



Girl Scouts of the USA
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Agenda Item Identification Code
(For National Board Office only):

Agenda Item Submission Form 58th National Council Session

Name of Girl Scout Council(s)

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana

City

State

Chicago

IL

If a group of councils is submitting a single agenda item, all councils must be listed on this form.

Is this council(s) submitting a Discussion Topic or ☒ Proposal?

Is this a ☒ draft or a final submission?

Write the following information exactly as the council wishes it to appear in the *Workbook* if accepted for the agenda.

TITLE OF PROPOSAL OR DISCUSSION TOPIC

Change to the Procedures for Non-Issuance or Revocation of Charters

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL OR DISCUSSION TOPIC, QUESTION, OR ISSUE

(Proposals should be written in the form of a motion)

TOPIC, QUESTION, OR ISSUE

or

THAT

or

TO I move to change the Procedures for Non-Issuance or Revocation of Charters number 2 the line "with a team representing the National Board" to "with a team made up of 3 Council CEOs, 3 Council Board Chairs, 3 National Board Members and 3 National Delegates from a representative number of councils."

And number 3 change "the National Board will in its sole discretion" to "the National Board under advisement of the ad-hoc committee will"

New wording as follows:

2. In the event that charter revocation or non-issuance is contemplated, notice of reason will be provided to the council along with a reasonable time period for response. A time and location will be provided where the council can review and discuss the issue(s) with a team representing the National Board **an ad-hoc committee of 3 Council CEOs, 3 Council Board Chairs, 3 National Delegates selected from a representation of councils, and 3 National Board Members.**

3. Following the meeting the National Board ~~will in its sole discretion~~ **under the advisement of the ad-hoc committee will** take action that it deems appropriate including revocation or non-issuance and will communicate the action to the council with follow-up measures. ~~The decision of the National Board will be final.~~ **Having considered the advisement of the ad hoc committee, the decision of the National Board will be final.**

REASONS:

1. What is the issue the discussion topic or proposal is trying to address?
 2. Are there other ways to address this issue?
 3. How does this proposal improve Movement governance or policy? OR How does this discussion topic inform Movement strategy?
 4. Does this agenda item have Movement-wide significance? Does it apply to all councils?
 5. Is this agenda item time-sensitive? What happens if it is not addressed at NCS 58?
1. There currently is no defined procedure for a council facing charter revocation to appeal or create an improvement plan to salvage their charter if the National Board deems revocation necessary. It is our hope that an ad-hoc committee could provide peer-to-peer collaborative environment to help the affected council retain their charter or agree to an improvement plan.
2. Yes, by Constitutional Amendment (re: our 2023 proposal)
3. By removing the vague “team representing the National Board” with a defined committee structure, it is our hope that the process of revoking a council charter be more collaborative and restorative, potentially saving a council’s charter
4. Yes, and yes
5. No. The current process would remain in effect.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

Indicate the projected expenditure and impact on resources for councils and the national organization, for a five (5) year period.

Unknown if this would have any financial impact at this time.

Signature and Printed Name of chair, council board of directors

Date of council board meeting

Open Comment and Collaboration Period: April 7-May 14, 2025

To submit for Open Comment and Collaboration, completed forms must be emailed to BoardOffice@girlscouts.org, copying abeck@girlscouts.org, with subject line: Draft Agenda Item from [INSERT COUNCIL(S)].

Final Submission Deadline: May 30, 2025

Final submissions, signed off by your council(s) board chair must be emailed to BoardOffice@girlscouts.org, copying abeck@girlscouts.org, with the subject line: Final Agenda Item from [INSERT COUNCIL(S)].

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If additional space is needed, please attach a separate page.