

TEXAS PTA CONVENTION RULES, 2010

Admission

1. Badges are required for admittance to all meetings.
2. Delegates are asked to remain in the assembly during a counted vote.
3. During a counted vote, the doors will be closed. No one will be allowed to enter until the chair announces the results of the vote.

General

1. Campaign materials are prohibited.
2. The president shall appoint a committee of the members to audit the minutes of the convention. The board of directors shall approve the convention minutes.
3. The president shall determine and adjust the agenda as required for smooth operation of the assembly. The printed agenda is for guidance only and shall not be considered either general or special orders.
4. All messages and announcements shall be given to a page. No message may be presented directly to the chair.
5. All electronic devices shall be silenced during all meetings.

Speaking & Voting

1. Only voting delegates shall be seated in the voting section.
2. Only voting delegates shall have the privilege of making motions, debating and voting.
3. Delegates wishing to speak shall go to the nearest appropriate microphone and present their voting card to the microphone attendant.
4. All motions shall be presented in writing on forms obtained from microphone attendants. Forms must be completed, signed and sent to the platform to receive consideration.
5. Delegates may speak for two minutes at one time on the question under discussion and twice on the same question. No delegate may speak for a second time until all delegates wishing to speak a first time have had an opportunity to speak.
6. Debate shall be limited to 15 minutes for each main motion, bylaw amendment, resolution and proposed legislative position. The clock will run uninterrupted unless ordered stopped by the chair. In order to add debate time, a delegate must move to extend debate, which requires a second, is amendable, is not debatable and requires a 2/3 vote.
7. The "whereas" clauses to resolutions may not be amended. The Legislative Action Committee is authorized to edit the "whereas" clauses as needed.