

2026

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MTA STANDING RULES

Name of Proposed Amendment:

PRESENT TEXT:	PROPOSED AMENDED TEXT:
<p>Indicate Rule Number and Section/s:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	<p>Indicate Rule Number and Section/s:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;"><i>Cite here all articles, sections, and lines of the Standing Rules that are to be changed or affected.</i></p> <p>Section 6. No member shall speak in debate more than twice to the same question during the same meeting, nor longer than three (3) minutes at one time, unless permission is granted by majority vote of the meeting(s). No delegate shall speak using a yellow card for more than one (1) minute at one time unless permission is granted by majority vote of the meeting(s).</p>	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;"><i>Use this column for your proposed language: Underline amended or added language. Enclose in parentheses language to be deleted. Indicate the location of completely new language.</i></p> <p>Section 6. No member shall speak in debate more than twice to the same question during the same meeting, nor longer than three (3) minutes at one time, unless permission is granted by majority vote of the meeting(s). No delegate shall speak using a yellow card for more than one (1) minute at one time unless permission is granted by majority vote of the meeting(s).</p> <p><u>Upon recognition, if a speaker was in line as a green to speak in favor but begins to speak against, the chair will stop them and remind them what color they are on therefore what position they have indicated they are speaking to. The chair will then proceed to the next green in the queue and the previous speaker will have to re-enter the queue using red. The same will be done if a speaker enters the queue on a red but begins to speak in favor of the motion.</u></p>

Impact Statement

Briefly state what would be the result of your change, addition, or deletion:

This change would ensure the rotation of reds, greens, and yellows, even if a delegate mistakenly or purposely enters in on the wrong position color.

Give rationale for your change, addition, or deletion:

At last year's Annual Meeting, there were multiple instances, specifically during controversial NBIs, that delegates entered the queue on the opposing position that they intended to speak on. This in turn created confusion during the debate and in the end allowed for one side to be heard more prominently than the other, when the standing rules seek to ensure equitable representation of red and green positions. This amendment to the standing rule would be to solidify the procedure for the chair if a delegate begins speaking opposite to their color position and is the same procedure used at the NEA level.

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