

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SECOND
ANNUAL COUNCIL

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF TEXAS

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR DISPATCH OF BUSINESS

To the Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop, and Members of
the One Hundred Seventy-Second Council of the Diocese of
Texas:

The Committee for Dispatch of Business presents an outline
of the Order of Business to be handled at this Council, along
with the names of the persons presenting reports, a copy of
the Supplemental Special Rules of Order for Virtual Attendance
and a copy of Title I, Canon 2.

Faithfully submitted,

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**SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER
FOR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE AT 172ND ANNUAL COUNCIL**

I. Preamble

1. Supersede Regular Rules. These Supplemental Special Rules of Order for Virtual Attendance at Annual Council (hereinafter, "these Rules") shall supersede the Special Rules of Procedure and to the extent they are in conflict with the Special Rules of Procedure, these Rules shall prevail.

2. Purpose. The purpose of these Rules is to facilitate the calling and meeting of the Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas in a situation where it is impractical to hold a face-to-face physical meeting of the Council due to governmental restraints, health and safety concerns, or as otherwise directed by the Bishop Diocesan.

3. Interpretation of Certain Constitutional and Canonical Terms. For purposes of Annual Councils governed by these Rules, these terms shall have the following interpretation:

"Council": The meeting of Clergy and laity of the Diocese of Texas conducted wholly or in part via remote electronic participation by its members

"seat": The ability to participate in the Council via electronic connection

"voice": The right to make oral statements during the Council

"vote": The right to cast an oral voice or electronic poll vote or file an electronic ballot during the Council.

4. Council Managers. The Council Management Committee shall employ adequate technical assistance in order to facilitate the conduct of an electronic meeting of the Council. The Council Management Committee and its technical assistants are referred to herein as "Council Managers."

5. Consent. By adopting these Rules, the Council also consents to the holding of the Annual Council of the Diocese virtually pursuant to these Rules rather than in-person as normally contemplated.

II. Notice of Meeting of Virtual Council and Connection Information

1. Increased Notice Time. If the Bishop shall call for a meeting of Council by electronic means, the notice for such meeting shall be given by publication on the Diocesan website and otherwise no later than four weeks prior to the date called for the opening of the meeting.

2. Members To Furnish Communication Information. No later than three weeks before any such meeting, every member of the Clergy entitled to seat, voice, or vote in Council must notify the Bishop's designee of his or her email address in order to receive the ability to participate in a Council held electronically. No later than such date, every Rector, Vicar, or a Warden of any congregation entitled to representation in Council must notify the Bishop's designee of the email address of (a) every Lay Deputy of such congregation or (b) any Alternate who pursuant to Canon I.1.4 will replace an elected Lay Deputy who will be unable to attend the Council.

3. Secretary To Send Login Information. No later than three days before such meeting, the Secretary of Council or his or her designee shall send an email to every member of Council setting forth (a) the time of the meeting, (b) the URL and codes necessary to connect to the Internet meeting service (Zoom Webinar), and, as an alternative and backup to the audio connection included within Zoom Webinar, the phone number and access codes the member needs to participate aurally by telephone, and (c) if applicable, a Voter ID code.

III. Opening of Meeting and Quorum

1. Login Time. The Council Managers shall schedule Zoom Webinar availability to begin at least 30 minutes before the start of each meeting.

2. Signing In and Out. Members shall identify themselves as required to sign in to Zoom Webinar. If you are seeking recognition at any time during the meeting the administrators will change your display name to your First and Last Name, Church, and City (e.g., John Smith, St. Swithen's, Stafford), which they will ask you to provide in the Zoom Chat. Members shall maintain internet and audio access throughout the meeting whenever present but shall sign out upon any departure before adjournment.

3. Quorum. The Council Managers shall determine and report to the Secretary the presence of a quorum as required by the Constitution on the basis of a quorum vote using TallySpace.com. The members present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum. Less than a quorum can adjourn.

IV. Conduct of Meeting

1. Technical Requirements and Malfunctions. Each member is responsible for his or her audio and Internet connections; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting.

2. Forced Disconnections. The President of Council may cause or direct the disconnection or muting of a member's connection if it is causing undue interference with the meeting. The President's decision to do so, which is subject to an undebatable appeal that can be made by any member, shall be announced during the meeting and recorded in the minutes.

3. Assignment of the Floor. To seek recognition by the President, a member shall use the Zoom "Raise Hand" request and await recognition. If using a shared computer, indicate First and Last Name in the Zoom Chat to All Panelists. Once the pending action is completed, the Council Managers shall clear the online queue.

4. Interrupting a Member. A member who intends to make a motion or request that under the rules may interrupt a speaker shall use the Zoom Chat feature by typing "Point of Order" to All Panelists, and shall thereafter wait a reasonable time for the President's instructions before attempting to interrupt the speaker by voice.

5. Motions Submitted in Writing. A member intending to make a main motion, to offer an amendment, or to propose instructions to a committee, shall, before or after being recognized, send the motion in writing to council@epicenter.org for this purpose, preceded by the member's name, parish affiliation and a number corresponding to how many written motions the member has so far posted during the meeting (e.g., "Judy Smith, Rector of St. Swithen's, Stafford, 3:"; "Richard Roe, Holy Name, Millstone, 1").

6. Seconding of Motions and Related Posts. Members responding "so moved" to a request from the President for a motion, or seconding any motion that requires a second, must do so using the Zoom Chat to All Panelists without needing to be recognized by the President.

7. Display of Motions. The Council Managers shall display on the Zoom Share Screen the immediately pending question and other relevant pending questions (such as the main motion, or the pertinent part of the main motion, when an amendment to it is immediately pending); and, to the extent feasible, the Council Managers shall cause such questions, or any other documents that are currently before the meeting for action or information, to be displayed therein until disposed of.

8. Video Display. The President and the Council Managers shall cause a video of the President to be displayed throughout the meeting and shall also cause display of the video of the member currently recognized to speak (if such display is permitted by them) or report.

9. Broadcasting. The Council Managers shall arrange for broadcasting via livestreaming or otherwise so that the public and members of the Diocese other than members of the Council may observe the proceedings.

V. Floor Nominations and Voting

1. Nominations from the Floor. Any persons who have not been nominated through the Nominating Committee may be nominated for office by written nomination form for such purpose, completed and submitted to the Secretary no later than a week prior to the opening of Council, provided that when the President invites nominations from the floor for that office the person making the nomination confirms the nomination and the person nominated confirms willingness to serve if elected.

2. Voting. All votes, including balloting for elections, shall be taken by the anonymous voting feature of using members' assigned Voter ID code. Individual ballots will be deemed anonymous if they are known only to the Supervisors and Tellers Committee and its technical assistants. Results of ballots will be reported to the President by the Chair of the Supervisors and Tellers Committee.

3. Ratification. All the votes taken and decisions made at any Council held virtually will be submitted for ratification by the next Council held in person.

SPECIAL RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. **ADMISSION TO FLOOR OF COUNCIL:** Deacons, priests and bishops canonically resident in the Diocese and lay delegates elected to represent parishes, missions, college chaplaincies, and diocesan youth ministries may be present on the floor of Council. Any alternate desiring to substitute for an absent delegate, before taking his/her seat, must first clear with the Secretary of the Diocese his/her credentials as a delegate. Persons performing duties in support of Council but who are not delegates and elected officers of the Diocese who are not delegates but are canonically granted seat and voice may be admitted to the floor of Council by applying to the Secretary for appropriate credentials.
2. **LIMITATIONS ON ISSUES AND LENGTH OF SPEECHES** will be designated by three levels of procedure, as follows:

MODE A =	Any one issue-30 minutes	Any one speech-3 minutes
MODE B =	Any one issue-20 minutes	Any one speech-2 minutes
MODE C =	Any one issue-15 minutes	Any one speech-1 minute

Issue in the context of a main motion shall include the main motion, its amendments and any substitute motion and its amendments (i.e., the main motion). Other subsidiary, privileged and incidental motions are excluded from the main motion.

Speech shall include any statement, question, and inquiry, including any response to a question or inquiry.

“Mode A” will be in effect at all times unless two-thirds of the members present vote to change to another Mode. Any Mode, once adopted, will remain in effect unless two-thirds of the members present vote to change to another Mode.

3. **PROCEDURE FOR DEBATE:**
 - a. The above stated time limits relate to the main motion. Other speeches shall be limited to 1 minute. The time limit for any motion other than the main motion shall be 5 minutes, and the aggregate time limit for all such other motions presented or considered while the main motion is pending shall be 15 minutes.
 - b. Upon expiration of the applicable time limit relative to an issue, the issue will be put to an immediate vote, if a vote is appropriate. No motion shall be in order except to adjourn.
 - c. Time spent voting on an issue, from the statement of the question by the Chair to announcement of the vote, shall not be considered in computing the applicable time limit for consideration of the issue.
 - d. When a proposition is under consideration, no motion shall be received except to adjourn, lay on the table, postpone, commit, amend or divide, said motions to take precedence in the order named. Title I.2.5(f)
 - e. Any member must be recognized by the Chair before addressing the Council. Any member desiring to speak shall rise, respectfully address the Chair, state her/his name and parish/mission/institution, and confine herself/himself to the subject under discussion. Members of the Council cannot address one another directly, but must

address all remarks through the Chair. When a question is pending, a member can condemn the nature or likely consequences of the proposed measure, but she/he must avoid personalities, irreverences, personal feelings and experiences; and under no circumstances can she/he attack or question the motives of another member. The measure, not the member, is the subject of debate. Members shall not speak more than twice on the same proposition. Title I.2.5(c)

- f. During a regular session, the Chair will recognize delegates at microphones in order of their arrival, as he can best determine, alternating between delegates on opposing sides of the debate. A delegate who elects not to speak when recognized must surrender the microphone to the next in line.
 - g. During any session of the Committee of the Whole, a designated number of microphones will be used. The Chair will recognize delegates at microphones in sequential order.
4. A single vote will be taken on all elections on the Bishop's nominations, provided that any delegate may call for a separate vote on any specific board or office by notifying the Chair of the Committee for Dispatch of Business in advance of the call for the Order of Business item for elections on the Bishop's nominations.
 5. All courtesy resolutions will be voted on en masse, after having been distributed electronically, projected on the screens, and read to the Council.
 6. No one may distribute materials on the floor of Council, before or during any session, without permission from the Chair.
 7. The Chair may call for prayer at any time during deliberations.
 8. Voting by written ballot, voice, standing or otherwise, is limited to deacons, priests and bishops who are canonically resident in the Diocese and to lay delegates elected to represent parishes, missions, college chaplaincies, or diocesan youth ministry.
 9. All reports required by Title I.2.5(d)(1) and published in the *Journal*, Volume I, or presented in writing to the Secretary, are accepted by title. The Order of Business provides opportunity for any member of Council to refer materials to regular Committees of Council and ask questions regarding any report made to Council. Any member seeking to be recognized for such a purpose must notify the Chair of the Committee for Dispatch of Business.
 10. Any motion to amend the Diocesan Budget by adding any expense must stipulate in the same motion the source of the income or the item of commensurate reduction in another portion of the same budget.
 11. Any of the above rules may be suspended by concurrence of two-thirds of the members present. Title I.2.5(i)

OPENING SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 8:30 AM

BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 9:30 AM

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Council Instructional Video
4. Balloting Test and Survey, the Rev. Madeline Hawley
5. Organizing for business.
 - A. Declaration of a Quorum, the Rev. Canon John A. Logan, Jr., Secretary of the Diocese
 - B. Report concerning Credentials, the Rev. Canon John A. Logan, Jr.
 - C. Declaration of the President that Council is organized for Business and appointment of Parliamentarian
 - D. Report of the Committee for Dispatch of Business, the Rev. William Fowler
 - E. Certification and Attestation of Minutes from the 171st Council, the Rev. John A. Logan, Jr.
 - F. Appointment of regular committees of Council to fill vacancies, Bishop Doyle
6. Report on Missions and Parishes, the Rev. Canon Joann Saylor
7. Bishop's Address
8. Report of the Committee for Nominations, the Rev. Lisa Neilson, Nominations from the Floor of Council
9. Balloting procedures, the Rev. Madeline Hawley

10. First Ballot (See Rule 8, p. 5)
11. Report of the Committee for Constitution and Canons, Maria Boyce.
12. Report of the Committee for Resolutions
13. Special Greetings from the Wider Church
14. Noonday Prayer, the Rev. Beth Holden (as called for by the President)
15. Announcements and 1-hour Recess
Lunch Break—Exhibit Page Open
16. Reconvene, Bishop Doyle
17. Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese, Linda Riley Mitchell
18. 2021 Diocesan Budget, Bette Lehmberg (See Rule 10, p. 5)
19. Introduction of Clergy New to the Diocese
20. Celebration of New Communities, the Rev. Canon Joann Saylor
21. Report of the Committee for Supervisors and Tellers, the Rev. Madeline Hawley (second ballot, if necessary)
22. Reports to be made when called for by the Committee for the Dispatch of Business
23. Regional Bishops' reports
24. As Needed, Report of the Committee for Supervisors and Tellers, the Rev. Madeline Hawley (next ballot, if necessary)
25. Recommendation by the Treasurer of the Diocese for Council Offering taken at the 172nd Council
26. Elections on the Bishop's Nominations (See Rule 4, p. 5)
27. Announcement of Appointments by Bishop Doyle
28. Reports not previously received, opportunity for reference of materials to Regular Committees of Council by any member of Council, and opportunity for any member of Council to ask questions regarding any report made to Council (See Rule 9, p.5)
29. and 30. Report of the Committee for Council Management and Invitation to 173rd Council, and Housekeeping announcements, the Rev. Canon Joe Chambers
31. Adjournment, Doxology and Benediction, Bishop Doyle

Title I, Canon 2
THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS FOR COUNCIL

Section 2.1 The Dispatch of Business

- a) Council shall open with Divine service.
- b) All business of Council shall be presented by or through any officer of the Diocese, any member of the Executive Board, any of the regular committees of Council, or as specified by this Canon.
- c) The regular committees of Council shall be the following, and such other regular committees as the Council may hereafter create by Canon:
 - 1) Dispatch of Business
 - 2) Constitution and Canons
 - 3) Nominations
 - 4) Supervisors and Tellers
 - 5) Resolutions
 - 6) Council Management
 - 7) Budget
- d) All regular committees appointed shall hold office from the close of the Annual Council at which their appointment is made until the close of the next Annual Council.
- e) The Committee for Dispatch of Business shall consist of one member of the Clergy and three (3) laypersons. This Committee shall present a report outlining the procedure of Council, with a copy of the Canon entitled The Dispatch of Business for Council. This report may include changes in the procedure of Council set forth in this Canon, when considered advisable in order to facilitate the business of the Council. Such report, if approved by Council, shall be recognized in conducting the business of Council.
- f) The Committee for Constitution and Canons shall consist of two members of the Clergy, two laypersons, and the Chancellor, who shall be an ex-officio member. It shall be the duty of this Committee to receive every proposed change, alteration, or new Article of the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese, submitted to the secretary or chair of the Committee for Constitution and Canons by November 15 prior to the next Annual Council. It shall be the duty of this Committee to change the wording of such proposals to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese. It

shall be the privilege of the Committee to evaluate these proposals and recommend their adoption or rejection. The action of this Committee will be published in Volume I of the Journal.

- g) The Committee for Nominations shall consist of seven members of the clergy and seven lay persons whose selection and duties are outlined in the Canons of the Diocese, and the Chancellor of the Diocese, or in the event of the Chancellor's inability to serve, a Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese.
- h) The Committee for Supervisors and Tellers shall consist of two members of the Clergy and three laypersons. It shall be the duty of this Committee to secure such additional help from members of Council or responsible persons not members of Council to distribute, collect, and count the ballots or to supervise the voting in case voting machines are used.
- i) The Committee for Resolutions shall consist of two members of the Clergy and two laypersons. It shall be the duty of this Committee to receive resolutions presented to it in writing by any member of the forthcoming or last preceding Council, or by any committee or board not responsible for the dispatch of business of Council, provided these resolutions, along with any explanation of the rationale for the proposed resolutions, are mailed or attached to emails directed to the Chair of the Committee. Unless the Bishop of the Diocese grants an exception, all resolutions must be submitted to the Committee not later than November 15 preceding the next Annual Council, but this shall not limit relevant amendments to any such resolution from the Council floor. The Committee may require all resolutions to be submitted in a standardized format and shall make such change of wording as is necessary for such resolutions to conform to proper usage and understanding. The Committee will inform the mover of any changes made. The Committee shall have the right to evaluate all resolutions and to recommend their adoption or rejection. The Committee shall have the right to rank the resolutions in an order of importance as determined by the Committee and present them to Council in that order. The Committee may request discharge from consideration by Council of resolutions that would seek similar action to that of a resolution previously considered. A two-thirds vote shall be required to adopt any resolutions submitted to Council pursuant to an exception granted by the Bishop of the Diocese. The action of this Committee will be published in Volume I of the Journal. It shall also be the duty of this Committee to implement and set in motion the suggestions and directions contained in the Bishop's Address to Council. Those matters, which come within the purview of jurisdiction of any particular Committee of Council, shall be referred to the appropriate Committee for action.

- j) The Committee for Council Management shall consist of one member of the Clergy, two laypersons, a member of the Diocesan Staff, and the following ex-officio members: the General Chairs of the host committee for the current and the immediately preceding Councils, and Chair of the Committee for the Dispatch of Business. It shall be the duty of the Committee to assist the Bishop in: (1) developing and maintaining a Council Manual, consisting of detailed descriptions of each principal activity of Council, to serve as guidance for future Council Host Committees; (2) developing record keeping requirements and formats for Council Host Committees; (3) locating and securing appropriate sites for Council; and (4) making recommendations to the Executive Board and Committee for Dispatch of Business concerning changes in the organization of Council that would better facilitate the business of Council.
- k) The Committee for Budget shall consist of one member of the Clergy, two laypersons, the Treasurer, and the Finance Committee Chair. It shall be the duty of the Committee to receive proposed adjustments to the Budget that shall be presented and reviewed at Annual Council. It shall be the privilege of the Committee to evaluate these proposals and to recommend their adoption or rejection. Proposals for adjustments to the Budget shall be submitted no later than the Monday prior to Annual Council. No amendment increasing expenditures shall be accepted without identifying revenue or a related decrease in expenditures to be used as a source of funding that amendment. The Committee shall report on each of the proposed adjustments received and its evaluation of each proposal.

Section 2.2 Other Council Duties

- a) Other Council duties will be carried out as follows:
 - 1) Credentials
 - 2) New Parishes and Missions
 - 3) Finance
 - 4) Unfinished Business and Certification of Minutes
- b) The Secretary of the Diocese will be responsible for certifying the credentials of the officers and delegates present. Before any business is dispatched during any Council, a satisfactory report from the Secretary shall be made and the President shall declare that Council is organized for business. Before any further business is dispatched during any Session, a quorum shall be established.
- c) A designee of the Bishop, or, if the office of Bishop is vacant, of the Standing Committee will be responsible for recommending to Council the admission of new Parishes and Missions. The Bishop's designee shall be ready to report at the opening of Council.

- d) The Finance Committee of the Executive Board shall recommend to Council the use of any Offerings taken during Council meetings, and to study the cost of Council with such recommendations as seem advisable.
- e) The Secretary of the Diocese shall prepare the minutes of Council which minutes shall be attested by the Bishop. It shall also be the duty of the Secretary to see that every committee, board, or person whose duty it is to report to Council does report. It is further the duty of the Secretary to see that every action of Council requiring a report be satisfied or held over to the next session of Council.
- f) The Bishop, or in the Bishop's absence, the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, otherwise the Bishop Suffragan having seniority if there be one, otherwise the oldest canonically senior member of the Clergy present shall preside at all Council meetings. The presiding officer of Council shall be known as the President of Council.

Section 2.3 Annual Council Proceedings

- a) Subject to such changes recommended by the Committee for Dispatch of Business and approved by Council, the business of each Annual Council shall include the following:
 - 1) The Order for The Administration of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion
 - 2) Opening Prayer and Reading of Scripture
 - 3) Declaration of a Quorum and Certification of Credentials by the Secretary
 - 4) Declaration that the Council is organized for business and Appointment of a Parliamentarian
 - 5) Report of the Committee for Dispatch of Business
 - 6) Report by the Secretary on Unfinished Business and Certification of the Minutes
 - 7) The President shall appoint new members for the regular committees of Council to fill any vacancies on said committees appointed at the preceding Council
 - 8) Report of the Department of Evangelism and Congregational Development
 - 9) The address of the Bishop, if not presented at the opening service of Council before the First Session, shall be given preference whenever presented. The address of the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, or the Bishop Suffragan, shall be given preference whenever presented, or may be presented by title and printed in the Journal.
 - 10) Report of the Nominating Committee and elections

- 11) Report of the Committee for Constitution and Canons
 - 12) Report of the Committee for Resolutions
 - 13) Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese and Treasurer of the Executive Board
 - 14) Additional Reports may be received at any time during Council that the Committee on Dispatch of Business and the President determine convenient and appropriate.
- b) The following business must be transacted before adjournment:
- 1) Report of the Committee for Constitution and Canons
 - 2) Report of the Committee for Resolutions
 - 3) Elections on appointment of the Bishop
 - 4) Appointment of members to the Regular Committees for the next Council
 - 5) Report of the Secretary on Unfinished Business and Certification of Minutes.
- c) Council shall adjourn by motion and with the Doxology and Benediction.

Section 2.4 Special Sessions of Council

- a) The following procedure shall open the Special Session:
- 1) Roll Call by the Secretary
 - 2) Declaration of Quorum present
 - 3) Report of the Secretary on Credentials
 - 4) Declaration that the Session is ready for business
 - 5) Report of the Committee for Dispatch of Business
 - 6) Report of the Committee for the Special Session
- b) The business conducted during this Session shall follow the direction of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Texas.
- c) The following procedure shall close the Special Session:
- 1) Report of the Committee for Resolutions
 - 2) Report of the Secretary on Unfinished Business and Certification of Minutes
 - 3) Motion, Adjournment, Doxology, and Benediction

Section 2.5 General Rules for Order and Procedure

- a) At all Council meetings the Council may take recess at its option.
- b) Members of Council, officers of the Diocese, and representatives of the news media are the only ones to be admitted to the Council Floor. Boundaries of the Council Floor shall be clearly defined. All visitors may sit outside of this boundary as the space will permit.

- c) Members desiring to speak shall rise, respectfully address the Chair, identify themselves by name and parish or mission, and confine themselves to the subject under discussion. They are to avoid personalities, irreverences, personal feelings, and experiences. Members shall not speak more than twice on the same proposition.
- d) Written reports shall be submitted with a signed original, and one copy and accompanied by resolution when action by the Council is recommended.
 - 1) All reports to Council shall be given to the Secretary of the Diocese and shall become the property of the Diocese. When directed by the Executive Board, reports shall be sent by the Chair of each Committee, Commission, Board, or person responsible for preparing same to the Secretary of the Diocese, on or before a date not less than forty-five days prior to the next regular meeting of the Council, such date to be specified in a written notice which shall be given by the Secretary of the Diocese to each such person. These reports shall be published in a pre-Council booklet and copies made available, at least two weeks before the opening of Council, to all Members of the Clergy, Officers of the Diocese, and Delegates and Alternates who are to attend the next regular meeting of the Council. All such reports having been so published shall be presented to the Council by title. Any member of Council shall have the privilege of questioning the person responsible for such report.
- e) Every motion or resolution shall be seconded and stated by the Chair or the Secretary before it can be considered, and if required by the Chair, it shall be reduced to writing and signed by the mover.
 - 1) Any motion or resolution, withdrawn without action thereon by the Council, need not be noted on the record. The Council may exclude from the record any motion or resolution which has been negatived by the Council or which has been ruled out of order.
 - 2) A motion to adjourn shall always be in order when no member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate; but if negatived, it shall not be renewed until some other business has intervened.
- f) When a proposition is under consideration, no motion shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, to amend, or to divide - said motions taking precedence in the order named. The motion to lay on the table is not debatable.
 - 1) A proposition once decided or indefinitely postponed shall not be considered by the same Council unless a motion to reconsider is made by a delegate who voted on the prevailing side and

can show the same by three witnesses, and provided a quorum is present. If adopted, the vote must be by two-thirds of the members present.

- g) Subject to the foregoing, the Rules of Order of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, where applicable, shall obtain in all deliberations of the Council, and shall be enforced by the President without debate, subject to an appeal from the President's decision to the Council.
- h) Additional matters may be presented to the Council at such time as determined by the Committee for Dispatch of Business, consistent with the other provisions of this Canon. The Committee may limit the time for consideration of such matters. It shall be the privilege of this Committee to evaluate these matters and recommend the acceptance or rejection of them in the order of Business.
- i) Any of these rules may be suspended by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

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