

PTA COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Bylaws Review 2024-2025

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Article #	Title	Section #	Sentence #
VI	Officers and their Election	3	3

Current Language

No officer may be eligible to serve more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same office.

Recommendation

No officer may be eligible to serve more than four (4) consecutive terms in the same office.

Article #	Title	Section #	Sentence #
VI	Officers and their Election	4	B

Current Language

All candidates shall have served at least one (1) full year as a local PTA officer or one (1) full year on the council PTA board of directors.

Recommendation

All candidates shall have served at least one (1) full year as a local PTA Board of Directors member or one (1) full year on the council PTA board of directors or one (1) full year as a PTACHC delegate.

Article #	Title	Section #	Sentence #
VI	Officers and their Election	4	NEW - D

Recommendation

The treasurer candidate shall have at least one year of PTA treasurer experience.

Article #	Title	Section #	Sentence #
VII	Duties of Officers	2	B, add new

Recommendation

- Add the following to the duties of Vice-President of Operations:
 - Provide oversight and be point of contact for all special committees.

Article #	Title	Section #	Sentence #
VII	Duties of Officers	2	C

Recommendation

- Change Vice-President of Issues role name to Vice-President of Advocacy

Article #	Title	Section #	Sentence #
X	Committees	4	N/A

Current Language

The term of office of a standing committee chair shall be one (1) year.

Recommendation

The term of office of a standing committee chair shall expire at the end of the current fiscal year.

Article #	Title	Section #	Sentence #
X	Committees	7	N/A

Current Language

PTACHC shall have at least three (3) standing committees: Legislative, Policy, and Membership.

Recommendation

PTACHC shall have at least three (3) standing committees: Legislative, Policy, and PTA Recruitment.

Article #	Title	Section #	Sentence #
VIII and XI	Board of Directors and Executive Committee	5 and 1, 4	Multiple

Current Language

There are multiple instances of “his/her” throughout the above sections.

Recommendation

Replace “his/her” to “their” to align with Associated Press (AP) Style Guide.

Article #	Title	Section #	Sentence #
XI	General Membership	4	D

Current Language

The president of the Howard County Administration Association or his/her representative.

Recommendation/Update

The president of the Howard County Association of Supervisors and Administrators or their representative.

Article #	Title	Section #	Sentence #
XI	General Membership	4	F

Current Language

The principals of each local PTA member schools.

Recommendation

The principal of each local PTA member school or their designee.

Article #	Title	Section #	Sentence #
XII	General Membership Meetings	I	N/A

Current Language

Regular meetings of this council PTA shall be held during the year, the time to be fixed by the board of directors at its first meeting of the fiscal year. At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given to the membership of any change of date.

Recommendation

Regular meetings of this council PTA shall be held during the year, the time to be fixed by the board of directors at its first meeting of the fiscal year. At least seven (7) calendar days' notice shall be given to the membership of any change of date.

Article #	Title	Section #	Sentence #
XII	General Membership Meetings	II	N/A

Current Language

Special general membership meetings of this council PTA may be called by the president or by a majority of the board of directors, when at least seven (7) days’ notice is given.

Recommendation

Special general membership meetings of this council PTA may be called by the president or by a majority of the board of directors, when at least seven (7) calendar days’ notice is given.