

2016 LULAC National Convention Rules

1. Only delegates, or alternates replacing a delegate, wearing their certified badges, will be allowed in the voting section. All other persons shall be seated in an observation area designated by the Credentials Committee. The only exception to this rule shall be to accommodate a physically challenged delegate or alternate who desires to be seated in a special area.
2. A member in good standing has the right to ask that non-members be removed from the election area. This shall include the news media.
3. An Election Judge shall be appointed by the National President to conduct the elections. The Election Judge shall be appointed prior to the start of the National Convention.
4. The Election Judge shall appoint at least three (3) Official Observers for all elections for the purpose of: a. serving as counters, as necessary; and b. being present at the time of electronic voting system installation and testing. Testing will include a sample test vote. The Election Judge will report the results of the sample test vote to the National Assembly.
5. Elections shall be by electronic ballot, including voting on amendments and resolutions, and runoffs.
6. No delegate or alternate may have more than one (1) vote in any one (1) election.
7. Voting in absentia shall not be allowed.
8. A candidate not previously announced, as per the LULAC National Constitution, may run from the floor provided that a written certification endorsement by the total accredited delegations of **a minimum of five (5) councils, including the candidate's home council**, is made to the Election Judge no later than **12 midnight** on the Friday before the General Assembly convenes for elections. All candidates running from the floor shall announce their candidacy at the General Assembly convened on Friday immediately prior to the date of elections. Challenges to the eligibility of candidates running for office must be made to the election judge by 12 midnight on the Friday before the General Assembly convenes for elections.
9. Each candidate has the right to appoint one (1) observer/counter for the purpose of verifying the count and, if they wish, may be present for the electronic sample test ballot.
10. Each candidate shall have five (5) minutes for speeches which shall be presented at the time the General Assembly convenes for elections and before voting by electronic voting. All nominations for office shall be closed at 5:00 pm. on the Friday immediately prior to the date of elections.
11. In elections in which more than two (2) candidates are involved, and no one (1) candidate receives 50 percent plus 1 majority of the certified votes, the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall immediately go into a runoff. No speeches shall be allowed in runoff elections.
12. Challenges to any election must be issued to the Election Judge within **ten (10) minutes** after the outcome of the election is announced. It shall take a two-thirds (2/3's) vote to overturn any ruling made by the Election Judge or by the National Legal Advisor.
13. First reading of all Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions will be presented on Friday when the General Assembly convenes immediately prior to date of elections.
14. The order of elections shall be as follows:
 - a. National President
 - b. National Vice President for Women
 - c. National Vice President for Youth
 - d. National Vice President for Young Adults
 - e. National Vice President for the Elderly
 - f. National Treasurer
 - g. National Vice President for the Southwest
 - h. National Vice President for the Midwest
 - i. National Vice President for the Farwest
 - j. National Vice President for the Southeast
 - k. National Vice President for the Northeast
 - l. National Vice President for the Northwest
 - m. 2019 Convention Site

15. The presentation of Constitutional Amendments from the floor **shall not be allowed**. Discussion on Constitutional Amendments shall be limited to three (3) speakers for and three (3) speakers against with each speaker having two (2) minutes.
16. All resolutions must be type written and submitted in the form provided for in the LULAC website and submitted by a local council in good standing on the first day of the National Convention. Approved State LULAC resolutions must be submitted to the National Office within five (5) days of passage by the State Convention with proof of passage by the State Convention provided at the time of submission. The Resolutions Committee shall read the resolved portion of each resolution and make its recommendation to the General Assembly when the General Assembly convenes on the Friday prior to national elections. Discussion on each resolution shall be limited to two (2) speakers for and two (2) speakers against with each speaker having two (2) minutes. A speaker must announce if he/she is speaking in favor of or against the resolution in question.
17. Resolutions from the floor shall be accepted. The resolution from the floor must be type written and submitted by using the form provided in the LULAC website and **signed by the total registered delegation of the offering council**. The written resolution from the floor must be presented to the Resolutions Committee by 2:00 pm. on the Friday when the General Assembly convenes prior to elections. The Resolutions Committee shall read the resolved portion of each resolution and make its recommendation to the General Assembly when the General Assembly convenes on the Friday prior to elections. The same time limit, number of speakers, and announcement as in Rule 16 shall apply to this rule.
18. Any issue not covered by these Convention Rules will be determined by the proper provisions within the LULAC National Constitution, By-Laws & Protocol, and Robert's Rules of Order (revised) in that order.
19. These adopted 2016 Convention Rules may be changed by a two-thirds (2/3's) vote of the General Assembly.
20. Delegates, Alternates and Guests must maintain proper decorum at all times. Whistling and whistles are not allowed. No photography, video, or audio recordings will be permitted, except for such photography, video or audio recording as is authorized by the Elections Judge. Upon violation a warning will be issued by the Election Judge, after which, if violation is repeated, Rule 21 will be invoked.
21. Any individual disrupting election proceedings as determined by the Election Judge, or that uses profanity or verbally threatens or attacks another member on or near the voting floor will be removed from the voting floor and charges to discipline the member, including expulsion for **"actions contrary to the principles of LULAC"** shall be brought against the member by the Elections Judge at the October National Board of Directors meeting.