

Bylaws of The Parent Teacher Association of A.E.A.

Approved by the Membership on April 10, 2025

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Article I – Name

The name of the Association shall be the Parent Teacher Association of A.E.A. and hereafter referred to as **the Association.**

Article II – Objectives

A. The objectives of the Association include but are not limited to:

1. Develop parent leadership and build capacity for greater involvement.
2. foster and encourage parent participation on all levels.
3. develop a cooperative working relationship between the parents and staff of our school.
4. provide opportunities and training for parents to participate in school governance and decision-making.
5. provide support and resources to the school for the benefit and educational growth of the students.

Article III – Membership

A. Eligibility

1. A parent of a student currently on the register of P.S. 303 The Academy for Excellence Through the Arts, is automatically a member of the Association.
2. Parents of a child who is attending P.S. 303 The Academy for Excellence Through the Arts full time while on the register of a citywide program are eligible to be members of the Association.
3. The term parent is defined as any person in a parental or custodial relationship to the student, which includes the following.
 - i. Birth parent
 - ii. Adoptive parent
 - iii. Foster parent
 - iv. Stepparent
 - v. Legally appointed guardian¹
 - vi. Person(s) in parental relation
4. Membership shall be open to all teachers including paraprofessionals, school aides, school secretaries, and other professionals currently employed at P.S. 303 The Academy for Excellence Through the Arts.
5. Grandparents, non-custodial family members, and child caretakers who do not meet the definition of parents are welcome to participate in Association activities but are not eligible to vote, run for office, or chair committees.
6. At the beginning of each school year, the Association shall send a welcome letter to inform parents of their automatic membership status and voting rights.

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¹ The term “person in parental relationship” refers to a person who has assumed the care of a child because the child’s parents or guardians are not available, whether due to, among other things, death, imprisonment, mental illness, living outside the state, or abandonment of the child. Any determinations about who constitutes a person in parental relations must be based on the individual circumstances surrounding guardianship and custodial care of a particular child. A person who provides temporary care for a child (e.g., babysitter, nanny, or non-custodial relative) does not qualify as a person in parental relation under Chancellor’s Regulations A-660.

B. Dues/Donations

1. The payment of dues is not a condition for participation or membership.
2. Donations and dues are not a requirement for membership, voting, or candidacy. Donations are solicited during the school year on a voluntary basis.

C. Voting Privileges

1. Every parent of a student currently enrolled at P.S. 303 The Academy for Excellence Through the Arts is entitled to a single vote during any in-person, virtual, and/or hybrid meetings. However, that right may be limited by the conflicts of interest restriction outlined in Chancellor's Regulation A- 660.²
2. The election of officers must be conducted at an in-person meeting or using a virtual remote platform (VRP). Elections at a hybrid meeting are prohibited.
3. Voting by proxy, absentee ballot, or email, is prohibited.
4. Each teacher, paraprofessional, school aide, school secretaries, and other professionals currently employed at the school shall be entitled to a single vote.

Article IV – Officers

A. Titles

1. The mandatory officers of the Association shall be: president, recording secretary and treasurer. The election of mandatory officers will constitute a functioning Association. There shall be no qualification requirements for any parent to be an officeholder of the Association, other than to be a parent of child attending P.S. 303 The Academy for Excellence Through the Arts. A member's eligibility may be limited by the conflicts of interest restrictions outlined in Chancellor's Regulation A-660.
2. Non-mandatory officers of the Association may consist of but are not limited to the following: vice president, communications secretary, and after-school program coordinator (ASP coordinator).
3. Candidates may choose to run individually or as co-officers.
4. All offices are voluntary, unpaid positions.

B. Term and Term Limits

1. The term of office shall be no more than 12 months beginning July 1st and ending June 30th.
2. Term limits³ for each officer position of the Association shall be two consecutive one year terms. A candidate who has served the maximum number of terms may only be elected to serve an additional term if no other interested candidate is nominated and willing to serve.

² Restrictions based on conflicts of interest as determined by Chancellor's Regulations A-660 (Section I.C.3.c)

³ The term of office pertains to the length of time a single person may be elected to a position on the executive board of the Association. The number of times a person may hold a particular office may be limited by the number of consecutive times a person may serve in that particular office

C. Duties of Officers

1. **President (or Co-Presidents):** The duties of the president shall include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. preside at all meetings of the Association.
 - b. is an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee;
 - c. appoint Association committee chairpersons with the approval of the executive board;
 - d. encourage meaningful participation in all parent and school activities;
 - e. provide opportunities for members' leadership development;
 - f. delegate responsibilities to members of the Association as needed;
 - g. attend all regular meetings of the presidents' council;
 - h. is a mandatory member of the School Leadership Team⁴;
 - i. meet regularly with the executive board members;
 - j. plan the agendas for the general membership meetings;
 - k. is one of the eligible signatories on checks and debit card disbursement forms
 - l. may be responsible for DOE issued email account;
 - m. assist with the June transfer of Association records, including all pertinent user IDs and passwords, to the incoming executive board;
 - n. sign all the contracts for the Association.

2. **Recording Secretary (or Co-Secretaries):** The duties of the recording secretary shall include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. record the minutes at all Association meetings;
 - b. prepare notices, agendas, sign-in sheets, and materials for distribution;
 - c. prepare and read the minutes at Association meetings;
 - d. distribute copies of the minutes for review and approval by the general membership;
 - e. maintain the custody of the Association's records on school premises;
 - f. prepare updates for the website and any social media accounts for the Association⁵
 - g. is responsible for maintaining the DOE issued email account;
 - h. may be one of the eligible signatories on checks and disbursement forms;
 - i. incorporate all amendments into the bylaws, and;
 - j. ensure that signed copies of the bylaws with the latest amendments are on file in the principal's office,
 - k. may be responsible for reviewing, maintaining and responding to all correspondence addressed to the Association ⁵; and,
 - l. assist with the June transfer of Association records, including all pertinent user IDs and passwords, to the incoming executive board.

⁴ Co-presidents must determine who will serve on the SLT and who will attend President Council meetings

⁵ Associations may choose to elect a Communications Secretary, and in such cases these responsibilities fall to that officeholder

- 3. Treasurer (or Co-Treasurers):** The duties of the treasurer shall include but are not limited to the following:
- a. responsible for all financial affairs and funds of the Association, including any bank or electronic accounts, such as PayPal;
 - b. maintain an updated record of all income and expenditures on school premises;
 - c. may be a signatory on checks, and debit card disbursement forms;
 - d. may be responsible for setting up online access to the bank account;
 - e. adhere to and implement all financial procedures established by the Association;
 - f. prepare and present a written report of all transactions at every executive board and general membership meeting (which includes income, refunds, reimbursements and other expenditures, and opening and closing balances for the reporting period);
 - g. prepare the Association's interim and annual financial reports;
 - h. make available all books and financial records for viewing by members upon request and for audit;
 - i. may have access to the DOE issued email account;
 - j. assist with the June transfer of Association records, including all pertinent user IDs and passwords, to the incoming executive board;
 - k. Will definitely serve as a member of the Budget Committee but she/he may also serve as the Chair of the Budget Committee;
 - l. File the proper tax forms with the IRS within 4 ½ months after the end of the PTA fiscal year (November 15);
 - m. Work with the ASP committee to reconcile cash flow on a regular basis and ensure timely vendor payments.

4. After-School Program (ASP) Coordinator or Co-After-School Program Coordinators:

The duties of the after-school program coordinator shall include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Chair the ASP committee and ensure adherence to the ASP playbook.
- b. Serve as the primary contact for all ASP-related inquiries.
- c. Work with school staff to ensure compliance with regulations and oversee daily operations, including enrollment, scheduling, and vendor coordination.
- d. Identify and manage external vendor-led and internal teacher-led classes.
- e. Develop the ASP budget with the treasurer and ensure timely vendor payments, including DOE staff and teachers.
- f. Work with the treasurer to reconcile the cash flow on a regular basis
- g. Manage after-school contracts, confirm necessary insurance coverage with executive board.
- h. Prepare and submit fall and spring schedules for executive board and school administration approval.
- i. Oversee enrollment, including managing waitlists and class changes.
- j. Monitor the ASP email inbox and respond in a timely manner (i.e. 24 hours on business days), ensuring all communications go through the official ASP email.
- k. Report incidents involving students, vendors, or instructors to relevant parties,

including parents, school administration, and the PTA executive board immediately (without any delay).

- l. Review ASP policies and submit recommendations to the executive board and school administration for approval
- m. Escalate non-routine questions or program changes (e.g., enrollment or billing methods) to the executive board for discussion and broader PTA review if necessary.
- n. Meet with executive board for a transition meeting once the new board is elected to review contracts, permits, and financial matters for the upcoming year. This may be part of the officer transition meeting or a separate ASP transition meeting
- o. May be a signatory on ASP checks

5. Non-Mandatory Officer: Vice President (or Co-Vice Presidents)

The duties of the vice president shall include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Assist the president or co-presidents, and shall assume the duties in their absence or upon request.
- b. May be one of the eligible signatories on a checks and disbursement forms.
- c. Assist with the June transfer of Association records, including all pertinent user IDs and passwords, to the incoming executive board.

D. Election of Officers

1. Officers shall be elected by the last day of each school year for a one-year term beginning July 1. Any timeline established by the Association to complete the nominations and election process must adhere to this timeframe. The principal must be notified of the date, time, and meeting format (in-person or VRP) of the annual election by April 1. *(Elections in a hybrid meeting are prohibited)*

2. Employees of P.S. 303 The Academy for Excellence Through the Arts may not serve as members of the executive board. This restriction applies equally to employees who have a child currently attending the school.

3. Nominating Committee

A nominating committee must be established during the February monthly general membership meeting. The nominating committee shall consist of three to five volunteers, none of whom are members of the executive board or plan to run for office. The nominating committee shall solicit nominations for candidates from the general membership and individuals may also submit their own names to be candidates for office in writing. In addition to written nominations, the committee may also provide an opportunity to accept nomination from the floor at a general membership meeting prior to the close of nominations.

Notices should be translated into languages spoken by parents in the school whenever possible.⁶ The nominating committee will also be responsible for conducting the election meeting.

⁶ Translated templates, for all election materials, can be found in all 9 languages on the DOE [PA/PTA Resources Page](#)

Duties of the nominating committee may include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. canvassing the membership for eligible candidates;
- b. preparing and distributing all notices of any meeting pertaining to the election process;
- c. preparing ballots, attendance sheets, a ballot box, tally sheets and all other materials pertaining to the election;
- d. verifying the eligibility of all interested candidates prior to the election;
- e. scheduling the election at a time that ensures maximum participation;
- f. ensuring that only eligible members receive a ballot for voting;
- g. ensuring that the election is certified by the principal or designee immediately following the election.

If a nominating committee cannot be formed, the Association must proceed with an expedited election – a single meeting where all nominations are taken from the floor for all offices immediately prior to the election.

4. Notices

The election meeting notices and agendas for all election meetings shall be distributed in accordance with CR A-660's notice requirements. All meeting notices and agendas shall be available in English and translated into languages spoken by parents in the school whenever possible. The distribution date and meeting format (in-person or VRP) shall appear on all notices. If nominations have been closed, the election meeting notice shall list all candidates in alphabetical order by surname under the office for which they are nominated.

5. Contested Elections and the Use of Ballots⁷

- a. Written ballots are required for all contested offices. Candidates must be listed on ballots in alphabetical order by last name for each office. Candidates running for co-offices must be listed together and voted for as a team. Where possible, ballots should contain instructions in all languages spoken by parents in the school.
- b. Ballots must remain in the meeting room until the election meeting has been adjourned. Ballots must be counted immediately following the conclusion of voting and in the presence of any members and observers.
- c. Ballots must not be removed from the school. The Association must retain ballots on school premises for one year following the date of the election or until the determination of any grievance filed concerning the election, whichever is later.

6. Uncontested Elections

Where there is only one candidate for any office, the membership may vote to accept that candidate by a single motion. The result of the motion is to be reflected in the minutes.

⁷ Contested elections consist of two or more candidates for any office; voting must be by ballot.

7. Officer Vacancies

Officer vacancies must be filled by succession or by an expedited election. A vacancy occurs when an officer resigns or is removed from the position. Officers who wish to resign their positions once an election has been certified must submit their written resignation to the recording secretary and immediately turn over all Association records.

- a. When an office cannot be filled through succession, by the next highest ranking officer, an expedited election must be held to fill the vacancy.
- b. An officer may choose to retain their current position and not assume the higher ranking office.
- c. The ranking of officers for succession purposes shall be:
 - President
 - Vice President (if one exists)
 - Recording Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - ASP Coordinator

8. Expedited Election Process:

Expedited elections shall be held to fill vacancies in the event the office cannot be filled through succession of the next highest ranking officers as listed in the order of succession. The executive board shall be responsible for announcing vacancies and distributing written notice indicating the date, time and meeting format (in-person or VRP) of the expedited election. All nominations must be taken from the floor, immediately prior to the election. If the election is contested, written ballots must be used in accordance with Section 5a of these bylaws. Elections in a hybrid meeting are prohibited.

If quorum (see Section I.J.5.) is not met at the election meeting, a second election meeting must be scheduled, and a written Notice of Election Meeting must be sent to all parents at least 5 calendar days prior to the election.

E. School Leadership Team Parent Member Elections

1. The election of parent members to the School Leadership Team (SLT) may take place during the same meeting as officer elections.
 - a. Once the election of PTA officers has concluded, the election of parent members to the SLT may begin.
 - b. The election of parent members to the SLT should follow the same or similar election procedure as PTA officer elections.

F. Disciplinary Action

1. Grounds for Removal from Office:

- a. Any officer who fails to fulfill the duties of office as outlined in these bylaws, Article IV, Section C.
- b. Any officer who accrues 3 consecutive unexcused absences from executive board or general membership meetings.

- c. Any officer who poses a threat to the safety and well order of the Association or larger school community.
- d. Any officer who exercises behavior unbecoming the office as determined by the general membership.
- e. Any officer who commits a violation of the law may be removed from office by the recommendation of the investigatory entity.
- f. Any officer who has a conflict of interest is subject to removal from the office if they fail to obtain a waiver from the DOE Ethics Officer. (See Section IV.E. A-660 Regulation of the Chancellor dated 11.18.2021 for an enumeration of conflict of interest.)

2. **Officer Removal:**

Association officers may be removed for unsatisfactory performance by recommendation of the executive board or a motion from a member and two-thirds vote of the membership present.⁸

The executive board, being prepared to recommend removal, may (this is not mandated but the board may adopt at its discretion) discuss the concern with the officer in question so that officer in question can make his/her decision and/or present compelling arguments. Then the executive board may (not mandated but discretionary) document their recommendation in writing, with supporting documentation, where the specificity of the basis of concern, the steps to address those concerns already taken, if appropriate, and why removal is the recommended action is outlined.

a. Removal Process

1. The motion to remove an officer and the vote on removal must not occur during the same meeting.
2. Once a recommendation has been made to remove an officer, a motion shall be voted upon to form a review committee. The review committee shall consist of three or five volunteers, none of whom are members of the executive board. The review committee must investigate, examine and obtain all relevant documents, interview all pertinent witnesses, etc., to conduct their fact-finding review. All pertinent facts and information must be considered by the committee. The officer against whom removal is being contemplated has the right to present relevant facts, documents and/or witnesses. The committee must present its findings and recommendations during the next general membership meeting after the establishment of the review committee. However, the review committee may request additional time -- up to 60 days in total -- for investigation. Such a request must be presented to the general membership for its vote. Once the review committee has completed their process, the committee may discuss the findings with the officer in question before presenting them to the membership so that officer can make his/her decision and/or present compelling arguments (this is not mandated but the review committee may adopt this at its discretion.)

⁸ Officer removal is a serious matter for any Association, special care must be taken not to violate the rights of any party before any action or vote is taken.

3. The written recommendations of the review committee shall be presented to the general membership as soon as they are available. The vote on the recommendations will be taken at the following general membership meeting, and not in the same meeting as the committee's formation. The review committee's findings must be voted on by the membership. Any recommendation must be adopted by two-thirds of the members present.
4. The meeting notice must include the vote on removal.
5. The content of the motion and the result of the vote must be included in the minutes and submitted to and filed with the principal and the Superintendent's office.
6. If an officer is removed, the vacancy shall be filled through the succession enumeration or expedited election process.

Article V – Executive Board

A. Composition

The executive board shall be composed of the elected officers of the Association as listed here: president, recording secretary, and treasurer. Officers shall be expected to attend all executive board meetings.

B. Meetings

The executive board shall meet monthly, September through June, at a time and place to be announced to membership in the welcome letter to all parents and at the first general membership meeting. Any changes to the executive board meeting schedule shall be announced to the membership 10 days before the scheduled meeting. The executive board must determine its capacity to host meetings using a particular meeting format (in-person, virtual or hybrid).

C. Voting

Each member of the executive board shall be entitled to one vote.

D. Quorum

Two members of the executive board shall constitute a quorum, allowing for official business to be transacted.

E. June Transfer of Records

The Association must maintain the following records for a minimum of 6 years: bylaws and related amendments; meeting notices, agendas and minutes, records of officer elections other than ballots, and financial records. Outgoing executive board members must ensure that records, including user IDs, passwords, bank card, DOE issued email account and all parent contact information are transferred to the newly elected executive board members. The transfer of records must be conducted in the presence of the principal, the next practicable day after the election. At least one meeting will be scheduled during the month of June for this purpose. Any member of the executive board may request the assistance of the President's Council during the process.

Article VI – General Membership Meetings

A. General Membership Meetings

1. General membership meetings of the Association shall be held monthly, September through June, on the second Thursday of the month, at 7 p.m., unless such date falls on a legal or religious holiday, in which case the meeting shall be held on the following or previous Thursday, as determined by the executive board. In exceptional circumstances, the Executive Board may reschedule individual meetings if necessary to increase attendance, provided any such rescheduling is done at least 10 calendar days prior to both the original and rescheduled meeting date. Written notice of each membership meeting shall be distributed in languages spoken by parents at the school, whenever possible. Notice must be sent at least 10 calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting.
 - a. All general membership meetings must be held in the Association’s home school.
 - b. Committee meetings may be held at locations convenient to the members, but may not be held in private homes.
 - c. All eligible members may attend and participate in general membership meetings.
 - d. Non-members may only speak or otherwise participate if acknowledged by the presiding officer.
 - e. At the beginning of every school year, the Executive Board must survey the parent members to determine whether the day and time of the general membership meeting should be changed.

B. Order of Business

The order of business at meetings of the Association, unless changed by the executive board, shall be:

- a. Call to Order
- b. Reading and Approval of Minutes
- c. President’s Report
- d. Treasurer’s Report
- e. Principal’s Report
- f. School Leadership Team Report
- g. Committee Reports
- h. Old Business
- i. New Business
- j. Adjournment

C. Quorum

A quorum of at least 8 Association members, including a minimum of 2 executive board members and 6 parent members, shall be required in order to conduct official Association business.⁹ Quorum for a Hybrid meeting shall consist of at least one of the executive board members present at the in-person location and at least one executive board member on the virtual platform.

⁹ In exceptional circumstances, the Association may seek a waiver of the minimum quorum requirement from FACE as per CR A-660

D. Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting shall be available in written form approved at every general membership meeting. The minutes of any Association meeting must be made available to any member upon request.

E. Special Membership Meetings

A special membership meeting may be called to deal with a matter of importance that cannot be postponed until the next general membership meeting. The president may call a special membership meeting with a minimum of 48 hours written notice to parents stating precisely what the topic of the meeting will be. This does not apply to the Association's election.

Upon receipt of a written request from 8 Association members, the president must call a special membership meeting within 5 calendar days of the request and provide 48 hours written notice to parents.

F. Parliamentary Authority

Meeting rules of order should be adopted for use as a guide and included in these bylaws. Where no meeting rules of order are adopted, *Robert's Rules of Order – Newly Revised* will be deemed to apply, provided that it is consistent with laws, policies, rules, and regulations.

Article VII – Committees

A. Standing Committees

1. **Membership:** The responsibilities of the membership committee shall include but are not limited to:
 - a. encourage parent participation through recruitment and outreach;
 - b. plan various activities and events for member participation;
 - c. coordinate outreach efforts with the Parent Coordinator when possible;
 - d. maintain current list of the Association's membership.

2. **Budget:** The responsibilities of the budget committee shall include but are not limited to:
 - a. review prior year's budget and make recommendations to executive board;
 - b. draft a proposed budget each spring for approval by general membership.

3. **Audit:** the responsibilities of the audit committee shall include but not are limited to:
 - a. Conduct an internal audit of all financial affairs of the organization when needed or as determined by these bylaws;
 - b. Review as needed all financial records;
 - c. Prepare written reports of its findings.

4. **After-School Program (ASP)**: the responsibilities of the after-school program committee shall include but are not limited to:
 - a. work in cooperation with the ASP coordinator to plan and develop the afterschool program and any operational changes.
 - b. identify both external, vendor-led classes and/or internal, teacher-led classes to include in the ASP class schedule.
 - c. support the ASP coordinator to open enrollment ahead of both the Fall and Spring ASP semesters, including managing wait lists and facilitating class changes.

5. **Ad Hoc**: to accomplish a specific task or address a specific issue the executive board may recommend the formation of a committee that will cease to function once the task or issue has been addressed. The creation and dissolution of the committee must be recorded in the minutes of the Association.

6. **Bylaws**: An ad hoc bylaws committee shall be composed every 3 years for a thorough review of these bylaws. The committee may also be called as deemed necessary by the executive board. Nothing in this section shall abrogate the rights of any member to bring any amendment at any meeting as set forth in Article IX. For encouraging wide participation in the ad hoc committee, it is recommended that a letter be sent to members with tear-off on the bottom or alternatively an email sent via the school communication system asking for volunteers to serve on the bylaws committee. The president or her/his representative will serve on the committee. The responsibilities of the bylaws committee shall include but are not limited to:
 - a. The bylaws committee shall solicit input from all stakeholders including the executive board. The suggestions from the various stakeholders may include material or editorial changes. The bylaws committee may be required to edit the recommendations to comply with the chancellor's regulations.
 - b. The executive board shall schedule discussion of the bylaws in the agenda for the immediate next general membership meeting. Copies of the bylaws should be distributed to the general membership along with the list of proposed changes. The executive board will give advance notice (i.e., 10 days) to the membership about the discussion of the bylaws on the agenda. Full documentation must be maintained.
 - c. The proposed amendments shall be voted on in the subsequent general membership meeting.
 - d. The recording secretary shall incorporate all amendments after the vote. Bylaws should be accompanied by a cover sheet stating the members of the ad hoc committee, the PTA executive board, the school year, year and date of voted on by membership. Bylaws shall be made available to the membership with copies given to the principal and the district office.
 - e. The bylaws committee shall cease to function after the membership has completed its vote.

Article VIII – Financial Affairs

A. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall run from July 1 through June 30.

B. Signatories

The president or co-presidents, treasurer or co-treasurers shall be authorized to sign checks. A third officer shall be authorized if necessary to ensure the Association has three signatories. All checks require at least 2 signatures. The 2 signatories of a check may not be related by blood or marriage (i.e. spouses, siblings, in-laws, relatives or members of the same household). An Association member may not sign a check if she/he has any direct or indirect interest in the expenditure.

C. Budget

1. Budget Process

The executive board shall be responsible for the development and/or review of the budget process, which includes:

- a. The outgoing executive board must review the current budget, annual financial status, accounting, expenditures and outstanding bills, and prepare a proposed budget for the next school year.
- b. The proposed budget must be presented to and approved by the membership no later than the June meeting.
- c. The incoming executive board must review the proposed budget for presentation and discussion during the September meeting. Budget amendments may be proposed.
- d. The executive board must present the budget process for membership approval no later than the October meeting.
- e. The counting and handling of any cash, checks, or money orders received by the Association must be completed by at least 2 members of the Association. These Association members cannot be related by blood or marriage. Funds must be counted in the school on the same day of receipt. The Association's financial records must display the total amount of funds and the signatures of the Association members who participated in counting the funds.
- f. The principal's written consent is required when a fundraising activity is held during school hours or on school property.
- g. All funds should be deposited into the bank account by an authorized executive board member within 1 business day of receipt, but in any event, no longer than 3 business days. If the deposit will not be made within 1 business day, the executive board must ensure that all funds are secured in a locked location on school premises. The executive board must obtain written acknowledgment from the principal when Association funds are secured in the school. Under no circumstances may fundraiser proceeds be stored in a member's place of work or residence. Association funds must be taken to the bank for deposit by at least 1 authorized member.
- h. Documentation related to every transaction must be maintained at the school (e.g., canceled checks, deposit receipts, purchase orders, Association minutes related to the financial transactions, etc.)

Banking

Contact your bank for instructions on how to open a checking account that includes online access for PA/PTA's & President's Councils.

To setup online banking, you must use your **DOE issued email** to open and link bank account. (Do not link your personal bank account to the PA/PTA or President's Council bank account.) If you need access to the DOE issued email, please contact your Parent Coordinator, School Administrator or Family Leadership Coordinator.

PA/PTAs that have established online access to checking accounts are able to make payments through their bank's online bill payment system.

All transactions must receive prior authorization to make a payment through their bank's online bill payment system from the general membership. This authorization is separate from and in addition to the approval of the expenditure.

A Disbursement Form must be completed for all transactions; the form must be signed by 2 account signatories and filed with the PA/PTA's or Presidents' Council's financial records. A disbursement form should include but not limited to; date, payment method, amount, PIN/signature, amount paid, paid by whom, membership approval date, receipt attachment/invoice, and description of purchase/expenditure.

ATM/Bank Cards

PA/PTA's and President's Councils may possess and use ATM/Bank Cards issued by the banking institution connected to the primary checking account of the Association.

ATM/Bank Cards must be linked to PA/PTA accounts only, linking the debit card to a personal account is prohibited. (Linking a personal bank account to a PA/PTA or President's council bank account is prohibited.)

ATM/Bank Cards can be used for the following approved transactions:

- a. Transactions for online vendors
- b. Vendors who do not accept a physical check

ATM/Bank Cards prohibited use:

- a. Third party applications such as, personal mobile phone wallets or any other personal electronic device.
- b. Linkage to your personal account (phone, Uber, Lyft, or any other transportation expenditures)
- c. Direct Donations
- d. Out of Pocket Reimbursements
- e. Receiving "Cash Back" or "Cash Refunds"
- f. ATM Cash/Bank Card Withdrawals are prohibited

Third Party Cash Applications

- a. PA/PTA's and President's Councils may use third-party applications to accept money. The application must be created using the DOE issued email and must be connected directly to the PA/PTA bank account using the PA/PTA account number or debit card.
- b. Approved transactions: Receiving money
- c. Prohibited use: Outgoing transactions
Debit Cards generated by a third-party application

Use of Funds

a. Budget Amendment

The budget may be amended by vote of the general membership at any membership meeting.

b. Expenditure

All expenditures not included in the budget at the time of its adoption must be approved by vote of the general membership.

c. Emergency Expenditures

The executive board is authorized to make an emergency expenditure not to exceed \$500 with a two-thirds approval of the executive board. These expenditures shall be reported to the general membership at the next Association meeting in writing by the treasurer. The minutes of the meeting must reflect a vote taken by the Association to accept this action.

d. Misuse of Funds

Allegations of financial wrongdoing may result in a legal investigation. Misappropriation of funds and the misuse of an ATM/Bank Card may be punishable by law. The Chancellor or designee may immediately remove any officer complicit in the violation of this provision.

D. Audit

Audit Committee

The president shall request volunteers to form an audit committee of 3 to 5 persons of the general membership. Executive board members who are not eligible signatories on an Association's checking account may serve on the audit committee. The majority of the committee shall be comprised of general members.

Duties

- a. The audit committee shall conduct an audit of all financial affairs of the Association with the help of the treasurer who shall make all books and records available to them.
- b. The audit committee may examine all relevant financial statements and records of disbursements, verify all Association equipment and ensure compliance with bylaw provisions for the transaction of funds.
- c. The audit committee shall prepare a written audit report to be presented to the membership at a general membership meeting, upon completion of their review and investigation. This report shall be included for review and discussion during the June transfer of records.

E. Financial Accounting

1. Financial Report

The treasurer shall prepare the Interim PTA Financial Report by January 31st and the Annual PTA Financial Report by the June meeting, including all income, expenditures, and other transactions. These reports shall be presented and reviewed by general membership. Copies of these reports shall be provided to the principal.

2. Record Keeping

The treasurer shall be responsible for all funds of the Association and shall keep accurate records in a form consistent with these bylaws and applicable Regulations of the Chancellor. In accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-610, parents must obtain written approval from the principal before collecting fundraiser proceeds from students. The treasurer and at least one other officer shall transport all funds to the bank.

Deposit slips shall identify the source of all deposited funds. All parties involved in financial transactions shall initial the deposit slips. All financial records of the Association including checkbooks, ledgers, cancelled checks, invoices, receipts etc., shall be maintained and secured on school premises.

Article IX - Amendments and Regular Review of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the amendment was presented in writing to the membership at the previous meeting and appears in the notice of the meeting at which it is to be amended. Amendments are effective immediately unless otherwise specified. A thorough review of these bylaws shall be conducted every 3 years. All provisions of these bylaws must conform to CR A-660 and Department of Education guidelines.

Any member may present a motion at a general membership meeting to amend a provision of the bylaws that is not in compliance with CR A-660. Amendments that bring the bylaws into compliance must be voted on immediately after the motion is presented. A two-thirds vote of the membership is required for approval.

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These bylaws, as set forth above, have been voted on and approved by the membership. The most recent amendment was approved, in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, at the membership meeting held on April 10, 2025.

Signed By:

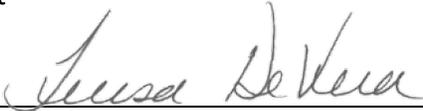


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Recording Secretary

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6/30/2025

Date:

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