE VII:
MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

Section 1. Organization Meeting.

- A. The County Committee shall meet during the period prescribed by the Election Law following the primary election at which members of the County Committee are elected. This meeting shall be known as the Organization Meeting. Until the Organization Meeting in each year in which members of the County Committee are elected at the primary election, the existing County Committee, and the Executive Committee and the officers as provided in these rules, shall exercise all the legal authority of a duly constituted county committee. Upon the commencement of the Organization Meeting, the new County Committee shall assume all legal authority vested in the previous County Committee.
- B. The Organization Meeting shall be called by the Chair of the outgoing County Committee. If the outgoing Chair fails to notify the Executive Committee of the date for the Organization Meeting at least 45 days prior to the last day to hold the Organization Meeting as prescribed

by the Election Law, the First Vice Chair or, if the First Vice Chair fails to do so within seven days, the Second Vice Chair shall promptly schedule the Organization Meeting and cause the Secretary to give appropriate notice.

- C. The Secretary shall provide notice of the time and place of the Organization Meeting to each member at least 20 days before the meeting. Notice shall be given by electronic transmission, except that any member who requests at least 30 days in advance of the meeting that the Secretary provide notice by mail and any member who fails to provide the Secretary with an address for electronic transmission shall be given notice by mail.
- D. At the Organization Meeting, the Chair of the outgoing County Committee or, if the Chair of the outgoing County Committee is not present, the officer of the outgoing County Committee next in succession to the position of Chair, shall preside until the Chair of the new County Committee is elected. The order of business at the Organization Meeting shall be:
 - 1. Calling of the roll.
 - 2. Election of officers.
 - 3. New business.

Section 2. Regular Meetings.

- A. The Chair shall call the regular meetings of the County Committee.
- B. The Secretary shall provide notice of the time and place of each regular meeting to each member of the County Committee at least 20 days before the meeting. Notice shall be given by electronic transmission, except that any member who requests at least 30 days in advance of a regular meeting that the Secretary provide notice by U.S. Mail and any member who fails to provide the Secretary with an address for electronic transmission shall be given notice by U.S. Mail. The request shall continue until revoked.
- C. Meetings of the County Committee shall be held in person, except that, during a time of emergency, such as a public-health emergency, extreme and dangerous inclement weather or civil insurrection within Westchester County, or as otherwise provided by law, meetings may be held remotely via videoconferencing technology. In-person meetings may be live-streamed for viewing remotely.
- D. The standard order of business at a regular meeting shall be:
 - 1. Roll Call
 - 2. Minutes
 - 3. Reports
 - 4. Old Business
 - 5. New Business
- E. Resolutions. The agenda for any regular meeting of the County Committee must include any item or resolution submitted to the Chair or the Secretary, in writing, upon petition of 15 members at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The Secretary shall provide the text of the resolution to the members of the County Committee no later than seven days prior to the regular meeting.

Section 3. Special Meetings.

- A. The Chair may call special meetings of the County Committee. Special meetings of the County Committee must be held in person.
- B. Upon the written request of at least 160 members of the County Committee that states the purpose for the meeting, the Secretary must call a special meeting of the County Committee on the date designated in the written request, provided the request is received by the Secretary not less than 10 days prior to the designated date. If the Secretary determines that the designated date is not feasible, the Secretary shall call the special meeting on the next feasible date thereafter, but not later than 10 days after the date designated.
- C. The Secretary shall provide notice of the time, place, and purpose of the special meeting to each member at least seven days before the meeting. Notice shall be given by electronic transmission, except that any member who requests at least 30 days in advance of the meeting that the Secretary provide notice by mail and any member who fails to provide the Secretary with an address for electronic transmission shall be given notice by U.S. Mail. No business other than the business set forth as the purpose for the meeting shall be transacted at the special meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. Fifteen percent of the Members of the County Committee, attending in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the County Committee unless these Rules provide otherwise. Less than a quorum may not conduct any business whatsoever other than to adjourn to a date, time and place determined by the Chair.

Section 5. Credentials and Proxies.

- A. The Chair shall appoint a credentials committee for each meeting of the County Committee to determine qualifications to vote at and the validity of proxies for that meeting. The credentials committee may meet in advance of the meeting of the County Committee.
- B. At all meetings of the County Committee, a member shall be entitled to vote by proxy if the proxy is received by the Secretary or other officer designated for that purpose by the Chair not less than 72 hours before the time fixed for the meeting. The proxy must be in substantially the form attached to these Rules. The proxy must be signed by hand by the member, but the proxy is not invalid solely because the proxy presented to the Secretary is reproduced by photocopying or other electronic means.
- C. Any duly enrolled Democrat of Westchester County may act as a proxy, but no individual may act as a proxy for more than two members.

ARTICLE VIII: COUNTY COMMITTEE VOTING PROCEDURES

Section 1. Each member of the County Committee has one vote in a meeting of the County Committee.

Section 2. Endorsements and nominations for public office or party positions, and elections for County Committee officers, require a majority of the weighted vote. In accordance with New York Election §2-104(1), the weighted vote of each member of the County Committee is equal to one-half of the party vote cast in the district for governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election, or in case the boundaries of such election district have been changed or a new district has been created

since the last preceding gubernatorial election, proportional to the party vote cast for member of assembly or in the event there was no election for member of assembly, then proportional to the number of enrolled voters of such party in such district on the list of enrolled voters last published by the board of elections, excluding voters in inactive status.

Section 3. Method of voting for the endorsement or nomination of candidates at County Committee meetings.

- A. Voting at meetings of the County Committee shall be by electronic balloting, using software designated by the Chair, unless the Chair determines that electronic balloting is not possible. If electronic balloting is used, votes on nonconforming media will not be counted.
- B. The weighted vote of members who do not submit ballots will not be counted in determining the total votes cast. Blank ballots will be counted only to determine the number of weighted votes cast. Ballots that contain "overvotes," i.e., ballots that identify more candidates than there are positions available, will not be counted.
- C. If only one candidate is nominated and seconded for endorsement or nomination for a single office, the endorsement will be determined by a voice vote.
- D. If two candidates are nominated and seconded for endorsement for a single office and no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the weighted votes cast, there will be no endorsement for that office.
- E. If two candidates are nominated and seconded for nomination for a single office and no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the weighted votes cast on the first ballot, there will be a second ballot and, if necessary, subsequent ballots until a candidate receives a majority of the weighted vote.
- F. If three or more candidates are nominated and seconded for endorsement or nomination for a single position and no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the weighted votes cast on the first ballot, the candidate with the lowest weighted vote will be eliminated and a second and, if necessary, subsequent ballots will be held between or among the remaining candidates until a candidate receives a majority of the weighted vote in accordance with subsection D or E of this section as may applicable.
- G. Where multiple positions are available for endorsement or nomination for the same public office and the number of candidates nominated and seconded for the multiple positions is equal to or less than the number of positions available, the endorsement will be determined by a voice vote. If more candidates have been nominated and seconded than there are positions available, any candidate who has received a majority of the weighted votes cast is endorsed or nominated, the candidate with the least number of weighted votes is eliminated, and a second and, if necessary, subsequent ballots will be held between or among the remaining candidates until a candidate receives a majority of the weighted vote. The same process will continue until a candidate has received a majority of the weighted vote for each position.

Section 4. Weighted Ranked Choice Voting

- A. Effective January 1, 2026, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the County Committee shall vote for the endorsement or nomination of candidates and the election of party officers by ranked choice weighted voting. The Executive Committee may authorize ranked choice voting for the endorsement or nomination of candidates prior to January 1, 2026.

- B. Ranked choice voting utilizes a ballot which gives the voter the option of ranking candidates in order of preference.
- C. Races for a single position
 1. If a candidate receives a majority of the first preference weighted votes cast on a given ballot, that candidate is endorsed or nominated.
 2. If no candidate receives a majority of weighted first preference votes, the ballots shall be retabulated without regard for the votes cast for the candidate receiving the lowest number of weighted votes and the ballots of members who ranked that candidate as their first choice will have their votes transferred to their next choice. For the nomination of candidates and the election of officers, this process will continue until a candidate receives a majority of the weighted vote or only two candidates remain, with the candidate then receiving the greatest number of votes being nominated or elected. For the endorsement of candidates, when only two candidates remain and no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the weighted votes cast, there will be no endorsement for that office.
- D. Races for multiple positions. The Chair shall adopt a system of ranked choice voting and additional rules to ensure it upholds the principle of majority rule and accommodates weighted voting.

Section 5. A member or proxy holder arriving after the completion of a roll call, shall notify the Secretary of their presence, the Secretary shall enter the name of the member or proxy holder on the roll and the member or proxy holder shall be eligible to vote on the first ballot commenced thereafter and all subsequent ballots.

ARTICLE IX:
ENDORSEMENTS AND NOMINATIONS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Section 1. The endorsement or nomination of candidates for any elected countywide public office shall be made in a manner established by the Executive Committee and in accordance with the Election Law.

Section 2. The nomination of candidates for any elected public office which is entirely within the political unit of a municipal committee shall be made at a meeting of that municipal committee, by a majority of the weighted vote, pursuant to its rules and in accordance with the Election Law.

Section 3. Where permitted by law and the town or village committee has not opted to hold a primary election, nominations for town or village elective offices shall be made at a party caucus.

Section 4. The endorsement or nomination of candidates for any elected public office which is not countywide or is not limited to a single municipal unit, and the endorsement of a candidate for a public office that encompasses more than one county, shall be made by a committee consisting of the State Committee Members who represent any portion of the district affected, the municipal committee chairs of the political units which are entirely or partially within the district and all Executive Committee members who reside within the district affected or by a mini-convention called pursuant to section 5 of this Article. The committee shall be convened by a chair or co-chairs appointed by the Chair of the County Committee. Each member of the committee shall cast one vote, except that endorsements or nominations shall be made by weighted vote. In voting on any

endorsement or nomination, the vote cast by each member of the committee shall be equal to the vote that member is entitled to cast on the Executive Committee, except that each municipal committee Chair or State Committee Member who represents a municipality or Assembly District that is not entirely within the district of the public office in question shall cast a weighted vote that is a percentage of that member's vote on the Executive Committee equal to the percentage of the weighted vote of the municipality represented by that member which was cast within the district of the public office for which a nomination or endorsement is being made.

Section 5. Committees established pursuant to Section 4 of this Article are hereby authorized to call "mini-conventions" to endorse or nominate candidates for public office and to establish rules for mini-conventions. Mini-conventions shall be comprised of the County Committee members representing election districts within the public-office district in question. Voting on the endorsement or nomination of candidates shall be by weighted vote. Rules for mini conventions shall not be inconsistent with these Rules and applicable provisions of the Election Law.

Section 6. The Executive Committee may endorse any candidate for elected to public office. Municipal Committees may, in accordance with their own rules, endorse any candidate for elected public office.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Rules may be amended only by the majority vote of the County Committee at a regular or special meeting duly called pursuant to these Rules. The Secretary must provide a copy of the proposed amendment to each member of the County Committee with notice of the meeting of the County Committee not less than 10 days prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment will be considered.

ARTICLE XI: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. All matters of procedure not covered by these Rules or by resolution adopted by the County Committee or the Executive Committee, shall be governed by the most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Section 2. These Rules shall become effective immediately upon their adoption.

Section 3. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, article or part thereof of these Rules shall be held to be invalid by a court, such holding shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, article or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall adopt an Ethics Code and may adopt such other standards, policies and guidelines applicable to and binding upon members of the County Committee in their official capacity. The Ethics Code and all such standards, policies and guidelines may be enforced as provided in such standards, policies and guidelines as permitted under applicable law.

Section 5. Whenever the Chair or a majority of the Executive Committee determines in good faith that, due to an emergency, such as a public-health emergency, extreme and dangerous inclement

weather or civil insurrection within Westchester County, it is necessary, in order to enable the County Committee to make a timely endorsement or nomination for countywide office, any requirements of these Rules as to the number of days' notice required to call a meeting of the County Committee or the Executive Committee or the form of the notice may be dispensed with, and the notice given by the Chair and the Secretary, after consultation with the Municipal Chairs and diligent and reasonable efforts to provide actual notice of the meeting as soon as practicable to every member of the County Committee or the Executive Committee, as applicable, shall be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of these Rules.

WCDC VOTING PROXY

I, _____ (proxy grantor name) a duly elected member of the Democratic Committee, representing the ____ Ward (for the City of Yonkers only) and Election District for the City/Town of _____, do hereby appoint _____ (proxy recipient name), a duly enrolled Democrat, residing at _____, New York, to act and vote as my proxy at the Westchester County Democratic Committee meeting to be held at _____ (location) on _____, at ____PM and to have all privileges and powers I should then be entitled to if present.

Date Executed

Signature of County Committee Member

Printed Name of County Committee Member

Additional Information

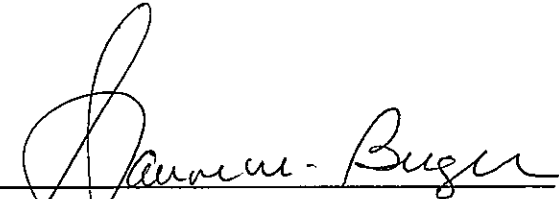
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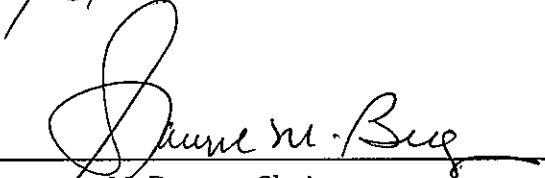
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The Westchester County Democratic Committee, State of New York duly elected by the Democratic voters of the County of Westchester, do, pursuant to the provisions of the laws and statutes, adopt these rules of the Democratic Party of the County of Westchester, State of New York and direct the Chair to republish in its entirety and further direct the Secretary of the convention to certify and file said document with the Board of Elections, Westchester County, State of New York and the New York State Board of Elections.

These rules were officially adopted.

At a legally held convention of the Westchester County Democratic Committee on the 18th day of February 2025, at which a quorum was present and we the undersigned do hereby certify that these rules have been republished as stated above and have been filed with the Westchester County Board of Elections and the New York State Board of Elections on the 27th day of May 2025.


Suzanne M. Berger, Convention Chair


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Tajian M. Nelson, Secretary