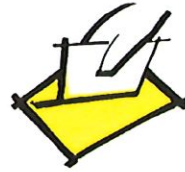




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TITLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1.1 TITLE

These Rules shall be known as the "Rules for the Puerto Rico Democratic Presidential Primary Process."

Section 1.2 LEGAL BASIS

These Rules are adopted and promulgated under the provisions of the Puerto Rico Election Code of 2020, Act 58-2020, 16 L.P.R.A. §§ 4501, et seq, from now on "Election Code"; and the "Puerto Rico Delegate Selection Plan for the 2024 Democratic National Convention". In addition, the federal absentee voting laws "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act", Public Law 99-410, as amended, from now on "U.O.C.A.V.A."; "Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act", Public Law 11184 Subtitle H - Military Voting Sections 575-589, from now on "MOVE"; and "Help America Vote Act", Public Law 107-252, from now on "H.A.V.A.", are applicable.

Section 1.3 DEFINITIONS

The applicable definitions in Article 2.3 and Article 8.3.a of the Election Code are hereby made a part of these Rules.

For the purposes of these Rules, the following terms shall have the meanings expressed below:

1) Tally Sheet- The document or documents recording the results of the canvass on the day of the Presidential Primary at the polling stations in the congressional districts and the island municipalities of Vieques and Culebra, which shall be completed in all its parts. This sheet shall contain a copy for each member of the corresponding board.

2) General Tally Sheet- The election document or documents where the President and the Electoral Commissioner record the result of the general canvass of votes.

3) Incident Log- The election document or documents in which the polling opening and ending process and the results and other related incidents shall be recorded. Incident logs for the polling station boards and local boards shall be filled out in all their parts. This document shall include a copy for each member of the corresponding boards.

4) Presidential Candidate - Any person who, having fulfilled the guidelines, rules, regulations, and requirements of the Democratic Party of the United States of America, the provisions of the Election Code, and these Rules, aspires to obtain the Democratic Party's nomination as candidate for President of the United States of America.

5) Polling Center- Any public or private facility where a polling place authorized by the Presidential Primary Commission is located and where the voting process takes place.

6) Election Code- Act 58-2020, as amended, known as the "Puerto Rico Election Code of 2020."

7) Democratic National Committee- The governing body of the Democratic Party of the United States of America known as the Democratic National Committee ("DNC").

8) Commission- The Puerto Rican government agency known as the "Puerto Rico State Elections Commission" (CEE, by its Spanish acronym), as created by the Election Code.

9) Presidential Primary Commission- The state election entity responsible for planning, organizing, structuring, directing, and supervising the Democratic Presidential

Primary composed of the President and the Electoral Commissioner.

10) Electoral Commissioner- The person appointed by the Chair of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico to oversee and represent the Party in all matters related to the Democratic Presidential Primary process.

11) Democratic National Convention- The national assembly or meeting held by the Democratic Party of the United States of America to nominate the person to be its candidate for President of the United States of America in the presidential elections following the convention.

12) Delegate- A person duly selected in accordance with the Election Code and the "Puerto Rico Delegate Selection Plan for the 2024 Democratic National Convention", hereinafter the "Plan", to attend the Democratic National Convention committed to voting on the first ballot for a specific candidate for President.

13) Congressional District- The geographic area known as a senatorial district in Puerto Rico that the Constitutional Board for Revision of Senatorial and Representative Electoral Districts has established for electoral purposes.

14) Voter- Any person who complies with the voting requirements of the law, appears in the General Voter Registry by the registration deadline, and complies with the provisions of these Rules.

15) Polling Station Board- The electoral entity at the polling station in charge of managing the voting process.

16) Local Board- The electoral entity at the Congressional District level and in the island municipalities of Vieques and Culebra, responsible for supervising and conducting the presidential primary in its jurisdiction.

17) Observers- A person appointed by and representing a presidential candidate to observe the voting and canvassing processes.

18) Ballot- Document designed by the Presidential Primary Commission and printed by the Commission for the voter to mark their vote.

19) Challenged Ballot- A ballot that is subject to the challenge process provided in the Election Code and these Rules.

20) Democratic Party- The Democratic Party of the United States of America that nominates and participates in the election of candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States of America.

21) Democratic Party of Puerto Rico- The committee or entity recognized as the Democratic Party of the United States of America's affiliate in Puerto Rico. It is also identified by the acronym "DPPR".

22) President- The President of the Puerto Rico State Elections Commission, as the Election Code created such office.

23) Presidential Primary- The process whereby voters affiliated with the Democratic Party of the United States of America cast their vote to state their preference regarding the candidates for the Party's nomination for President and to select the delegate group pledged to a presidential candidate.

24) Challenge- The procedure whereby a polling station official or voter challenges, on the day of the Presidential Primary, the validity of a vote for any of the reasons set forth in the Election Code and these Rules.

Section 1.4 DATE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

The Presidential Primary of the Democratic Party shall be held on April 28, 2024.

Section 1.5 VOTING LOCATION

All voters interested in voting in the Presidential Primary shall vote in the congressional district or in the island municipalities of Vieques and Culebra, where they are registered.

Section 1.6 VOTERS WHO MAY VOTE IN THE PRIMARY

Every voter who is qualified to vote in Puerto Rico in the general elections in accordance with the Election Code, is affiliated with the Democratic Party prior to voting, and has attained the age of eighteen (18) by the date of the next general election, shall be entitled to vote in the Presidential Primary.

Section 1.7 ELECTORAL DOMICILE

Every voter shall vote in the congressional district or in the island municipalities of Vieques and Culebra, where they have established their domicile at the closing of the General Voter Registry, which will be March 29, 2024. This Rule shall be governed by the definition of electoral domicile set forth in Article 5.4 of the Election Code.

TITLE II

PROCEDURES PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Section 2.1 FILING OF REORGANIZATION PLAN OR ITS EQUIVALENT

The DPPR shall adopt and submit to the President, through the Office of the Secretary of the Commission, a delegate selection plan or its equivalent not later than December 15 of the year preceding the holding of the Presidential Primary.

Any rule to which the DPPR agrees with the Democratic Party, including the delegate selection plan, which is incompatible with the Election Code, shall prevail over it, except as to the date of the Presidential Primary, which shall prevail over any regulation, rule or plan of any affiliated political party.

Section 2.2 AFFILIATION CERTIFICATE

The DPPR shall, within the term provided in Section 2.1 of these Rules, submit to the President evidence certifying that it was acknowledged as an affiliate in Puerto Rico of the Democratic Party. Once this requirement and the registration process provided by the Election Code have been met, the DPPR shall not be required to register subsequently as such, provided it retains its status as an affiliate of the Democratic Party.

Section 2.3 NAME AND INSIGNIA

The DPPR shall, not later than December 15 of the year preceding the election of the President of the United States of America, register its name and insignia with the President. Such registration shall be in writing and signed by the DPPR Chair. The name and insignia so filed shall constitute the official emblems of the DPPR and shall be printed on the upper margin of all documents related to the Presidential Primary. All matters relating to the adoption, change, determination, or alteration of any name and insignia of the DPPR shall be governed by the provisions of Article 8.7.a of the Electoral Code.

Section 2.4 ELECTORAL COMMISSIONERS

The DPPR Chair shall have the right to appoint an electoral commissioner and an alternate electoral commissioner to conduct the party's election affairs before the President. These commissioners shall be selected as provided in the DPPR's Bylaws and shall be persons of recognized moral probity, qualified voters who have resided in Puerto Rico for four (4) years before their appointment, and knowledgeable in electoral matters.

The alternate commissioner shall perform the duties of the electoral commissioner in the event of absence, disability, resignation, death, separation from office, or when the office is vacated for any other cause until the electoral commissioner resumes duties or a

new appointment is made.

Section 2.5 OBSERVERS

Each presidential candidate shall be entitled to appoint an observer to the Presidential Primary Commission and to every local board and polling station board. The presidential candidates or their authorized representatives in Puerto Rico shall issue the appointment forms.

Section 2.6 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

The Secretary of State of Puerto Rico shall determine and prepare a list of the names of the candidates contending for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States of America and shall notify each one of them, by certified mail with return receipt requested, their inclusion in the referenced list not later than January 5, 2024.

The name of each of the candidates on the list shall appear on the ballot as a presidential candidate unless not later than January 10, 2024, such person certifies in writing to the Secretary of State that he or she is not, and does not intend to be, a presidential candidate. Not later than January 15, 2024, the Secretary of State shall notify the Chair of the Democratic National Committee, the Chair of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico, and the President of the names of the persons who shall appear on the ballot as presidential candidates.

Section 2.7 NOTIFICATION OF DELEGATES

No later than January 15, 2024, the DPPR Chair shall file with the Secretary of the Commission a certification of the number of delegates and alternate delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention to which Puerto Rico is entitled to elect.

Section 2.8 CANDIDACY FILING

The delegate nomination processes for the Presidential Primary shall be governed by the Plan approved by the Democratic Party.

Section 2.9 NOTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT DELEGATES

The DPPR Chair shall send an email with a return receipt requested to each presidential candidate or their representative, containing a list of names and addresses of individuals who filed their intention to become a congressional district delegate pledged to such presidential candidate. This notification shall be sent no later than March 1, 2024.

The presidential candidate or their representative will inform the DPPR Chair, by email with the return receipt requested, of the names of approved candidates for delegate for each congressional district no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 5, 2024. The list of approved names will not exceed the number of allocated delegates in each congressional district.

If the presidential candidate or their representative fails to reject or accept a specific individual from the list, the submitted list will be accepted for all intents and purposes. In such cases, the DPPR Chair shall draw the names of the delegates who will appear on the ballot from those who submitted their applications forms of intent to become congressional district delegates pledged to such presidential candidate, consistent with the Plan.

Section 2.10 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENT AND ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

The President and the Electoral Commissioner shall constitute the Presidential Primary Commission and shall be responsible for:

1. Regulating, administering, and inspecting all that pertains to the holding of the Presidential Primary.

2. Preparing, producing, and distributing all of the forms, ballots, and documents necessary for the holding of the Presidential Primary.

3. Enforcing the Rules of the Democratic Party and the Plan.

4. Determining the number and selecting the polling centers for holding the Presidential Primary.

5. Assigning personnel, materials, and equipment necessary for the holding of the Presidential Primary.

6. Directing the general canvass or recount processes, as the case may be.

Section 2.11 DELEGATION OF DUTIES

When the President is unable to perform the duties and obligations of the office fully or partially, as outlined in the Electoral Code and these Rules, due to the need to attend to other electoral matters mandated by law or for any other valid reason, the President may appoint a designated person to take over such duties. In all cases, the procedures, requirements, rules, and provisions of the Election Code and these Rules shall be observed. Any act, determination, decision, or action conducted or put into effect by the President prior to being prevented from continuing to implement the provisions of the Presidential Primaries set forth in Subchapter VIII of the Electoral Code and these Rules shall be valid and binding on the person assuming such duties.

Section 2.12 LOCAL BOARDS

In each congressional district and the island municipalities of Vieques and Culebra, there shall be a local board composed of one (1) president and one (1) vice president appointed by the Electoral Commissioner.

Section 2.13 POLLING STATION BOARDS

At each polling station, a polling station board composed of three officials shall exist: one (1) president, one (1) vice president, and one (1) secretary appointed by the Electoral Commissioner or by his or her authorized representative. The president of the appropriate local board shall fill any vacancy in the polling station boards that occurs on election day.

The members of the polling station board and observers shall not wear uniforms of the United States Armed Forces or any security or law enforcement body or entity of the Government of Puerto Rico or any municipality of Puerto Rico while performing duties germane to their appointments.

The members of the polling station board are responsible for maintaining order during the proceedings. They are also responsible for resolving any controversy that may arise during the voting and canvassing process and for performing any other function required of them by the Election Code.

The presidential candidates' observers are responsible for ensuring the integrity of the proceedings and can participate in the ballot canvass.

Every member of a polling station board must take an oath before commencing the duties entrusted upon them.

TITLE III INCOME AND EXPENSES

Section 3.1- INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

No natural or juridical person may, directly or indirectly, make contributions in Puerto Rico to an affiliated political party, candidate for pledged, unpledged, or independent delegate or alternate delegate, or to a group thereof, for a political committee or other organization that promotes or advocates for the election of any delegate or alternate

delegate candidates in excess of the amounts established under Section 441 (a) of the "*Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA)*", 11 CFR-110.1 a 110.4.

Section 3.2 USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

The provisions of Article 8.1.a of the Electoral Code shall apply. The Supreme Court of Puerto Rico upheld the constitutionality of the Presidential Primary Act. In *P.I.P. v. C.E.E.*, 120 DPR 580 (1988), the Court held that the use of public funds for presidential primaries has a public purpose that does not violate Article II, Section 19, or Sections 1 and 7 of said Article II of the Constitution of Puerto Rico.

TITLE IV

HOLDING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Section 4.1 VOTING SYSTEM

The Presidential Primary consists of one ballot on which voters express their preference for the Democratic Party's nominee for President.

The Presidential Primary shall be conducted through the open polling system. The voting shall be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Election Code to guarantee at all times the voters' right to equal, direct, free, and secret suffrage. Voters shall be required to show any of the identifications authorized by Article 5.13 of the Election Code. A voting list shall be used to identify the voters on which each voter shall sign next to their name. The signature on the voting list shall represent the voter's intention to be an affiliated voter of the Democratic Party of the United States and its affiliate in Puerto Rico.

Section 4.2 NOTICE TO VOTERS

The Commission shall issue and publish a General Call to the electorate calling and announcing the holding of the Presidential Primary at least thirty (30) days before the date

of the election event.

Section 4.3 VOTING HOURS

On election day, voters shall attend the designated polling stations. Polling stations shall open at 9:00 a.m. to receive voters and shall remain open until 3:00 p.m. The voting, however, shall continue uninterruptedly until all voters holding a closed-line card or who are inside the polling station at the time of closing cast their votes.

Section 4.4 DELIVERY OF ELECTION MATERIAL

The President and the Electoral Commissioner shall plan to send the necessary election materials to the Puerto Rico Police stations or any other designated location in each congressional district or the island municipalities of Vieques and Culebra before the Presidential Primary is held.

Section 4.5 CONSTITUTION OF LOCAL BOARDS AND POLLING STATION BOARDS

At 7:00 a.m., the local board shall meet at the Puerto Rico Police station or any other designated location in each congressional district or the Vieques and Culebra island municipalities. The president of each polling station board shall furnish their appointment to the president of the corresponding local board and proceed to receive, with acknowledgment of receipt, the election material. Once the election material is received, the president of the polling station board shall go to the assigned polling station, deliver the election material, and fill out the incident log.

Meanwhile, the vice president of the polling station board will be at the assigned polling station at 7:00 a.m. to receive the polling officials and observers and verify their appointments.

Section 4.6 VERIFICATION OF MATERIAL RECEIVED

The polling station board officials will open the election bags, count the ballots received, and record this information in the polling station's incident log. Then, they will place their initials on the upper left-hand corner of the back of each ballot.

Section 4.7 SUBSTITUTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE POLLING STATION BOARD

The polling station officers and observers may be substituted at any time on the Presidential Primary day prior to the start of the count. In such cases, the local board president may administer the required oath.

In addition to any other functions and duties required of them by the Democratic Party in its bylaws, the polling station boards shall:

1. Supervise, receive, distribute, and return to the local board the election material of the polling station.
2. Prepare, inspect, and supervise polling stations.
3. Offer orientation to voters on the election day.
4. Administer oaths to the presidential candidates' observers working on the day of the Presidential Primary who have not been sworn in by the local board.
5. Maintain order at the polling station assigned.
6. Solve any complaints or disputes that may arise in the polling station by means of unanimous agreements. If no unanimity is reached, refer the complaints or disputes to the local board for resolution.
7. Ensure that voters included in the list of excluded voters are excluded from the voters' list by writing the word "Excluded" in the space provided for the voter's signature. Voters identified as excluded voters shall not vote at the polling station.

8. Complete the polling station's incident log and tally sheets. The president of each polling station board and the secretary are responsible for filling out the tally sheets.

Section 4.8 OPENING OF POLLING STATIONS

At 9:00 a.m., the members present on the polling station board shall declare the polling station open. Voters shall be served in the order they arrive. The Commission shall examine each voter's personal circumstances and voter identification card to locate and identify them in the provided voters' list.

Section 4.9 VOTING PROCESS

At 9:00 a.m. of the Presidential Primary day, the polling station board shall declare the polling station open.

Voters shall stand in line in the order they arrive. On the primary day, the members of the Puerto Rico Police and the Municipal Police who are on duty, the duly identified Commission employees, and the local board members shall vote with priority in the polling stations where their names appear as voters.

Every voter who attends the polling station to exercise their right to vote shall follow the following procedure:

1. The vice president shall be in charge of the lamp to verify whether or not a voter has voted before. If an ink marking is found, the voter shall be informed that they cannot vote. If no ink marking is found, the voter shall proceed to the secretary to present their authorized identification card, and the secretary shall verify the voter's identity with the card.

2. The secretary shall verify that the voter appears on the polling station list and that they do not appear on the list of exclusions. At the time of registering the voter, if it appears the voter belongs to the municipality of Guaynabo or Juana Diaz, the list of electoral districts

shall be verified to see where the voter's polling place is located. In those cases, in which the voter does not appear on the voting list or on the list of excluded voters, they will be instructed to be provisionally added to the voting list.

3. If the polling station secretary verifies that the voter is entitled to vote at the polling station, the secretary shall enter the voter's information in the official voting list, including their name, last name, electoral number, telephone number, and email address. Once the information is entered on the official voting list, the voter will sign in the provided space. This signature will signify their affiliation to the Democratic Party of the United States and its affiliate in Puerto Rico. If the voter cannot sign due to a physical impediment, they may choose a person or an official to sign or print their name on the official voting list. Afterward, the voter will proceed to ink their finger. The authorized identification card shall be returned to the voter, and the marker for marking the ballots shall be given to the voter.

4. Once the previous step has been completed, the president of the polling station shall give the ballot to the voter, instructing them that they have the right to select only one (1) presidential candidate with their group of delegates and that they must make a valid mark inside the rectangle under the candidate of their choice. The voter shall also be informed that the ballot shall be invalidated if they vote for more than one (1) presidential candidate.

5. The voter shall enter the voting partition booth alone and cast their vote, making the corresponding markings. Except as otherwise provided by law or regulations for persons with physical disabilities, only one person shall be allowed inside the voting partition booth. Voters may remain inside the voting partition booth for as long as necessary to cast their vote.

6. Once the voter has cast their vote, they must return the marker and, in the presence of the polling station officials, fold their ballot and deposit it in the ballot box.

7. A voter who has received the ballots shall not be allowed to leave the polling station until they have voted and inserted the ballot in the ballot box.

8. Any voter who has voted must promptly leave the polling station, but first, the vice president will verify with the lamp whether the voter has been inked. If the ink is not visible, the voter must get inked.

Section 4.10 PROVISIONAL VOTING

The polling station board will allow provisional or "Added by Hand" voting only for voters who demand their right to vote and do not appear on the voting lists due to alleged administrative errors by the Commission nor appear on the list of excluded voters. The polling station officials will ensure that, once the provisionally added voter has exercised their right to vote, the ballots are placed in an envelope designated for those purposes, and that envelope is deposited in the ballot box provided by the Commission.

Section 4.11 VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

Any voter who is unable to mark the ballots or complete any other action in the voting process due to any disability shall have the right to choose a person for assistance. Such a person may accompany the voter at the time of exercising their right to vote and mark the ballot as instructed by the voter. The voter must expressly consent to such action. The person chosen by the voter may be a polling official assigned to the polling station where the voter casts their vote.

The Commission will provide a special Braille template for blind voters wishing to exercise their right to vote independently and a magnifying glass for low-vision voters who require it.

Section 4.12 BALLOT SPOILED BY VOTER

If any voter spoils a ballot or makes a wrong selection, they shall return the ballot to the president of the polling station board, who shall provide them with another ballot. Only one (1) additional ballot may be provided to the same voter who has spoiled a ballot. The president of the polling station board will render useless every spoiled ballot by crossing it with a horizontal line from one end to another over the timelines at the top of the ballot. The following phrase shall be written under the line: "PAPELETA DAÑADA POR EL ELECTOR, SE LE ENTREGÓ OTRA" (SPOILED BALLOT BY THE VOTER, ANOTHER WAS PROVIDED).

Section 4.13 UNCOUNTED BALLOT

If the voter returns the ballot without inserting it in the ballot box, it will be identified as "PAPELETA NO CONTADA" (UNCOUNTED BALLOT). The uncounted ballots shall be deposited in a special envelope inside the election bag without rendering them useless and shall be adjudicated or voided during the General Canvass.

Section 4.14 INCONSEQUENTIAL MARKS AND SPOTS ON BALLOTS

Small spots that appear in various places on the ballot and which often seem like imperfections of paper or printing will not be accepted as valid marks. Any mark less than four square millimeters (4mm²), whether inside or outside the brand recognition areas, shall be considered inconsequential.

Section 4.15 CLOSING OF POLLING STATIONS

Polling stations will remain open until 3:00 p.m. and close at that time. Voting, however, will continue uninterrupted until all voters holding a closed-line voting card or who were inside the polling station before closing time have cast their vote.

Section 4.16 CLOSED-LINE SYSTEM

If it is impossible to fit all voters who have yet to cast their vote inside the polling station, voters shall be placed in a closed line following the procedure below:

1. Voters shall be placed in a line or queue to be formed beginning at the polling station's door and extending in a direction that, in the judgment of the polling station officials, does not interfere with the free flow of traffic at the polling station. No person may join or approach the line after 3:00 p.m., which is the closing time.

2. The members of the Puerto Rico Police, the Municipal Police, and the polling station boards assigned to each polling station shall ensure compliance with this Section.

3. Before joining the line at the polling station, voters shall approach the polling station board to furnish their name and ascertain that they are included in the voter list of said polling station. Upon ascertaining said fact, the polling station board shall provide the voters with a card bearing the initials of the polling station board members, which shall signify the order of arrival of voters; upon collecting said card, voters shall immediately join their place in line.

4. Polling station officials shall call voters off the line in the same order they were assigned thereto. When a number is called, the voter shall get off the line and enter the polling station to cast his or her vote. If a voter is not present when his or her number is called, the voter shall lose the right to vote.

Section 4.17 VOTING OF POLLING STATION BOARD OFFICIALS

Once the voting ends at the polling station, and only then may the officials assigned to the polling station and polling center of the jurisdiction entitled to vote therein and who hold and present their voter identification card to the members of the polling station board, vote in said polling station. If the names of said officials do not appear in the voters' list of the

polling station and polling center where they are serving, they shall add their names, voter identification number, and address to the list and sign in the space provided on the list where they added their names and proceed to ink their finger.

Section 4.18 PROHIBITION TO POLLING OFFICIALS

Once the polling station has closed, no member of the polling station board may leave until all work is completed and the canvass result has been announced. This provision applies to polling officials of the early vote, except that the canvass result will not be printed, transmitted, or announced.

Section 4.19 ELECTION CLOSING

The president of the polling station board shall proceed to close the election once they have finished assisting all voters entitled to vote. This includes closed-line voters, voters who objected to the inking, and polling officials.

Section 4.20 TRANSMISSION OF THE RESULTS

The president of the polling station shall transmit the results of the Presidential Primary voting to the Command Center via digital means. The president shall confirm receipt of the results before closing the briefcase.

Section 4.21 CANVASS AT THE POLLING STATION

The canvass at the polling station shall be conducted as follows:

1. Count the voters who cast their vote according to the voter list and write down the number in the tally sheet.
2. Count and void any remaining ballots, write down the number in the tally sheet, and place them in a plastic bag and inside the election material bag.
3. Count the ballots spoiled by voters, write down the number in the tally sheet, and

place them inside the appropriate envelope.

4. Count the envelopes of the challenged ballots, write down the number in the tally sheet, and place them inside the election material bag.

The president of the polling station board shall print at least three (3) copies of the tally sheet: one (1) for the local board, one (1) to place in the envelope that is deposited in the election material that returns to the Commission, and one (1) for the president of the polling station board. The tally sheet that returns to the Commission will include in the same paper on an ongoing basis, the zero-tally sheet that was printed before the opening of the polling station but was not detached. Additional copies may be provided to persons who served as observers of the process. The president of the polling station board shall sign all polling station tally sheets.

SECTION 4.22 FINAL WORKS AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE POLLING STATION

The polling station board officials will ensure that any material that has to be returned is inside the election material bag before closing and sealing it. Before closing the bag, the number of the seal used to close it will be written on the polling station incident log. In addition, they shall complete all required documents in accordance with these Rules.

Section 4.23 RETURN OF ELECTION MATERIALS FROM THE LOCAL BOARD

The Local Boards shall sign and distribute the minutes to be placed inside the briefcase. The briefcase must be sealed with the seal provided and transported to the Commission in a duly authorized vehicle.

Section 4.24 GROUNDS OR REASONS FOR CHALLENGE

If a member of the polling station board or a presidential candidate observer has grounds to believe that a voter is voting unlawfully or has voted in another polling station, they may

challenge the voter's ballot; however, this shall not prevent the voter from casting his/her vote. A voter may also challenge another voter.

The grounds for challenging votes are:

1. The person is not who they say they are.
2. The person has voted in another polling station.
3. The person is registered in more than one polling station.
4. An Exclusion Order has been issued against the person.
5. That the voter's right to vote is pending adjudication in said congressional district.
6. The person is not a citizen of the United States of America or Puerto Rico.
7. The person is not of legal age to vote.

Section 4.25 ARREST OF A VOTER DUE TO UNLAWFUL VOTING

On the day of the Presidential Primary election, any polling station board president who challenges the vote of a person in a polling station or any voter of a congressional district or municipality inside or outside of a polling station and who is aware that this person has voted unlawfully in the Presidential Primary held in such electoral district or municipality may request any law enforcement officer to arrest the person and bring him/her before a court of law to answer a sworn complaint as prescribed by law.

The presidents of the polling station boards are hereby empowered to administer oaths in connection with any complaints made by a person challenging another person who is attempting to vote unlawfully.

No polling station board president shall leave the polling station under any circumstances except in case of illness or an emergency. Any complaint that cannot be filed with the Puerto Rico Police or Municipal Police within the polling station's boundaries

shall be postponed until the end of the voting process.

Section 4.26 SPECIAL VOTING PROCEDURES

At the Presidential Primary, special voting methods shall be used for absentee voting, advance voting, and inmate voting in accordance with the applicable provisions of federal laws UOCAVA, MOVE, and HAVA, the Election Code, and these Rules.

Section 4.27 ADJUDICATION AND CANVASSING IN JAVA

The Administrative Board for Absentee and Advance Voting, known in Spanish by the acronym JAVA, will conduct adjudication and canvassing processes for absentee and advance voting throughout the day of the Presidential Primary from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Voter identification will be verified in all categories, and the received ballots will be validated. The absentee and advance votes results will only be released after the first congressional district results are reported and made public on the day of the Presidential Primary. The ballots of these voters will be deposited in the corresponding ballot boxes for the eight (8) congressional districts to be adjudicated.

TITLE V

PROCEDURES FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Section 5.1 GENERAL CANVASS

The general canvass of the Presidential Primary will be made from April 30 to May 3, 2024, in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Code. Votes cast at the provisional or "Added by Hand" polling station will be allocated to the voter's corresponding polling station.

The President will certify the results of the Presidential Primary to the Secretary of State, the Chair of the Democratic National Committee, the Chair of the DPPR, and all candidates

who appeared on the ballot, including the elected district delegates, according to the Plan or the rules or regulations of the Democratic Party.

Section 5.2 RECOUNT

The vote recount shall be conducted in accordance with Article 10.8 of the Election Code and these Rules.

TITLE XIV

FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 6.1 VIOLATIONS OF THESE RULES AND THE ELECTION CODE

These rules incorporate the offenses and prohibitions provided for in the Election Code that are applicable, necessary, and pertinent to the Presidential Primary process.

Section 6.2 BYLAWS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF PUERTO RICO

The DPPR shall file its Bylaws and Delegate Selection Plan with the Office of the Commission's Secretary by December 31, 2023.

Section 6.3 AMENDMENTS TO THESE RULES

These Rules may be amended in consultation with the President and the Electoral Commissioner at any time it is deemed convenient to ensure a more effective implementation of the Election Code, the Plan, and these Rules.

Section 6.4 SEVERABILITY

If a court with competent jurisdiction held any section, clause, paragraph, or part of these Rules to be unconstitutional, the holding to that effect shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions of these Rules.

Section 6.5 TERMS, VARIATIONS

The President and the Electoral Commissioner may vary the terms established in these

Rules in meritorious cases and for just cause, except those provided for in the Election Code and the Plan.

Section 6.6 LANGUAGE

These Rules shall be translated into English, and the latter shall prevail in case of any discrepancy between the English and Spanish versions.

Section 6.7 EFFECTIVENESS

These Rules shall become effective upon notice and publication in both official languages of Puerto Rico on the Commission's website and the website Democratic Party of Puerto Rico. This publication shall be made in both official languages no later than January 24, 2024.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on January 23, 2024.

BE IT ENTERED AND NOTIFIED.



JESSIKA D. PADILLA-RIVERA
Alternate President
Puerto Rico State Elections Commission



ANTHONY MACEIRA-ZAYAS
Electoral Commissioner
Democratic Party of Puerto Rico

I HEREBY CERTIFY:

These "Rules for the Puerto Rico Democratic Presidential Primary Process" were approved by the Alternate President of the Puerto Rico State Elections Commission and the Electoral Commissioner of the Democratic Party of Puerto Rico on January 23, 2024, and amended on April 8, 2024. For the record, I hereby sign and seal this document.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on April 8, 2024.



ROLANDO CUEVAS-COLÓN
Secretary
Puerto Rico State Elections
Commission