

Chapter Bylaws

Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD

Article I: Name & Purpose

Section 1 --- Name: The name of this organization shall be Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD, an affiliated chapter of Moms for Liberty, Inc.

Section 2 --- Purpose: The purpose of Moms for Liberty, Inc. and its affiliated chapters is to fight for the survival of America by unifying, educating and empowering parents to defend their parental rights at all levels of government.

The Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD chapter is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization operating within Howard County, MD, dedicated to promoting the ideals of liberty, individual rights, limited government and parental rights:

- A. We hold decision makers accountable or we work to replace them with liberty-minded individuals.
- B. We spread awareness and an understanding of the limited role of government.
- C. We stand together against government overreach and intimidation tactics.
- D. We promote teaching the principles of liberty in our homes and community.
- E. We engage our communities and elected leaders on key issues impacting our families.
- F. We activate liberty-minded leaders to serve in elected positions.

Article II: Membership

Any person of good moral and ethical character who subscribes to the above values who is a member of Moms for Liberty, Inc. and attends Moms for Liberty chapter meetings in Howard County, MD may be a member of the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD chapter.

Section 1 --- Categories of membership: There shall be two categories of membership: Associate and Regular.

Membership is granted after completion of a membership application and approval by the chapter chair.

- A. Associate membership shall be limited to individuals who apply for membership and who support the mission and values of the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD.
- B. Regular members will pay annual dues in the amount set by Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD Executive Board and are qualified to serve in any official capacity in the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD chapter.

Section 2 --- Annual Dues: Annual dues for Regular Members will be set by a vote of the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD Executive Board. A portion of each member's dues is paid to Moms for Liberty, Inc. in an amount established by Moms for Liberty, Inc. The Executive Board shall set the anniversary dates for membership dues in conjunction with Moms for Liberty, Inc. guidelines. Dues payments received by the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD shall be in a fixed amount. No regular membership shall be offered for a period in excess of one year.

Section 3 --- All contributions or donations generated by the chapter may be expended as specified by the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD Executive Board.

Section 4 --- Any membership may be suspended or revoked within the discretion of the Executive Board of the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD, without notice. Any membership may also be suspended or revoked within the discretion of Moms for Liberty, Inc., without notice.

Article III: Executive Board

Section 1: The Executive Board of Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD, shall consist of at least three Officers of the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD chapter. Board members shall be regular members of the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD, elected for two-year terms at an annual meeting of Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD. The Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD Executive Board shall ensure the effective implementation of these Bylaws, provide for effective communications among members of the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD and the general public, and make arrangements for all Chapter meetings of the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD .

The Officers of Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, who shall all be voting members of the Board. The Executive Board may also include a secretary, district leaders, and other positions as appointed by the Chapter Chair and approved by the executive board.

Section 2: Elected Officers shall assume office at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. Any officer may be dismissed for misconduct or malfeasance upon one month's notice by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board of the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD.

Section 3: Elected Officers may be suspended or terminated within the discretion of the Executive Board of the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD, without notice. Elected Officers may also be suspended or terminated within the discretion of Moms for Liberty, Inc., without notice.

Section 4: The Officers shall perform such duties as are prescribed in these Bylaws.

- The Chairman shall be the primary spokesman of the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD; shall execute the resolutions of the Executive Board, shall preside at meetings of the Executive Board, and official sessions of any annual meeting, unless absent or replaced by an acting chairman, and shall ensure the administration of all provisions of these Bylaws.
- The Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties and obligations of Chairman in the Chairman's absence and assist the Chairman in his duties.
- The Secretary shall record and make available the minutes of all meetings, The Secretary shall also ensure that members are provided the opportunity to update their contact information at least once a quarter, credential members for voting, and provide notification to members in all cases in which a rule or bylaw requires notification prior to conducting an action.
- The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD funds, safeguard the financial resources of the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD and make such periodic reports of finances as the Executive Board of Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD and Moms for Liberty National may require. All expenditures of the chapter must be approved by two members of the Executive Board to include the chair.
- District Leaders oversee the execution of the mission of Moms for Liberty within a designated school district. They support the Chapter Chair by reviewing school board meeting agendas, reporting on school board actions, bringing district specific issues to the Executive Board, and organizing efforts within their district.

Section 5: The Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD Executive Board shall have power and authority to govern the affairs of the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD between meetings, subject to supervision by Moms for Liberty, Inc. Moms for Liberty, Inc. reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to intervene, veto, direct or to otherwise take such actions deemed necessary to govern the affairs of the chapter.

Section 6: The Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD Executive Board shall conduct its meetings in conformance with the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* in the absence of standard or special rules it may adopt that conform to these Bylaws and Rules. The Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD Executive Board may conduct meetings or ballots by telephone, video conference, or email only when approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD Board. Regular meetings of the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD Executive Board shall occur at least quarterly, with at least one week's notice.

Article IV: Meetings

The Chapter shall be bound by the Moms for Liberty National bylaws and policy.

Section 1: Membership Meetings. The chapter shall hold at least 8 membership meetings each year.

Section 2: Annual Meetings. One membership meeting shall be the annual meeting at which the election of the Executive Board shall take place. All voting members must receive at least 14 days notice of the annual meeting at which elections will be held.

Section 3: Special Meetings. Special Meetings may be called by the Chairman or by the Executive Board.

Article V: Chapters

Section 1: Chapters which engage in public outreach or communications shall use standard authorized Moms for Liberty materials including, but not limited to, printed and online publications; unless they submit any new materials or representations of Moms for Liberty to the Moms for Liberty inc. Executive Board for advance approval.

Article VI: Parliamentary Authority

Section 1: The rules contained in the current edition of *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD in all cases to which they are applicable and which are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD may adopt. The Chapter Chair may appoint a Parliamentarian to ensure rules are followed.

Article VII: Amendment

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the regular members at any regular meeting, subject to approval by Moms for Liberty, Inc. Moms for Liberty, Inc. may also, within its sole discretion, modify, revise, or amend chapter by-laws.

Section 2: Amendments shall go into effect immediately, unless otherwise dated in the proposed Amendment.

Section 3: Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD Rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD, after at least one month's notice and subject to Moms for Liberty, Inc. approval. Moms for Liberty, Inc. may also, within its sole discretion, modify, revise, or amend chapter Rules. Should Moms for Liberty - Howard County, MD rules be amended, notice shall be provided to all Regular members along with the approved rule changes, within 3 business days.

EMERGENCY BYLAWS: With approval by or at the direction of Moms for Liberty, Inc. the chapter may adopt emergency bylaws that provide procedures for emergency board meetings or the appointment of substitute Executive Board members or to address such other circumstances that require immediate attention when when a quorum of the regular board members cannot be assembled.

Certification

These bylaws were approved at a meeting of the Executive Board by two-thirds majority vote on 3/29/2023

Date Approved - _____