

PTA COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY RATIONALE FOR BYLAWS AMENDMENTS DECEMBER 2025			
	ORIGINAL LANGUAGE	PROPOSED LANGUAGE	RATIONALE
1	Article VI – Officers and their Election Section 1. The officers of this council PTA shall be a president, 2 vice presidents (First VP and VP for Leadership), 1 secretary, a treasurer, and 2 area vice presidents (AVPs) for each geographic area as defined by Baltimore County Public Schools.	Article VI – Officers and their Election Section 1. The officers of this council PTA shall be a president, 1 vice president, 1 secretary, a treasurer, and 5 area vice presidents (AVP) for each of the 5 geographic areas as defined by Baltimore County Public Schools.	<p>The Executive Committee is too large, with 15 members. Removing the VP for Leadership and 5 AVPs is recommended. Since there will be 1 vice president, the title is changed from First Vice President to Vice President. It has been difficult to fill all vice president positions for many years. The rationale for removing the VP for Leadership is below.</p>
2	Section 5. A vacancy occurring in any office shall, except president, be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the board of directors, 7 days' notice of such election having been given. A vacancy occurring in the office of president shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the first vice president. In the event this officer chooses not to assume the office of president, the position shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the board of directors, 7 days' notice of such election having been given.	Section 5. Following announcement, a vacancy occurring in any office shall, except president, be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the board of directors, 7 days' notice of such election having been given. A vacancy occurring in the office of president shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the vice president . In the event this officer chooses not to assume the office of president, the position shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the board of directors, 7 days' notice of such election having been given.	<p>Adding the phrase "following announcement" better defines the process for filling vacancies.</p> <p>First vice president changed to vice president.</p>
3	Article VII – Duties of Officers Section 1. The president shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Preside at all meetings of this council PTA, B. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee, C. Coordinate the work of the officers and committees of this council PTA in order that the Purposes may be promoted, D. Assist in extending PTA work into all parts of the council PTA area, keeping it in 	Article VII – Duties of Officers Section 1. The president shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Preside at all meetings of this council PTA, B. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee, C. Coordinate the work of the officers and committees of this council PTA in order that the Purposes may be promoted, 	<p>It is recommended that the president and Vice President collaborate to orient and brief AVPs. This is a duty formerly held by the VP for Leadership, a position recommended for elimination.</p> <p>It is recommended that the president and Vice President collaborate to orient and brief all committee chairs. This is a duty formerly held by the First VP.</p>

	<p>harmony with the Free State PTA strategic plans,</p> <p>E. Perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the board of directors, and,</p> <p>F. Review bank statements monthly with the treasurer,</p> <p>G. Recommend standing and special committee chairs.</p>	<p>D. Assist in extending PTA work into all parts of the council PTA area, keeping it in harmony with the Free State PTA strategic plans,</p> <p>E. Perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the board of directors, and,</p> <p>F. Review bank statements monthly with the treasurer,</p> <p>G. Recommend standing and special committee chairs.</p> <p>H. Orient and brief AVPs in collaboration with the Vice President.</p> <p>I. Orient and brief all committee chairs in collaboration with the Vice President.</p>	
4	<p>Section 2. The first vice president shall:</p> <p>A. Act as an aide(s) to the president,</p> <p>B. Perform the duties of the president in the president's absence or inability to serve, and,</p> <p>C. Orient and brief all committee chairmen, and</p> <p>D. Perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the president, board of directors, or the executive committee.</p>	<p>Section 2. The vice president shall:</p> <p>A. Act as an aide(s) to the president,</p> <p>B. Perform the duties of the president in the president's absence or inability to serve,</p> <p>C. Orient and brief AVPs in collaboration with the President.</p> <p>D. Orient and brief all committee chairs in collaboration with the President.</p> <p>E. Train and development leaders.</p> <p>F. Perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the president, board of directors, or the executive committee.</p>	<p>Because VP for Leadership will be eliminated, this position can be titled Vice President vs. First Vice President. C and D match H and I in the President's job description because the President and Vice President will collaborate to orient and brief AVPs and committee chairs. A new job duty described in E. is to handle training and development for local unit leaders.</p>
5	<p>Section 3. The vice president for leadership shall:</p> <p>A. Act as an aide to the president,</p> <p>B. Perform the duties of the president in the absence of or the inability of the president and first vice president to act,</p> <p>C. Orient and brief AVPs, and</p> <p>D. Perform such other duties as may be provided for by these</p>		<p>It is recommended that this position be eliminated. It has been a difficult position to fill historically. A duty of the VP for Leadership is to orient and brief AVPs, a duty better suited for the president and Vice President.</p>

	bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the president, board of directors, or the executive committee.		
6	Section 4. The secretary shall: Collect council dues and forward to the treasurer		This is outdated language and should be removed.
7	Section 6. The area vice presidents shall: A. Serve as liaisons between council and their assigned local PTAs to keep the locals informed, B. Offer leadership services to their locals, and C. Perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the president, board of directors, or the executive committee.	Section 6. The area vice presidents shall: A. Serve as liaisons between council and their assigned local PTAs to keep the locals informed, B. Offer leadership services to their locals, C. Collaborate with Council committees, and D. Perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the president, board of directors, or the executive committee.	It is recommended that C be added to allow AVPs to collaborate with Council committees, in particular the Extension Committee.
8	ARTICLE VIII – Board of Directors Section 3. The members of the board of directors shall be: Chairmen of standing committees, members of the nominating committee, the superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools or his/her representative, the president of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County or his/her representative, and a student representative of the Baltimore County Student Councils or his/her alternate	ARTICLE VIII – Board of Directors Section 3. The members of the board of directors shall be: A. Elected officers, B. Chairs of standing committees, members of the nominating committee, the superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools or their representative, the president of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County or their representative, and a student representative of the Baltimore County Student Councils or their alternate,	It is recommended that his/her be changed to their and that chairmen be changed to chairs.
9	Article XII – General Membership Meetings	Article XII – General Membership Meetings	It is recommended that quorum be reduced from 20 to 15 members due to

	<p>Section 4. A quorum for the transaction of business of any general membership meeting of this council PTA shall consist of at least 20 members of the voting body.</p>	<p>Section 4. A quorum for the transaction of business of any general membership meeting of this council PTA shall consist of at least 15 members of the voting body.</p>	<p>difficulty meeting quorum throughout the years.</p>
10	<p>Article XIII – Council Membership</p> <p>Section 4. Local PTAs may be accepted as members at any time. Dues shall be based on the membership in the local PTA as of June 1 of the preceding school year. A notice of dues shall be sent annually to each local PTA by the secretary at least forty-five (45) days prior to the October 1 due date. Bylaws and incorporation documents of local PTA shall be provided to this council upon approval by the local PTA membership.</p>	<p>Article XIII – Council Membership</p> <p>Section 4. Local PTAs may be accepted as members at any time. [SENTENCE REMOVED] A notice of dues shall be sent annually to each local PTA by the secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the October 1 due date. Bylaws and incorporation documents of local PTA shall be provided to this council upon approval by the local PTA membership.</p>	<p>It is recommended that the sentence regarding how dues are calculated be removed since PTA Council has moved to a flat-fee format. It is recommended that notice be reduced from 45 days to 30 days due to difficulty obtaining accurate contact information for unit officers.</p>