



2025 Proposed Covenant Bylaw Amendment

The following item will be voted on during the 140th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church. The text in green are the words to be added.

ARTICLE VIII

EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 8.3. COMMITTEES

- a. The Executive Board shall organize itself into committees for the purpose of receiving reports, developing policies, and making recommendations to the Executive Board for a committee's specific area of focus.
- b. The standing committees shall be finance, personnel, and any other standing committee designated by the Executive Board policies creating the committee.
- c. Each elected member of the Executive Board shall serve on at least one standing committee at any given time.
- d. Each standing committee shall have ~~five to seven~~ **a minimum of five** members who are elected members of the Executive Board. The committee may have members who are ex-officio members of the Executive Board. The committee may request the presence of advisors to participate in their meetings.

Rationale: When the CEB committees were restructured to align with the new denominational structure, there was a reduction in the number of committees, leading to the need for more members on each committee.



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SECTION 7.10. BOARD NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

- g. An elected member of a board may not be elected for consecutive full terms. Except in the case of a vacancy,
- i. four or five members of the Executive Board shall be elected each year for a term of six years;
 - ii. two or three members of the Board of Nominations, the Board of the Ordered Ministry, and the Board of Pensions and Benefits shall be elected each year for a term of five years;
 - iii. two or three members of the Board of Directors of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence shall be elected each year for a term of six years; and
 - iv. four or five members of the Board of Trustees of North Park University shall be elected each year for a term of five **three** years.

***Rationale:** In 2021, North Park changed their Bylaws to reflect three-year terms for their Trustees. This change aligns the Covenant Bylaws with the North Park Bylaws.*

SECTION 8.2. COMPOSITION AND SELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

- d. **Advisors to the Executive Board.** The Executive Board shall have the following advisors: ~~the members of the Council of Administrators:~~ **the president of the Covenant, the president of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence, the president of North Park University, the dean of North Park Theological Seminary, the president of Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos (CHET), and the president of Covenant Trust Company.**

***Rationale:** This Bylaw change allows the president of CHET to be an advisor to the Covenant Executive Board, similar to other affiliates.*