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# Rules for the 2025 Reorganization Meeting of the 45th District Democrats

## *Section 1. Meeting Chair*

The first business of this meeting is to elect a new Chair of the 45th District Democrats. As such, the outgoing Chair will transfer leadership of the meeting to the KCD Representative at the beginning of business. Once a new Chair is elected, the new Chair will conduct the rest of the meeting. For the rest of this document, "Meeting Chair" refers to the person currently leading the meeting.

## *Section 2. General Meeting Conduct*

### *Section 2.1. Focusing on Business*

In order to have a focused meeting where everyone can participate, please use the Raise Hand function in Zoom, wait to be recognized, and state the purpose for which you wish the floor (e.g. debate, motion, etc).

The meeting chat will be limited to direct messaging, so as not to distract others from the business at hand. In case of technical issues, directly message the Meeting Chair or their designee to help troubleshoot.

### *Section 2.2. Duration of Rules*

These rules are in effect from their adoption through the adoption of bylaws. Once all officer elections have occurred and bylaws have been adopted, the reorganization is done and we revert to normal meeting rules.

## *Section 3. Nominations and Speeches*

### *Section 3.1. Nominations Before Start of Meeting.*

Candidates for elected officer positions may self-nominate before the start of the reorganization meeting. To self-nominate, candidates should send their name, the office, and an optional statement of not more than 250 words no later than the day before the reorganization meeting. The Secretary will share all such information as is received 4 days before the meeting with all members no later than 3 days before the meeting.

### *Section 3.2. Floor Nominations*

Candidates may also be nominated by themselves or another during the virtual meeting.

### *Section 3.3. Nominations Determine Ballot and Speech Order.*

Candidates nominated before the start of the meeting shall appear on the ballot in the order they were nominated. Candidates nominated from the floor shall appear on the ballot in the order they were nominated and following those candidates nominated before the start of the meeting. All nominated candidates may speak in the order that they were nominated.

### *Section 3.4. Same Candidate Nominated for Multiple Positions.*

A candidate may be nominated for multiple positions. Per the bylaws, an individual may concurrently serve in up to two elected officer positions, except that an individual shall not concurrently serve in more than one of the following elected officer positions: Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. A person serving in more than one officer position shall retain only one vote on the Executive Board.

### *Section 3.5. Candidate Speeches*

Each candidate may address the meeting for up to two minutes to campaign for the position being sought. Speeches may be “live” or pre-recorded at the candidate’s discretion. A candidate who cannot attend the reorganization meeting should designate someone to either speak for them or play a recording. Candidates may speak even for uncontested races.

### *Section 3.6. Debate*

After candidate speeches, if the race is contested, the candidates will be escorted out of the main virtual meeting room, then the Meeting Chair will recognize speakers, up to twice the number of candidates, for debate. Each speaker has 90 seconds. Candidates are then returned to the main virtual meeting room.

## *Section 4. Elections*

### *Section 4.1. Eligibility*

Eligibility to vote is determined by our [existing bylaws](#). As a guide to the bylaws, the agenda specifies which votes are PCO votes and which votes are Member votes.

### *Section 4.2. Uncontested Races*

Candidates in uncontested races will be considered elected once the time for floor nominations passes without additional nominations.

### *Section 4.3. Contested races*

Voting in contested races will be done by Google Forms, with links to ballots provided in the meeting. Electors will need to specify their name and email so the tally committee can ensure that each elector is an eligible voter.

All races with more than two candidates will be done with ranked choice voting.

*Section 4.4. Gender Rules*

After the conclusion of the Chair's election, only candidates of a different gender identity category are eligible to appear on the ballot for the First Vice Chair election.

In the event both positions are contested for WSDCC representative, KCDCC executive board representative, or KCDCC executive board alternate, then all candidates for the office will be listed on the first ballot. After a candidate is elected, the second ballot will consist of all candidates of a different gender identity category than the elected officer.

*Section 4.5. Tallying & Auditability*

The Meeting Chair will appoint a Tally Committee, of at least two people, including one person who is not running for office.

Any member must be able to audit all ballots and election results upon written request to the Chair within one month of the reorganization meeting.