

DC 37 RETIREES ASSOCIATION

RULES FOR NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

RULE 1. The District Council 37 Retirees Association virtual Special Membership Meeting shall be called to order on June 24, at 1:00 PM eastern time. The meeting will be held via phone and Zoom. The purpose of the Meeting shall be only for conducting nominations for the following offices.

- President
- Executive Vice President
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Associate Secretary-Treasurer
- Associate Recording Secretary
- Ten (10) Vice Presidents*
 - Vice President – Brooklyn
 - Vice President – Queens
 - Vice President – Bronx
 - Vice President – Manhattan
 - Vice President – Staten Island
 - Vice President – Nassau and Suffolk Counties
 - Vice President – New York (outside of the 5 boroughs and Nassau and Suffolk Counties)
 - Vice President – Florida
 - Vice President – New Jersey
 - Vice President – At-Large (outside of FL, NJ, NY)

All other business shall be out of order other than the nominations and such other matters as may be necessary to permit an orderly consideration of those nominations. The Meeting shall adjourn upon completion of nominations on June 24, 2026.

RULE 2. During the special meeting, any member in good standing wishing to nominate a candidate for any office may do so after the chair has called for nominations, except that a member may not nominate someone who has already been nominated for an office. Nominations will be open from the floor for all offices in the order specified in Article VI of the Association constitution and as listed above.

A member seeking to make a nomination can do so by pressing zero (0) on their touch tone phone or raising their hand virtually on the Zoom platform using the “Raise Hand” feature.

Nominations will be accepted prior to the nominating meeting in writing, via email at retirees@dc37.net or hand delivered to the Association office, up until 12:00 PM on June 24, 2026.

RULE 3. There shall be no nominating speeches and no seconds. Immediately after nominations are closed, the election committee shall offer the opportunity to each nominee

to decline the nomination at or after the nominations meeting. Acceptance speeches shall be permitted up to two minutes in length.

RULE 4. Nominations for any office shall remain open until the chair has called for further nominations three consecutive times without any member seeking the floor (by pressing 0 or raising their hand on Zoom) for the purpose of making a nomination. In any situation where the number of persons nominated for any office equals the number to be elected, or where all nominees except the number to be elected decline, such nominee or nominees shall be declared elected by acclamation.

All other nominees shall be asked to advise election committee as to how their name is to appear on the ballot. Names of the candidates shall appear on the ballot in an order determined by random selection. No slate names shall be listed next to candidate names.

RULE 5. To be nominated to be a Vice President a member must reside in the borough, county, state or geographic region represented by that office according to the nominee's primary address in the Association database. Membership counts necessary for the Vice President seats outside of NY are posted on the Association website.

RULE 6. The election committee shall verify eligibility of all nominees for office. No person shall be a candidate for more than one office. Any challenge concerning the eligibility of any nominee must be specific and must be made to the election committee chair immediately before the close of the nominating meeting and shall be referred to the election committee for decision. If you are participating via Zoom you may submit a challenge in the Zoom Q & A, if you are participating via phone, you may press 0 to submit your challenge to the operator. A decision shall be reported to the membership and is subject to the acceptance or rejection of the membership by vote at the nominations meeting before the election may proceed. Voting will be done using Zoom polling or using a touch tone phone depending on how members participate.

RULE 7. In any case where there are more candidates for any office than the number to be elected, the election will be conducted by secret mail ballot with an online voting option. Ballots shall be mailed in July no less than 3 weeks after the nominations meeting, to members in good standing as of the last day of May 2026. A voting period of three weeks shall be allowed.

RULE 8. If an election is necessary, the American Arbitration Association (AAA) shall be the independent election agency. The administrator and election committee shall supply to the independent election agency, records containing the list of members in good standing as of the last day of May 2026.

The election shall be conducted under the supervision of the independent election agency, which shall have the authority to prepare the ballots, supervise the distribution of election materials, receive and tally the votes cast for all the candidates, and certify the results of the voting to the chairperson of the Election Committee's report to the members.

RULE 9. If there is an election for the top six (6) offices an election will be held among all members in good standing as of the last day of May 2026. The Vice Presidents shall be elected

only by members in good standing as of the last day of May 2026 living in the geographic area represented by the office, based on each member's official primary address on the Association's membership file. If a member did not receive a ballot or misplaced their ballot, they will be referred to AAA for a replacement.

RULE 10. No publication of this Association, financed in whole or in part by this Association, shall endorse or support any candidate for any elected office within this Association. No funds of the Association can be used by any candidate for election campaigning purposes. Any member who was nominated for office or who announces their intention to run for office has the right to one mailing to the membership—made through the Association before the election. This mailing is not to be made at the Association's expense.

RULE 11. Any candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot shall have the right to have an official observer, of the candidate's choosing, who must be a member of AFSCME or the Association, who shall have the right to preview the ballots and observe the vote count. Each candidate should provide the name of their designated observer to the elections committee. No expenses related to observers shall be paid by the Association.

RULE 12. Election of all officers shall be by majority of the votes cast for that office as certified by the election committee based on the report of the independent election agency conducting the election. For any position for which no one receives a majority, a run-off election shall be held between the two nominees who received the highest number of votes in the first balloting. Run-off ballots shall be made available no less than two weeks and no more than four weeks from the date the election committee certifies the initial election results. A voting period of three weeks shall be allowed. The candidate receiving the majority of the votes cast in the run-off shall be elected.

RULE 13. The representatives of the independent election agency shall certify, in writing, the results to the elections committee. The election committee will deliver its report with election results to a meeting of the membership within seven (7) business days of the certification of the election results so the membership can vote to accept the election report. Those elected shall take office immediately upon certification of the election by the election committee and approval of the election report by the membership without regard to any other or later ceremony. Candidates shall be informed promptly of the election results, which shall be announced on the Association website and in the next publication of the Association.

RULE 14. Protests regarding the conduct of an election shall be filed with the election committee at **retirees@dc37.net** in accordance with the Association constitution and the Retiree Election Code. The election committee will convene to consider any such protests.

RULE 15. The Association constitution and AFSCME Retiree Election Code shall govern in all election matters not specifically covered in this constitution.

The AFSCME Retiree Election manual can be found at

<https://www.afscme.org/about/governance/document/AFSCME-retiree-election-manual.pdf>