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HIGHLIGHTS OF KEY PROTOCOL MEASURES FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

The Presidential Elections Committee would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all Presidential Candidate Aspirants, stakeholders, and the public for the invaluable feedback and collaborative efforts throughout this process. This cooperative engagement has significantly contributed to fostering positive interactions among the involved parties.

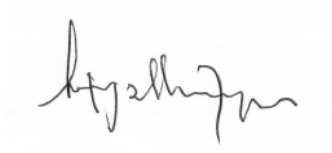
We kindly entreat all stakeholders to note the following:

1. The Committee has entrusted the entire electoral process into the hands of the Electoral Commission, which shall have the responsibility of ensuring a transparent, fair, and unfettered election.
2. The police shall exclusively oversee security activities, and only delegates, committee members, aspirants, and their agents have access beyond security perimeters.
3. There will be no accreditation for observers. Any interested persons visiting the voting centres are kindly requested to abide by the directives of the Electoral Commission and the Police.
4. Delegates are to carry their identification cards (either voter ID, party card, passport, or Ghana card) to verify their names at the initial security checkpoint as shall be provided by the police.
5. Agents representing the various Presidential Candidate Aspirants may be stationed at the initial security checkpoint, as designated by the Police Service, to observe the preliminary verification of names against the voter register.
6. Agents of the contestants are allowed or permitted to have their phones.
7. Delegates and agents of the Presidential Candidate Aspirants are advised to conform to all regulations and rules on the day of voting as stated in the Presidential Elections Operation Guidelines.

8. It is strictly prohibited to publicly display cast ballots, capture images of them, and make gestures to show whom one voted for. Anyone who is caught violating this provision shall be arrested, and his or her vote shall be declared as a spoilt or rejected ballot.
9. All Regional Executive Committees are kindly requested to suspend any previously planned programs, including but not limited to overnight workshops, training, extended meetings, retreats, residential retreats, or any events involving delegates in-house holding, from **Thursday, January 29, 2026, until the end of voting.**
10. There will be no congregation on the day of voting, and voting shall be strictly a walk-in affair as pertains to the national election.
- 11. Time for voting shall be 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
12. No unaccredited individuals shall enter the voting perimeter.
13. No voter shall wear the colour or effigy of a contestant at the voting centre (i.e., T-shirts, caps, and posters of contestants).
14. Delegates shall not be allowed to enter the voting screen or booth in groups or in pairs.
15. Voting shall not take place indoors or in enclosed places but in an open place in the full glare of the public.
16. A delegate who has already cast his/her vote shall not be re-admitted into the voting perimeter.
17. Any person found directing a delegate on which contestant to vote for commits an offence and shall be removed by the police.
18. On the day of the voting, no National Party Executive, former Government Official, Regional Party Executive, aspirant, or their representative shall be allowed to address delegates or the public.
- 19. The Electoral Commission and the Police shall enforce and adhere to restricting delegates from taking their phones and other electronic photographic gadgets to the voting screen.**
20. The electoral voting shall be by a walk-in standard practice – the individual shall approach the polling area and vote secretly.
21. Presiding officers shall not call out the names of delegates in the queue to vote.
22. Individuals will walk to the officials, and they will be assisted to vote accordingly.
23. No delegate shall be escorted to the voting screen except those with mobility issues and with Electoral Commission consent.
24. Presiding officers shall issue ballots to one delegate at a time. For emphasis, presiding officers shall not issue ballots to individuals in pairs or groups.
25. Ballot papers should not be torn from any booklet in advance.

We have implemented the aforementioned measures in addition to all the provisions in the previously issued Operational Guidelines. We assure Presidential Candidate Aspirants, delegates, and the public of our unwavering commitment to ensuring free, fair, credible, and transparent elections.

We thank you all in advance for your continued cooperation.

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William Yamoah

Secretary, Presidential Elections Committee