

Proposed Amendment to the District Constitution and Bylaws – Spring 2022

District BYL 201-22

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw I be amended by the addition of a new section that reads:

“X Executive Session

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x.2 The standard resolution to move into Executive Session should be worded as follows: "Be it resolved that this House move into Executive Session, with the Chairperson in the Chair, minimal staff present, and the doors tyled."

x.3 All matters discussed in Executive Session shall remain absolutely confidential to those members present during the Session. Violation of this provision of confidentiality is punishable under the disciplinary procedures of OSSTF. The Minutes of an Executive Session shall be read and acted upon only in an Executive Session.

x.4 The Minutes of an Executive Session shall be kept in a secure location for a period of seven years, whereafter they shall be destroyed.

x.5 Within Executive Session, the standard rules of order shall be followed unless the Executive specifically directs otherwise.

x.6 A resolution to rise from Executive Session shall be moved at the end of the Session.

x.7 The resolutions directing the Executive to move into and rise from Executive Session are the only public record of the Executive Session.

x.8 Any resolution arising from Executive Session which requires public action shall be reported in the resolution to rise from Executive Session.”

Reference: none, as this section does not currently exist in the District Constitution.

Rationale: Executive Session is a common tool used by the District Executive and in Provincial OSSTF meetings. It’s inclusion as a bylaw provides structure and guidance on its use.