



**Annual Meeting of the Council**  
**January 18, 2024**  
**Standing Rules for Meeting**

The standing rules listed below for meeting procedures are consistent with the Council Bylaws adopted July 19, 2022 Article XIV – Parliamentary Authority: The meetings of the Council, the Board of Directors, service units, and all committees and task groups, shall be conducted in accordance with common practices of parliamentary procedure and orderly decision making, subject to the laws of the State of Florida, the Articles of Incorporation, and these Bylaws.

1. Only voting members of the council are permitted to address the presiding officer or speak to the council delegate body.
2. A voting member should raise their hand to be called on. Upon recognition by the presiding officer, the voting member shall identify themselves by name and service unit delegate, or if applicable, as board member or national council delegate to be verified before speaking to the council delegate body.
3. No speaker shall speak longer than two minutes on any discussion item. Timing of the two-minute period shall begin immediately following the required identification.
4. No speaker shall speak a second time on a discussion item until all other voting members wishing to speak a first time have done so.
5. All remarks shall be addressed to the presiding officer.
6. Discussion shall be limited to 8 minutes per discussion item, inclusive of interrupting and secondary motions.
7. Amendments dealing with grammar, spelling, or punctuation shall not be permitted. The CEO of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida and the President of the Board of Directors shall be empowered to make any and all necessary editorial changes to motions that are adopted.
8. All motions and amendments shall be clearly stated and confirmed by the Secretary.
9. All devices and noises shall be silenced during the meeting to minimize interruption.
10. Recording of the meeting by other than the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida shall not be permitted.