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Rules of Procedure for the Internal Reorganization of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico

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TITLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sección 1.1 TITLE

These rules shall be known as the "Rules of Procedure for the Internal Reorganization Democratic Party of Puerto Rico".

Section 1.2 LEGAL BASIS

These Rules are adopted and promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico, specifically Rules III. c. and III. d.

Section 1.3 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these Rules, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1) Tally Sheet- The document or documents recording the results of the canvass on the day of the vote of the General Assembly, which shall be completed in all its parts.

2) General Tally Sheet- The election document or documents in which the Chair and the Electoral Commissioner shall record the results of the general canvass or recount of votes if this occurs.

3) Incident Log- The election document or documents in which the polling opening and election closing process, as well as the results thereof and other related incidents, are recorded.

4) General Assembly- Assembly or meeting to conduct the voting process for the internal reorganization of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico to select the Chair, Vice-Chair, Committeewoman, Committeeman, two (2) elected Members for each Senatorial District, and ten (10) At-Large Members, which shall be held during the calendar year of the presidential election, but before the Democratic National Convention.

5) Charter- The basic institutional rule of the Democratic Party of the United States known as the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States.

6) Electoral Commissioner- The person appointed by the Chair of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico to oversee and represent the Party in all matters of an electoral nature.

7) Voter- Any citizen who complies with the voting requirements set forth in the Puerto Rico Election Code of 2020, Act 58-2020; is registered in the General Voter Registry as of March 7, 2024, and complies with the provisions of these Rules.

8) Bylaws- Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States.

9) Table Board- The electoral entity that conducts the voting processes in each of the eight (8) polling areas per senatorial district in the General Assembly.

10) Observers- A person appointed by and on behalf of each of the candidates for Chair and other offices, as hereinafter provided in these Rules, to observe the voting and canvassing processes.

11) Ballot- Printed document configured and designed in these Rules for the voter to cast their vote in the General Assembly for the internal reorganization of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico.

12) Democratic Party of the United States - The national Democratic Party led by the Democratic National Committee (DNC).

13) Democratic Party of Puerto Rico (DPPR)- The committee or entity recognized as the Puerto Rico affiliate of the Democratic Party of the United States of America.

14) Chair- Presiding officer of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico.

15) Secretary- Secretary of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico.

16) Identification Card- Authorized cards established in these Rules to accredit the identity of a voter that has their photograph and other data.

Section 1.4 DATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico shall be held on March 16, 2024, at the Pedrin Zorrilla Coliseum located at the Sports Complex of the City of San Juan.

Section 1.5 VOTERS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Any voter domiciled in Puerto Rico who is registered and active in the General Voter Registry and is affiliated with the Democratic Party prior to receiving the ballot to vote in the internal reorganization, shall have the right to vote in the General Assembly.

TITLE II

PROCEDURES IN ADVANCE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Section 2.1 ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

The Electoral Commissioner of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico shall be in charge of directing and administering the voting process for the internal reorganization of the General Assembly and may be assisted by an Alternate Electoral Commissioner.

Section 2.2 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

The Election Commissioner shall be responsible for:

1. Regulating, directing, and inspecting all matters pertaining to the conduct of the voting processes of the General Assembly.

- 2 Preparing, producing, and distributing all the forms, ballots, and documents necessary for the holding of the General Assembly.

3. Enforcing the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico and these Rules.
4. Assigning the personnel, material, and equipment necessary to hold the General Assembly.
5. Directing the general canvass or recount process.

Section 2.3 CANDIDATES

Candidates for Chair, Vice-Chair, Committeewoman, Committeeman, two (2) elected members for each senatorial district and ten (10) at-large members shall be those who filed the corresponding application form at www.prdeems.org . The deadline for filing said form was February 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., as provided in the DPPR Bylaws in Rules III. c. iii and III. d. iv.

Section 2.4 LIST OF CERTIFIED CANDIDATES

The Secretary of the DPPR issued on February 10, 2024, a certification of the names of the persons who filed for the various candidacies within the statutory period provided for filing. The certification was as follows:

POSITION	NAME	FILING DATE	FILING DATE
CHAIR	1 Luis Dávila Pernas	1/27/24	12:21 PM
	2 Luis Hernández Ortiz	2/9/24	3:17 PM
VICE CHAIR	1 Emarielys Marrero Negrón	2/6/24	10:51 PM
	2 Julia Nazario Fuentes	2/9/24	3:16 PM
COMMITTEEWOMAN	1 Rosemarie Vizcarrondo Carrión	2/2/24	3:51 PM
	2 Lara Mercado Maldonado	2/9/24	4:43 PM
COMMITTEEMAN	*1 Simón Carlo Valentín	1/31/24	9:18 AM
	2 Andrés Guillemard Noble	2/6/24	10:12 PM
	3 Armando Valdés	2/9/24	3:40 PM
AT-LARGE MEMBER	1 Frances Rodríguez Torres	1/24/24	6:41 PM
	2 José Pérez Cordero	1/24/24	7:16 PM
	3 Joel Franqui Atilés	1/25/24	12:14 PM
	4 Eddie Charbonier Chinaea	1/25/24	3:20 PM

	5 Evelyn Vázquez Nieves	2/2/24	3:36 PM
	6 Miguel Romero Lugo	2/2/24	3:55 PM
	7 Zulma Rosario Vega	2/3/24	10:27 AM
	8 Neris Fred Acevedo	2/3/24	12:02 PM
	9 Carmelo Ríos Santiago	2/3/24	4:06 PM
	10 Zulma Rovira Pérez	2/7/24	10:52 AM
	11 Ana Piñero Parés	2/8/24	11:40 AM
	12 Gabriel López Arrieta	2/9/24	3:15 PM
	13 Elizabet Rosas Vélez	2/9/24	3:44 PM
	14 Elba Rivera	2/9/24	3:48 PM
	15 Marially González Huertas	2/9/24	3:49 PM
	16 Ivonne Lozada Rosas	2/9/24	3:50 PM
	17 Christian Cortés	2/9/24	3:55 PM
	18 Angel Matos	2/9/24	4:08 PM
	19 Rafael Surillo Ruiz	2/9/24	4:44 PM
	20 Eric Bachier Román	2/9/24	4:47 PM
	21 Gretchen Hau	2/9/24	4:58 PM
DISTRICT MEMBER SAN JUAN	1 Miguel Hernández-Vivoni	1/24/24	7:54 PM
	2 Camille García Villafañe	1/31/24	7:36 PM
	3 Belmarie Ortiz González	2/8/24	4:32 PM
	4 Brian Saavedra Santana	2/9/24	1:55 PM
DISTRICT MEMBER BAYAMON	1 José "Pichy" Torres Zamora	1/22/24	6:48 PM
	2 Aida Marquez Ibañez	2/3/24	4:01 PM
	3 Debora Soto Arroyo	2/9/24	2:26 PM
	4 Clemente Agosto Lugardo	2/9/24	2:58 PM
DISTRICT MEMBER ARECIBO	1 Ibelisa Ocasio Ibarra	1/24/24	10:34 PM
	2 Angel Ramos López	2/6/24	9:54 AM
	3 Carlos Ramírez Irizarry	2/9/24	3:36 PM
	4 Elizabeth Rosa Vélez	2/9/24	4:25 PM
DISTRICT MEMBER MAYAGUEZ	1 Braulio Torres	1/24/24	10:25 PM
	2 Luz (Lucy) Arce Ferrer	2/2/24	2:55 PM
	3 Juan Vega Quiñones	2/9/24	3:29 PM
	4 Jocelyne Rodríguez Negrón	2/9/24	4:01 PM
DISTRICT MEMBER PONCE	1 Emmanuel Piñeiro Castro	2/7/24	7:53 PM
	2 Wanda Muñoz Valle	2/8/24	7:30 PM
	3 Marlese Sifre Rodríguez	2/9/24	3:25 PM
	4 Angel Fourquet Cordero	2/9/24	3:28 PM
DISTRICT MEMBER GUAYAMA	1 Evelyn Díaz Suárez	2/4/24	11:26 PM
	2 Karilyn Bonilla Colón	2/8/24	6:13 PM
	3 Carlos Rodríguez Mateo	2/9/24	2:49 PM
	4 José Santiago Rivera	2/9/24	3:30 PM

DISTRICT MEMBER HUMACAO	1 Rosachely Rivera Santana	1/24/24	10:24 PM
	2 Roberto López Román	2/7/24	1:40 PM
	3 Lydia Rivera Denizard	2/9/24	3:38 PM
	4 Alfredo Alejandro Carrión	2/9/24	4:24 PM

DISTRICT MEMBER CAROLINA	1 Sergio Estevez Vélez	2/2/24	3:01 PM
	2 Lornna Soto Villanueva	2/2/24	4:41 PM
	3 Angel González Damudt	2/9/24	12:11 PM
	4 Enid Monge Ortiz	2/9/24	4:38 PM

*Simón Carlo Valentí notified that he withdrew his candidacy for the position of Committeeman by written communication dated February 9, 2024, at 8:17 pm.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this Certification is issued on February 10, 2024, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.



Lcdo. Miguel B. Hernández Vivoni
Secretario

Section 2.5 RESIGNATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY

Any candidate who, prior to the printing of the ballot, wants to resign or withdraw their candidacy may do so by means of a letter or statement in which they notify their intention to resign or withdraw their candidacy, specifying the office for which they are seeking nomination. This letter or statement shall be delivered personally to the Secretary or Chair. The letter or statement may also be sent by regular mail or e-mail, but in this case, it must be signed before a public notary to confirm the candidate's identity and authenticate their signature. The notarized letter or statement shall be sent to the Secretary of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico, at the following mailing address: PO Box 366229, San Juan PR 00936-6229. Alternatively, they may send the notarized document by e-mail to info@prdems.org or crodriguez@prdems.org. Once the letter or statement is received, if it is received before the ballots are printed, the candidate will be

removed from the official list of candidates in the internal reorganization and their name will not be included in the ballots. If it is received after the printing of the ballots, the name shall remain on the ballot, but no vote or mark shall be awarded during the canvass.

Section 2.6 OBSERVERS

The observers shall ensure the purity of the proceedings and the canvass. Each Chair candidate shall be entitled to designate one (1) observer at each table board. For all other candidates, up to three (3) additional observers shall be allowed per table board. If there are more requests for observers than the allotted number, the three (3) additional observers will be selected by lot from among those who have requested them.

The observers, appointed or requested, shall be notified in writing to the Electoral Commissioner by March 12, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. through a form that, for such purposes, shall be available online at www.prdems.org. If a drawing of lots is necessary for the selection of the three (3) additional observers to any of the table boards, the Election Commissioner shall make said drawing of lots no later than two (2) days before the General Assembly and shall notify by e-mail the result to the candidates who have requested observers. In addition, the result shall be published at www.prdems.org.

Section 2.7 VOTING BY SENATORIAL DISTRICT

Voting at the General Assembly will be conducted by senatorial district. There will be eight (8) polling tables, one (1) for each senatorial district, situated in different areas within the Pedrin Zorrilla Coliseum. Each polling table per senatorial district shall be attended by voters registered in that senatorial district. In addition, there will be a polling table board for those voters who do not appear on the list of voters for their senatorial district and want to vote by the "added by hand" method.

Section 2.8 TABLE BOARDS

Each of the eight (8) polling tables per senatorial district will have a board composed of fourteen (14) officers: one (1) presiding officer, two (2) vice presiding officers, two (2) secretaries, and nine (9) assistants. At the "added by hand" table, there will be seven (7) officers: one (1) chair, one (1) vice-chair, one (1) secretary, and four (4) assistants. The officers of the table boards will be appointed by the Electoral Commissioner. Any vacancies of officers arising on the day of voting on the polling table boards will be filled by the chair of the corresponding table board.

The officers of the polling table boards will be responsible for maintaining order during the proceedings. They will also be responsible for resolving any controversy that may arise during the voting and canvassing process and for performing any other duties required by the Electoral Commissioner.

TITLE III

HOLDING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Section 3.1 BALLOT DESIGN AND LAYOUT

The General Assembly shall consist of one ballot in both official languages of Puerto Rico, which shall be divided for each nomination for Chair, Vice-Chair, Committeewoman, Committeeman, Members by Senatorial District, and At-Large Members. The ballot order for each candidacy shall be in the chronological order of the day and time the candidate filed their candidacy in numerical order, as certified by the DPPR Secretary. The configuration and design of the ballot for the General Assembly shall be as follows:

- 1) Chair-** The title of the position of Chair shall be placed first on the ballot. Below the position title, the candidates' names for Chair shall be placed separately in

their corresponding filing order. A blank rectangle will be next to each name with enough space for the voter to make their mark. The voter may only select one (1) candidate for Chair. Therefore, the voter shall have the right to make only one (1) mark for the position of Chair.

2) Vice Chair- The title of the position of Vice Chair shall be placed second on the ballot. Below the title of the position, the candidates' names for Vice Chair shall be placed separately in their corresponding filing order. A blank rectangle will be next to each name with enough space for the voter to make their mark. The voter may only select one (1) candidate for Vice Chair. Therefore, the voter shall have the right to make only one (1) mark for the position of Vice Chair.

3) Committeewoman- The title of the position of Committeewoman shall be placed third on the ballot. Below the title of the position, the candidates' names for Committeewoman shall be placed separately in their corresponding filing order. A blank rectangle will be next to each name with enough space for the voter to make their mark. The voter may only select one (1) candidate for Committeewoman. Therefore, the voter shall have the right to make only one (1) mark for the position of Committeewoman.

4) Committeeman- The title of the position of Committeeman shall be placed fourth on the ballot. Below the title of the position, the candidates' names for Committeeman shall be placed separately in their corresponding filing order. A blank rectangle will be next to each name with enough space for the voter to make their mark. The voter may only select one (1) candidate for Committeeman. Therefore, the voter shall have the right to make only one (1)

mark for the position of Committeeman.

5) Members by Senatorial District- The title of the position of Members by Senatorial District, corresponding to the senatorial district in which the voter is registered, shall be placed fifth in the ballot. Below the title of the position, the male and female candidates' names for this office shall appear separately in two (2) columns divided by gender. They will be placed in their corresponding filing order. A blank rectangle will be next to each name with enough space for the voter to make their mark. The voter may only select one (1) candidate in the column for male candidates and one (1) candidate in the column for female candidates. Therefore, the voter shall be entitled to make only one (1) mark in each column.

6) At-Large Members- The title of the position of At-Large Members shall be placed in sixth place in the ballot. Below the title of the position, the male and female candidates' names for this office shall appear separately in two (2) columns divided by gender. They will be in their corresponding filing order. A blank rectangle will be next to each name with enough space for the voter to make their mark. The voter may select up to five (5) candidates in the column for male candidates and up to five (5) candidates in the column for female candidates. Therefore, the voter shall be entitled to make up to five (5) marks in each column.

Section 3.2 VOTING SYSTEM

Voting at the General Assembly shall be conducted using the open polling system. To vote, it shall be a requirement that the voter be registered and active in the General

Voter Registry as of March 7, 2024. Likewise, to exercise the right to vote, every voter shall show to the officers of the polling tables one of the following identifications: the voter identification card issued by the Commission, the United States passport, the U.S. Global Entry card, the identification card of the Armed Forces or Merchant Marine of the United States of America, the driver's license issued by the Department of Transportation and Public Works of Puerto Rico (DTOP), and the Real ID driver's license of any state or territory of the United States of America.

Voting shall be held following the applicable provisions of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States and the Rules and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico to guarantee at all times the voter's right to equal, direct, and free suffrage. Under Article Nine, Section 12 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States, the General Assembly shall be open to the public, and voting shall not be made by secret ballot. Therefore, each voter must sign or print their name on the ballot.

Section 3.3 VOTING HOURS

The voting process will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. However, voting will continue until all voters in line at the Pedrin Zorrilla Coliseum at closing time have cast their vote.

Section 3.4 FORMATION OF THE TABLE BOARDS

The officers of the polling table boards shall be present at the Pedrin Zorrilla Coliseum beginning at 7:30 a.m. on the day of the General Assembly to receive the election material from the Electoral Commissioner and to organize the work area. The presiding officers of the polling tables shall verify the appointments or designations of the table board officials and observers.

Section 3.5 DELIVERY AND VERIFICATION OF MATERIAL RECEIVED

The Electoral Commissioner or an authorized representative shall deliver the election materials to the presiding officer of each polling table board.

The Electoral Commissioner or an authorized representative shall deliver the election materials to the presiding officer of each polling table board, who shall proceed to verify the same and count and certify the number of ballots received in the incident log. After that, the presiding officer and two (2) polling table officials chosen by the presiding officer shall write their initials in the upper left-hand corner of the back of all the ballots.

Section 3.6 SUBSTITUTIONS AND DUTIES OF TABLE BOARDS

On the day of the General Assembly, the Electoral Commissioner may make substitutions of the officers of the polling table boards and of the observers at the request of the candidate who made the initial appointment at any time before the commencement of the canvass.

In addition to any other functions and duties required of them by the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico's rules and bylaws, the polling table boards shall:

1. Supervise, receive, distribute, and return the election material from the polling table boards to the Electoral Commissioner or an authorized representative.
2. Prepare, inspect, and supervise the voting process.
3. Provide voters with necessary information on election day.
4. Maintain order in the voting area and assigned polling table.
5. Resolve complaints or disputes at the polling table through unanimous resolutions. If unanimity is not reached, refer the matter to the Electoral Commissioner for resolution.

6. Complete the incident log and tally sheet. The presiding officer of each polling table is responsible for completing these documents with the secretary's assistance.

Section 3.7 OPENNING OF THE POLLING TABLE

At 9:00 a.m., the members present on the polling table board shall declare the polling table open and the voting process shall begin. Voters will be served in the order they arrive. Each voter shall be located and identified in the official list of voters provided by the Puerto Rico State Election Commission through the Electoral Commissioner through an examination of their personal circumstances and voter identification card.

Section 3.8 VOTING PROCESS

When voters arrive at the voting area, they will be lined up according to their order of arrival. The following procedure must be followed for each voter who goes to their assigned senatorial district polling table to exercise their right to vote:

1. An election official designated by the presiding officer shall be in charge of the lamp to verify that the voter has not previously voted. If, from this verification, they find that the voter has ink on their finger, they shall be instructed that they may not vote. If, from this inspection, it does not appear that the voter has ink on their fingers, the voter shall proceed to the secretary to hand in their identification card, and the secretary shall verify the voter's identity with such card.

2. The secretary shall verify that the voter appears on the official voters' list of the Puerto Rico State Election Commission, whose precinct must correspond to the senatorial district polling table where the voter intends to vote. In cases where the voter does not appear on the official voter's list, they shall be instructed to vote "added by hand" at the polling table board set up to manage such cases.

In cases where the voter has yet to be assigned the precinct and electoral unit on the official voters' list, they shall be asked in which municipality they reside. The secretary shall inform the voters in what senatorial district they must vote. If the polling table where the voter is located does not correspond to where the voter must vote, an election official shall direct the voter to the correct polling table where to vote.

3. If, from the above verification, the secretary of the polling table board finds that the voter is entitled to vote, the secretary shall write the voter's information in the voting registration list, including name, surname, electoral number, telephone number, email address, or both. Once the secretary enters the information in the voting registration list, the voter shall sign in the space provided, and such signature shall imply an affiliation with the Democratic Party of the United States and its affiliate in Puerto Rico. If the voter is unable to sign, the voter shall proceed to make a mark, and the election official shall print the voter's name next to the mark. If the voter is unable to sign because of a physical disability, the voter may choose a person or any of the officials to sign or print their name on the ballot in their place.

4. The voter shall then proceed to ink his finger. The identification card shall be returned to the voter, and the marker for marking the ballots shall be handed to the voter.

5. Once the previous step has been completed, the presiding officer or designated election official shall hand over the ballot to the voter and inform them that the national rules of the Democratic Party in Article Nine, Section 12 of its Charter do not allow secret ballots in internal processes and that since the voting for the General Assembly of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico is an internal process, the voter must sign or write their name on the ballot in the presence of the election official at the time the ballot is delivered.

If the voter does not know how to sign, the voter shall proceed to make a mark on the ballot, and the election official shall write the voter's name in print next to the mark. If the voter is unable to sign due to any physical disability, the voter may choose a person or any of the officials to sign or print the voter's name on the ballot in their place.

6. The voter shall go alone to one of the voting booths and proceed to vote by making the corresponding marks. Except for physically disabled persons, there shall only be one voter in each voting booth.

7. The voter may stay in the voting booth for as long as they reasonably need to vote.

8. After voting, the voter must return the marker and fold and deposit the ballot in the ballot box.

9. A voter who has received the ballot shall be allowed to leave the voting area once they have voted and deposited the ballot in the ballot box.

10. Before leaving the voting area, the voter must be verified by an election official with the lamp to see if they have been inked. If the voter has not been inked, they must get inked before leaving the voting area.

Section 3.9 VOTER WITH DISABILITIES

Any voter who cannot mark the ballot or complete any other action in the voting process due to disability shall be entitled to use a person's assistance. The voter has the right to choose any person to accompany them when exercising their right to vote and marking the ballot, as instructed by the voter. However, the voter must express consent to such an act. The person chosen by the voter may be an election official at the polling table where the voter votes.

Section 3.10 BALLOT DAMAGED BY A VOTER

If any voter accidentally damages a ballot or makes a mistake in their selection, they can return it to the presiding officer or election official who provided it. The officer or official will then give the voter a new ballot. Not more than one (1) additional ballot may be provided to the same voter per damaged ballot. Each ballot damaged by a voter shall be rendered unusable by the presiding officer, crossing its face with a horizontal stripe from one end to the other on the timelines at the top of the ballot. The polling table officials will also write on the damaged ballot: *"PAPELETA DAÑADA POR EL ELECTOR, SE LE ENTREGÓ OTRA"* (BALLOT DAMAGED BY THE VOTER, ANOTHER WAS PROVIDED).

Section 3.11 INCONSEQUENTIAL MARKS AND DOTS ON BALLOTS

Small dots that appear indistinctly in various places on the ballot and usually appear as imperfections in the paper or printing will not be accepted as valid marks. Any mark smaller than four square millimeters (4mm²), whether inside or outside the mark recognition areas, will be considered inconsequential.

Section 3.12 CLOSING OF THE POLLING TABLE

The polling table shall remain open until 1:00 p.m. to receive voters and shall close at said time. Voting, however, shall continue without interruption until all the voters inside the voting area at the time of closing have voted.

Section 3.13 CLOSED-LINE SYSTEM

If it is not possible to accommodate all the voters who are waiting to vote within the premises, they shall be placed in a closed-line under the following procedure:

1. The voters will form a line at the entrance door of the premises, which will extend in the direction most conducive to unrestricted traffic flow as determined by the Electoral Commissioner. No person will be allowed to join or approach the line after 1:00 p.m., when the line will be closed.

2. The members of the Puerto Rico Police, Municipal Police, and the polling table boards shall enforce compliance with this section.

3. The Electoral Commissioner, or an authorized representative, shall hand out closed line turn cards to the voter who is in line outside the entrance of the Pedrín Zorrilla Coliseum, indicating the order number of their arrival and place in line.

4. Election officials will call voters to vote according to their turn numbers. Once a voter's turn number is called, they must leave the line and go to vote. If voters fail to be present when their turn number is called, they will lose their right to vote.

Section 3.14 VOTING BY OFFICIALS

After the voting process has been completed, and only then, the polling table board officials who are registered and active in the General Voters Registry and present their identification card to the polling table board members will be allowed to vote.

Section 3.15 PROHIBITION TO OFFICIALS

Once the polling table is closed, a table board official cannot leave the polling table until all work is completed, and the canvass results have been announced.

Section 3.16 CLOSING THE ELECTION

The presiding officer of a table board shall proceed to close the election once all voters who are entitled to vote have voted. This includes closed-line voters, voters who objected to the inking, and the election officials.

Section 3.17 CANVASSING AT THE TABLE BOARDS

The canvassing of the votes at the polling tables shall be conducted as follows:

1. Count the voters who voted according to the voting list and write down the number in the tally sheet.
2. Count and void any remaining ballots, write down the number in the tally sheet, and place them in a plastic bag.
3. Count the ballots damaged by the voters, write down the number in the tally sheet, and place them in the appropriate envelope.
4. Count the envelopes of the challenged ballots, write down the number in the tally sheet, and place them inside the appropriate envelope.
5. Count the ballots voted and write down the number of votes obtained by each candidate for each office in the order in which they appear on the ballot, write down the results and the number of ballots voted in the tally sheet and place the ballots in the envelope or bag provided.

The presiding officer shall deliver the tally sheet of the polling table board to the Electoral Commissioner. Copies or duplicates of the tally sheets may be signed and distributed by the presiding officer after verifying that the information therein is similar to that reported in the original tally sheet. The presiding officer of the polling table board shall sign all tally sheets.

Section 3.18 RETURNING ELECTION MATERIALS

The presiding officers of the table boards shall return the election material to the Electoral Commissioner.

Section 3.19 GROUNDS FOR CHALLENGE

If a polling table board official or observer for a candidate has reasonable cause to believe that a voter is voting unlawfully or has cast a vote at another polling table, they may challenge the voter's ballot, but this shall not prevent the voter from casting their vote. A voter may also challenge another voter.

The following shall be causes for challenge:

1. Not being the person, the voter claims to be.
2. Having voted at another polling table.
3. Not being a citizen of the United States of America or domiciled in Puerto Rico.
4. Not being of legal age to vote.

TITLE IV

PROCEDURES FOLLOWING THE HOLDING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Section 4.1 CERTIFYING THE RESULTS

The Electoral Commissioner shall certify the results of the General Assembly vote to the Secretary and to all the candidates who were on the ballot.

Section 4.2 RECOUNT

Recounts of votes shall be conducted if there is a difference of 50 votes or less between the candidates appearing in first place and second place for the Chair, Vice Chair, Committeewoman, Committeeman positions or in each column by gender for Member by Senatorial District positions or between the fifth place and sixth place in each column by gender for the At-Large Members positions. The recount will only involve the candidates in the above circumstances and will be based on the results reported in the tally sheet of any polling table board.

TITLE V FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 5.1 AMENDMENTS TO RULES

These Rules may be amended by the Executive Committee at a meeting called for this purpose without the imposition of terms or by referendum by electronic mail or video conference at any time deemed advisable by the Chair and the Electoral Commissioner.

Section 5.2 SEVERABILITY

If a court with competent jurisdiction held any section, clause, paragraph, or part of these Rules to be unconstitutional, the holding to that effect shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions of these Rules.

Section 5.3 TERMS, VARIATIONS

The terms established in these Rules may be varied by consultation with the Chair and the Electoral Commissioner in meritorious cases and for just cause, except those provided by the Charter or Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico.

Section 5.4 EFFECTIVENESS

These Rules shall become effective as of the date of their approval by the Executive Committee.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 19th day of February 2024.



CHARLES A. RODRÍGUEZ
Chair
Democratic Party of Puerto Rico

I HEREBY CERTIFY:

These "Rules of Procedure for the Internal Reorganization Democratic Party of Puerto Rico" were approved by the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico on February 19, 2024, and in witness whereof, I hereby sign this document.
In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on February 19, 2024.



MIGUEL HERNÁNDEZ-VIVONI
Secretary
Democratic Party of Puerto Rico