



Proposed Rules and Order of Business

1 The convention will be called to order at 9:00 a.m. on the first day and 9:00 a.m. on subsequent days unless the delegates decide otherwise.

2 Resolutions must be submitted by noon on the first day of the convention. Resolutions submitted by affiliates, other than sections, later than 30 days prior to the convention may be accepted only by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.

3 Adoption of any resolution affecting the constitution and bylaws of the Washington State Labor Council will require a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

4 No literature may be distributed without prior approval of the executive officer(s). No unauthorized display is permitted in or adjacent to the convention meeting site. Displays must be authorized by a member of the executive board or executive officer(s). No literature will be distributed without a union printer's bug on it.

5 Delegates are asked to cooperate by being in their seats promptly. Committee members will attend all scheduled meetings of their committee.

6 Walking around the convention floor or visiting during sessions should be held to a minimum. Private discussions, if necessary, must be held outside the meeting hall.

7 Delegates who wish to speak shall address the Chair, stating their names and the organizations they represent. Delegates shall not make a speech without first making a motion, unless a motion is already before the body.

8 The Chair will decide who is entitled to the floor when two or more delegates wish to speak.

CODE OF CONDUCT

This organization is committed to providing an environment free of discrimination and harassment. We have adopted a Code of Conduct and expect everyone to abide by it. We ask you to embrace our values of equity and equality and conduct yourselves in this meeting consistent with those values. We have designated the individuals listed below as the first point of contact for anyone who feels they have experienced discriminatory, harassing, or otherwise unacceptable behavior, and we urge you to contact them if you have any concerns.

Please contact the designees, Kairie Pierce at 360-791-1583 or Joe Kendo at 206-747-8279, with any questions or concerns.

9 A motion is not debatable until it is allowed by the Chair.

10 A delegate shall not speak on any question for more than three (3) minutes the first time he or she has the floor or more than two (2) minutes the second time he or she has the floor. The maker of a motion may have two (2) minutes to close debate, unless debate has already been closed.

11 Delegates shall not interrupt another unless it is to obtain a point of order.

12 Delegates called to order will take their seats until the question has been resolved by the Chair.

13 Fifty percent of the credentialed delegates must be present in the meeting hall to order a roll call vote. A demand for a roll call must be supported by 25 percent of the delegates present. A roll call vote shall be preceded by a recess of at least ten (10) minutes.

14 After a roll call has begun, the convention shall not recess or adjourn until the result of the vote has been announced.

15 A motion to lay on the table shall not be allowed until two speakers each from the proponents and opponents of the question have had an opportunity to speak.

16 A motion to call for the previous question (close debate) shall not be allowed until at least two speakers each from the proponents and opponents have had the opportunity to speak.

17 Proxy votes will not be allowed.

18 All requested announcements must be in writing and given to the Chair or secretary.

19 Guests shall be seated in the rear of the meeting hall.

20 Only delegates shall be allowed to speak on resolutions and motions unless permission for a non-delegate to speak is granted by unanimous consent.

21 Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern when not in conflict with these rules, the Constitution of the Washington State Labor Council or the AFL-CIO Rules Governing State Central bodies.

22 These rules shall be the rules for the 2023 Convention until that body adopts its own rules.

(Additional rules regarding use of microphones and debate can be found at www.wslc.org/convention.)