



2026 Proposed Covenant Bylaw Amendment

The following item will be voted on during the 141st Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church. *The text in green are the words to be added.*

SECTION 7.8. THE AGENDA AND STANDING RULES

a. Agenda.

- i. The agenda shall be prepared by an agenda committee consisting of the moderator, the vice moderator, the corporate secretary of the Covenant, and the president of the Covenant in consultation with the Council of Administrators. The agenda shall be approved by the Executive Board.
- ii. Items of business that are not on the agenda may be submitted in writing by a delegate to the moderator. If the item submitted is in order, a majority vote of the delegates present and voting shall be required to place that item on the agenda.
- iii. Copies of the proposed agenda and accompanying materials shall be available to delegates electronically or in writing thirty days prior to the meeting.

b. Standing Rules.

- i. Standing rules shall be prepared by the agenda committee, approved by the Executive Board, and adopted by the Annual Meeting.
- ii. Copies of the proposed standing rules shall be available to delegates when they arrive at the Annual Meeting.
- ii. **Copies of the proposed standing rules shall be available to delegates electronically or in writing thirty days prior to the meeting. Hard copies of the standing rules will be available to delegates when they arrive at the Annual Meeting.**

Rationale: *The addition of this bylaw provision ensures that standing rules are provided to delegates thirty days in advance of the Annual Meeting, aligning with the same notice requirement already in place for the agenda.*