



# FREE NATIONAL MOVEMENT

## 2021 - CONVENTION SECRETARIAT

### MEMORANDUM

**DATED:** 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**SUBJECT:** Special Convention– Election of Party Leader

**TO:** Central Council Members; Association Chairmen & Secretaries; Delegates.

#### AGENDA & MANDATE:

The Central Council of our Party has duly ratified that a special one-day (working) Convention be held on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at the Holy Trinity Activities Centre, Stapledon Gardens, New Providence, to facilitate the election for the post of Leader.

A Convention Committee has been duly constituted under the provisions and powers conferred by *Articles 46 and 48(f)* of our party's Constitution. Specifically, to be responsible for organizing, regulating, and producing the party's Convention. Members of the Committee are:

#### **Co-Chairs**

Ethan Adderley  
*Deputy Treasurer*

Dr. Mildred Hall-Watson  
*Meritorious Council Member*

#### **Members**

*Deputy Leader*  
K. Peter Turnquest

*Chairman*  
Carl R. Culmer Sr.,

*Secretary General*  
Serfent E. J. Rolle

*Treasurer*  
Dwight S.L. Sawyer

*Deputy Chairman*  
Francis E. Sawyer

*Torchbearers Executive Member*  
Denielle M. A. Miller

## **DELEGATES:**

**Constituency Associations** are directed to inform Association Members and to coordinate the election of six (6) voting delegates (*exclusive of the Central Council Representative*) for each Constituency. It is a constitutional requirement that at least one of the delegates from the Constituency Association be 30 years of age or younger.

**The National Women's Association, and the National Torchbearers Youth Association** are to elect six (6) voting delegates. The President, the Executive Members, and the Council Representatives of the affiliated organizations are already voting delegates to the Convention.

The names of all delegates should be submitted to the attention of the Secretary General at Party Headquarters, Mackey Street, New Providence or via email to the Secretary General at [secretarygeneral@fnmbahamas.org](mailto:secretarygeneral@fnmbahamas.org) no later than Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2021. Please see the attached Delegate Submission Form. ALL delegates must be financial by the 15<sup>th</sup> of November.

Reasonable arrangements will be made for COVID testing, travel, accommodation, and board for delegates who reside outside of the Island of New Providence.

Founding Fathers, Meritorious Council Members, National Party Officers, Elected and appointed Executives, Senators, Members of Parliament, Former Leaders, Former Deputy Leaders, Former Chairmen, Candidates in the 2021 election, Advisory Councilors, Women's Association delegates, Torchbearers Youth Association delegates, Constituency Association delegates, Council Representatives, and Council Members generally are all voting delegates to the Convention.

## **NOMINATIONS:**

The nomination process for the post of Leader is now open and will close at **5:00 pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021**. The Convention Committee, in exercise of its Constitutional authority, has determined that there will be no nominations entertained from the Convention floor, or otherwise received, after the close of nominations on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2021.

Candidates for the post of Leader must be nominated by at least 2 members of the Party. Both the candidate and the 2 Party members must be financial and in good standing before the close of nominations. Nomination Forms can be obtained from the National Party Headquarters or by contacting the Secretary General.

A certified list of candidates will be published on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Candidates and their designated Chief Agent will be invited to participate, in person or virtually, at a briefing on regulations, guidelines, and general processes on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November at 12:00 noon. At the said briefing a list of delegates to the Convention will be issued to all candidates and/or their designated Chief Agent.

**INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION:**

The Convention Secretariat is operational and located at our National Headquarters. Delegates, party members, and supporters are urged to pay attention to **official information sources** regarding the Convention. Details concerning locations, times, and other particulars can be verified and accessed through a convention link at [www.fnmbahamas.org](http://www.fnmbahamas.org) and through links on our Party's official social media accounts.

*\*This memorandum is issued in compliance with Article 30(e) of the Free National Movement Constitution as amended in Convention 2016*

Faithfully yours,  
Secretary General



Serfent E. J. Rolle