



*2009 Texas LULAC State 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 State Director to conduct the elections.
4. The Election Judge shall appoint a Time Keeper and three Official Counters for all elections.
5. Elections shall be by roll call standup vote. The head of each delegation shall announce his/her council's vote and the Election Judge shall repeat the vote to the floor.
6. No delegate or alternate may have more than one vote in any one 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 councils, including the candidate's home council, is made to the Election Judge prior to the time of nominations for the office in question.
9. Each candidate has the right to appoint one counter. However, the only official count for any election shall be that recorded by the three Official Counters.
10. Each candidate shall have five minutes for speeches which shall follow the closure of nominations for the office in question.
11. In elections in which more than two candidates are involved, and no one receives 50 percent plus 1 majority of the certified votes, the two 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 State Legal Advisor immediately after the outcome is announced and before another election has begun. It shall take, as per Robert's Rules of Order (revised), a two-thirds vote to overturn any ruling made by the State Legal Advisor.

13. The order of elections shall be,
  - State Director
  - Deputy State Director
  - Deputy State Director for Women
  - Deputy State Director for Elderly
  - Deputy State Director for Young Adults
  - Deputy State Director of Youth
  - State Treasurer
  - 2012 Convention Site
14. The presentation of Constitutional Amendments from the floor shall not be allowed. Discussion on Constitutional Amendments shall be limited to ten minutes for each amendment with three speakers for and three speakers against.
15. All resolutions must be in written form and submitted by a local council in good standing. The Resolutions Committee shall read the resolved portion of each resolution and make its recommendation to the assembly. Discussion on each resolution shall be limited to ten minutes with two speakers for and two speakers against. A speaker must announce if he/she is speaking in favor of or against the resolution in question.
16. Resolutions from the floor shall be accepted. The resolution from the floor must be in written form and signed by the total delegation of the offering council. The written resolution from the floor must be presented to the Resolutions Committee. The Resolution Committee shall read the resolution in its entirety and call for a vote. The same time limit, number of speakers, and announcement as in rule 15 shall apply to this rule.
17. Delegates, alternates and guests must maintain proper decorum at all times. Whistles, horns and other noise making devices are not allowed. Individuals intentionally disrupting election proceedings as determined by the convention chair will be expelled from the floor.
18. Any issue not covered by these Convention Rules will be determined by the proper provisions within the LULAC National Constitution, By-Laws and Protocol, and Robert's Rules of Order (revised) in that order.
19. These adopted 2009 Texas LULAC Convention Rules may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the assembly.