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2 **Resolution to Adopt Rules of Order for the Special Convention**

3 Proposer: Standing Committee

4 Resolved that the 92nd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese, meeting electronically on
5 October 28, 2023, adopt the following Rules of Order for the Special Convention to Elect the IX
6 Bishop of Rochester:

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8 Rules of Order

9 The Electing Convention for the IX Bishop of Rochester

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11 1. The Convention shall begin with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist according to a
12 form approved by the Bishop, the Standing Committee and the Transition Committee.
13 2. When a quorum of Clerical and Lay Delegates is present, the Bishop shall declare the
14 Convention open for business. Only Clerical and Lay Delegates and essential staff shall
15 be on the floor.
16 3. There shall be one item of business, which shall be the casting of ballots for the election
17 of the Bishop of Rochester.
18 4. The Standing Committee shall formally nominate the slate of candidates. Nominations
19 from the floor shall be declared out of order in accordance with the Rules of Order
20 adopted at the 92nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Rochester.
21 5. Balloting shall commence immediately, the Clerical and Lay Delegates voting separately.
22 Each ballot shall be certified by an independent auditor. Each ballot will then be
23 announced.
24 6. Between ballots, the Transition Committee shall confer with the candidates. Hymns and
25 prayers may be offered. The Delegates may stand at ease, but must be ready to be
26 called to order for the next ballot.
27 7. Voting shall continue until a single candidate has received a concurrent simple majority
28 in both the Clergy and Lay Orders. Upon the ballot being certified, the Bishop shall
29 declare an election.
30 8. The Bishop Elect may greet the Electing Convention.
31 9. The Clergy and Lay Delegates shall sign the certificate of election before departing the
32 Convention.
33 10. The Convention will conclude with the singing of the Doxology and the Bishop's
34 blessing.

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36 Explanation: The Rules of Order set the agenda and the procedures for the Special Convention
37 to Elect the IX Bishop of Rochester in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of The
38 Episcopal Church, the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, and the
39 best practices of The Episcopal Church for the election of bishops.
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