

TSTA House of Delegates Rules

- A. The recording of official state House of Delegates business meetings by any electronic device is strictly prohibited without the express approval of the TSTA President or Executive Director.
- B. Any rule herein provided may be suspended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting.
- C. The order of business may be suspended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting.
- D. The presence of a quorum shall be established by a credentials report at the beginning of the House of Delegates. Thereafter, the continued presence of a quorum shall be determined by the list of participants in the virtual platform, unless a delegate requests a quorum count by audible roll call. Such a request may only be made following a vote for which the total votes cast is less than a quorum.
- E. Objection to the consideration of a motion shall only be in order immediately after the maker of the motion or NBI has had the opportunity to speak to it.
- F. All delegates will be muted during the House of Delegates until recognized by the Chair.
- G. A delegate seeking recognition by the Chair must type all of the following information in the question box: Color indicating reason for seeking recognition, Name, and Local. Upon recognition, delegates shall state their name and Local or position and the reason for which they seek recognition.
- H. The colors used to indicate the reason for seeking recognition will be the following:
 - 1. GREEN– To speak in favor of a motion or to make a motion dealing with the main motion.
 - 2. RED– To speak against a motion or to make a motion dealing with the main motion.
 - 3. BLUE – To make a motion dealing with the general conduct of the meeting that can interrupt the speaker.
 - 4. WHITE– To make a motion that cannot interrupt the speaker.
- I. Once a delegate properly seeks recognition using the question box, the request will be placed in a speaking order.
- J. No more than two (2) delegates will be recognized for requests for information prior to debate on any given motion and amendment. Further requests for information will be recognized in the regular speaking order.
- K. No delegate shall speak in debate more than twice to the same question during the same meeting, nor longer than three (3) minutes at one time.
- L. A delegate shall not speak for or against a motion and move to close debate on the same recognition.
- M. The motion to close debate shall require approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present and voting.
- N. Voting on motions and amendments will occur using the polling feature on the virtual platform.
 - 1. Once a vote is called, a poll will be displayed and delegates may vote.
 - 2. The Chair will announce the amount of time the poll will be open.
 - 3. Once a vote is submitted, the vote cannot be changed.
 - 4. When voting is completed, the results will be displayed.

- O. When the Legislative Program is presented, it shall include a motion to adopt that program. That motion shall remain pending while any amendments dealing with the Legislative Program are considered. Any amendment to the Legislative Program not submitted by the applicable deadline will be declared out of order.
- P. New Business Items submitted by the applicable deadline will be considered in the order received.
- Q. New Business Items adopted by the state House of Delegates shall be assigned to an appropriate TSTA committee or TSTA center by the Executive Director and President. It shall be the responsibility of committees or centers to carry out directions of the state House of Delegates' adopted new business items until achieved or changed by a subsequent state House of Delegates action.
- R. A committee chairperson and/or designee and the Executive Director and President shall report to succeeding Houses of Delegates on action taken to achieve the purposes of the new business items referred to in Item Q above.
- S. The chat function will not be used to discuss business, pose questions, debate issues, campaign, or to engage in anything related to House of Delegates business.
- T. Announcements submitted on the authorized form and approved by the President will be read prior to adjournment.