

Bylaws and Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 27, 2025

Meeting was over Zoom.

Called to order by Chair Darr at 3:03pm ET.

Present: Kyle Davis, Andrew Kolstee, Dr. Chuck Moulton (VC), Paul Darr (C), Michael Seebeck (S), Rob Latham, Data Logan, Amanda Griffiths, Geoffrey Neale.

Absent: Bryce Thon (A1), Silvia Arrowwood.

Vacant: Alternate #2.

No guests.

1. Agenda adopted w/o objection.
2. Proposal #4:
 - Started at this point:

ARTICLE 8: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

No officer or member-at-large shall be subject to removal from office except for failure to perform the duties of office or gross malfeasance. The process for removing officers and members-at-large shall be the trial procedure as outlined in the Party's parliamentary authority, with removal requiring a vote of 2/3 of the entire National Committee, excepting the member that is the subject of the vote who may not participate in that vote; or upon a removal petition specifying the aforementioned cause signed by 2/3 of the delegates credentialed at the most recent regular convention. The membership rights of the officer or member-at-large can be suspended by a 3/4 vote for up to sixty days while the matter is being investigated. The subject officer or member-at-large may appeal their removal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of removal. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the removal and bar any later challenge or appeal. The Judicial Committee shall set a date for hearing the appeal between 20 and 40 days of receipt of the appeal. The Judicial Committee shall notify the petitioner and identified prospective respondents of their right to appear and present evidence and argument. At the hearing the burden of persuasion shall rest upon the appellee. The Judicial Committee shall either affirm the removal of the officer or member-at-large or order reinstatement of the officer or member-at-large within 30 days of the hearing. Failure of the Judicial Committee to make a final decision on the appeal within 30 days shall affirm the removal of the officer or member at-large. At such time as the removal is final, the office in question shall be deemed vacant.

- Mr. Latham moved to accept the following changes:
 1. Change "that" to "who" In the "subject of the vote" sentence
 2. In same sentence, strike the extra "who";

3. Insert in same sentence after “that vote;” “and no officer may participate in the vote to remove a member at-large;”
 - Mr. Seebeck moved to divide three ways as numbered above. PASSED w/o objection.
 1. Change “that” to “who” In the “subject of the vote” sentence. PASSED w/o objection.
 2. In same sentence, strike the extra “who”. PASSED w/o objection.
 3. Insert in same sentence after “that vote;” “and no officer may participate in the vote to remove a member at-large;” FAILED 1-8.
- Mr. Latham moved to add between paragraph breaks after the second sentence: “Within seven days of receipt, a majority of the National Committee may appeal a removal petition to the Judicial Committee. A National Committee’s failure to remove a sufficiently petitioned subject officer or member-at-large within seven days of receipt constitutes a denial of the removal petition. Within 30 days of the National Committee’s actual or constructive denial of a removal petition, an appeal of the denial to the Judicial Committee must be signed by more than half of the removal petition's signatories.”
 - Mr. Latham moved to amend by striking the first and third sentences.
 - Mr. Latham moved to amend by striking “denial of the removal petition” and inserting “notice of removal.” FAILED 2-6.
 - Amendment PASSED 6-0-1
Amendment FAILED 2-6.
- Mr. Seebeck moved to sectionalize the proposal instead of having paragraph breaks.
Withdrawn w/o objection to address later.
- Dr. Moulton moved to add “to the Judicial Committee” after “removal petition” in the second sentence. PASSED 7-1.
- Dr. Moulton moved to amend by inserting “Anyone removed by this procedure shall be ineligible to fill any National Committee vacancy during the rest of their term.”
 - Mr. Latham moves to substitute “A removed officer or member-at-large is ineligible to fill any National Committee vacancy until the next convention.” PASSED w/o objection, becomes the amendment.
Substitute passed w/o objection.
- Mr. Davis moves to reconsider strike of “or twenty percent of the Party sustaining members”.
Reconsideration PASSED 5-4, Chair breaks tie. Motion to put back wording FAILED 4-4, Chair abstains.

Proposal 4 now reads:

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[Insert paragraph break]

The subject officer or member-at-large may appeal their removal in writing to the Judicial Committee within seven days of receipt of notice of removal. Failure to appeal within seven days shall confirm the removal and bar any later challenge or appeal.

[Insert paragraph break]

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Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm ET.

For the Committee,
Michael Seebeck, Secretary
August 3, 2025