

SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER FOR THE ELECTION OF THE VIII BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

These Rules of Order for the election of the VIII Bishop of Los Angeles shall apply during the 2025 Diocesan Convention scheduled to take place November 7 and 8, 2025 at the Riverside Convention Center.

These Rules accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of the Diocese of Los Angeles (collectively, “the canons”). Except where inconsistent with the canons or these Rules, Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, the latest edition, shall govern the business proceedings of the Convention.

1. The Convention shall only consider nominees of the Search Committee and any Petition Nominees whose candidacy has been put forward pursuant to the procedures for petition nominations published by the Standing Committee. No nominations will be accepted from the Floor of Convention.
2. Any form of campaigning for or against any nominee shall not be allowed including, but not limited to, distribution of printed materials, speeches, or floor debates. Only written materials approved by the Standing Committee and published by the Convention office shall be permitted on the floor of Convention.
3. Voting will take place using an electronic voting platform. In the event of technical malfunction, voting may take place using paper ballots at the discretion of the President of Convention.
4. There shall be a First Ballot for the election of Bishop, and successive ballots thereafter as necessary, until the Bishop is elected. An election requires a majority (50% plus one) in both Orders on the same ballot. The time permitted between ballots, as well as the order of silence, prayer, music, or other activity between ballots, shall be determined by the President of Convention.
5. A nominee may withdraw from consideration at any time during the Convention by means of oral, written, or electronic communication prior to the next ballot. If the

President of Convention is satisfied as to the legitimacy of the withdrawal, the President may accept the withdrawal.

6. If during or immediately prior to the Convention new adverse information is discovered about a nominee, then upon the request of the President of the Standing Committee, the Convention will be on recess while the Standing Committee reviews the information. If the information appears to be material and from a credible source, the President of the Standing Committee, together with the Chancellor, will discuss the matter with the candidate who will have the option to request a further investigation or to withdraw their nomination. If the nominee requests a further investigation which cannot be completed within a few hours, then the Standing Committee may in its discretion postpone the Convention for a maximum of twenty-eight (28) days for such investigation to be completed by the Standing Committee.
7. If no nominee achieves the required majority in both Orders on the same ballot by 3:30 PM Pacific Time on Saturday, November 8, 2025, and if the President of Convention concludes that the stalemate shall likely not be resolved without significant time for further discernment, reflection, and prayer, the President of Convention may place Convention in recess and thereafter announce a date time and location to reconvene.
8. Immediately following the election, while the Convention remains in session, the President of Convention shall arrange to have the signatures of a constitutional majority of the Convention affixed to the testimonial required by Canon III.11.3(a) of the Episcopal Church, attesting to the due and lawful election of the VIII Bishop of Los Angeles.
9. These Rules of Order shall be effective when adopted by a majority vote (50% plus one) of the Convention. Once adopted, they may not thereafter be suspended or amended except upon motion duly made and seconded, and approved by two-thirds of Convention.