

What You Need to Know About the 2023 NFPA Technical Meeting

Each Annual NFPA Technical Meeting affords the opportunity for stakeholders to voice support and opposition on Certified Amending Motions (CAMs), while allowing eligible NFPA members to vote* on proposed changes. This year's meeting will take place on June 22, 2023, in Las Vegas, Nevada at Mandalay Bay. The event will begin with awards at 8:00 a.m., then move into the orders of the day, hearing and acting upon Certified Amending Motions included in the Annual 2023 Report of the Motions Committee. Voting will be conducted following debate of each Certified Amending Motion at the live Technical Meeting utilizing the same user-friendly app implemented in 2020 for Technical Meetings.

** Voting privileges are limited to members of continuous record from on or before December 24, 2022, registered for the Technical Meeting, and in attendance at the time the call for vote is made by the Presiding Officer.*

Where can I find the rules for the 2023 NFPA Technical Meeting?

The rules and procedures for the Technical Meeting are found in the NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules ("Convention Rules"). The Convention Rules can be viewed in their entirety at www.nfpa.org/regs. Additionally, it is advisable to review and be familiar with the *Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards* prior to participation and attendance at the 2023 Technical Meeting.

When will the Report of the Motions Committee post so I can see what Certified Amending Motions will be debated this year?

The Report of the Motions Committee (referred to as the "Report") is posted and will remain on the www.nfpa.org/2023techsession site for review. The Report includes a current listing of all certified NITMAMs, non-certified NITMAMs, and withdrawn NITMAMs for the Fall 2022 and Annual 2023 revision cycles. The Report will additionally include each individual Certified Amending Motion and the text recommended by the responsible Committee to be debated, along with the ballots that will go to the responsible committee(s) (where applicable) should the CAM pass the membership vote. A final agenda providing the order in which the Certified Amending Motions have been ordered by the Motions Committee will post on or before June 8th, along with any submitter's statements in support of motions, and Committee Reports received by Standards Administration in advance of the 2023 Technical Meeting.

Where can I find the Certified Amending Motions for Fall 2022 standards?

The 2023 Annual Report of the Motions Committee includes the Certified Amending Motions for both Fall 2022 and Annual 2023 standards.

Will there be an agenda of the order in which CAMs will be heard at the Technical Meeting?

Yes. An agenda will be posted at www.nfpa.org/2023techsession in advance of the Technical Meeting (on or before June 8, 2023). However, in accordance with the *Technical Meeting Rules*, the Presiding Officer

has discretion to amend the particular order in which CAMs are entertained.

Will there be online participation prior to the 2023 Technical Meeting?

No. Although in 2020, 2021 and 2022, there was ability to participate in debate online with daily reports of stakeholder statements submitted, the decision has been made to not include such for 2023. However, submitter statements and Committee Reports received by Standards Administration in advance of the Technical Meeting will post on or before June 8th at www.nfpa.org/2023techsession to provide a preview of the issues related to Certified Amending Motions on the agenda.

Can I review the Committee position for the Certified Amending Motions?

Yes. Any Committee Report received by Standards Administration for Certified Amending Motions will be posted on www.nfpa.org/2023techsession on or before June 8th. Additionally, the Chair of the responsible committee(s) will be recognized by the Presiding Officer to provide the Committee Report for each Certified Amending Motion at the Technical Meeting.

Participation at the 2023 Technical Meeting in Las Vegas

If I only wish to participate in the live debate of the Technical Meeting on one or a limited number of Certified Amending Motions? Can I do that?

Yes. You may participate in the debate of as many, or as few, Certified Amending Motions as you wish at the Technical Meeting. When you are recognized at a microphone by the Presiding Officer, you should preface your comments by identifying yourself by name, affiliation, and whether you are speaking in favor of or in opposition to the Motion under debate. The Presiding Officer will remind you in the event that you forget to be certain that the record appropriately reflects all debate.

Does a Certified Amending Motion need a “second” for debate to proceed at the Technical Meeting?

Yes. The NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules require that each Certified Amending Motion be moved on the floor of the Technical Meeting (by either the submitter or a designated representative) and a second from the floor to proceed for debate. If a motion is not pursued or does not receive a second, the motion will not proceed to debate and vote of the eligible membership.

Can I make a motion to call the question?

In accordance with the NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules, a motion to call the question may be made during the live Technical Meeting. Such motion requires two seconds to proceed to a vote. There is no ability to call the question prior to the motion being moved on the floor of the live debate at the Technical Meeting.

Can I make a follow-up amending motion?

Yes. In accordance with the NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules, a follow-up amending motion determined by the Presiding Officer as “in order” may be pursued at the live Technical Meeting. A follow

up amending motion is one that becomes necessary as a result of a previous successful amending motion. See 3.4.4 of the Technical Meeting Convention Rules for more details.

REGISTRATION QUESTIONS (Registration Now Open)

Should I register for the Technical Meeting?

Yes, if you have been a Voting NFPA Member consecutively since December 24, 2022, and wish to vote on Certified Amending Motions. Only eligible Voting NFPA members successfully registered and in attendance at the live Technical Meeting may vote on Certified Amending Motions. There will be no opportunity for voting by those not in attendance at the Technical Meeting.

Do I need to register for the Technical Meeting to participate?

If you are a maker of a Certified Amending Motion or designee approved by the Secretary of the Standards Council to pursue on behalf of a maker, you may enter the Technical Meeting for that purpose without registering for the event. However, you must check in with NFPA staff in advance, and you will be escorted in at the appropriate time, then asked to leave once your Certified Amending Motions have concluded. ***If you wish to vote, you must register, be an eligible Voting NFPA member, and be in attendance at the live Technical Meeting when vote is called on the specific CAM.*** There is no remote voting for the 2023 Technical Meeting.

How do I vote at the Technical Meeting?

You are required to download the voting app and complete a test question using the voting app prior to the live Technical Meeting. Information regarding downloading the voting app will be sent directly to you once you are registered for the event and your membership has been verified. You are encouraged to download before you travel to the Technical Meeting. Additionally, technical assistance will be available on-site to assist if you experience difficulties in downloading the voting app. If you do not own a smart device, are a verified member for voting purposes, and wish to vote at the Technical Meeting, a limited number of devices will be available for your use upon request.

Will I receive confirmation that I am registered for the 2023 Technical Meeting?

Yes. You will receive an initial confirmation that your registration submission is complete. Once we have confirmed that you have been a Voting NFPA Member since December 24, 2022, you will receive an additional email confirming your successful registration and instructions for voting participation. Please note that you will be required to complete a test question using the voting app, along with checking into the Technical Meeting to verify voting status prior to being able to vote on Certified Amending Motions.

Why do I have to pay to register?

The fee for registration is not new. For NFPA members who participate and vote at Technical Meetings annually, this fee is included in your C&E registration or Technical Meeting Only registration. The fee is not for your participation, but rather to help cover the costs associated with the event. Fees help cover various costs, such as providing dedicated technical support to participants; technologies utilized during the Technical Meeting; and important security measures to ensure voting integrity.

VOTING QUESTIONS

Can I vote if I do not attend the 2023 Technical Meeting in Las Vegas?

No. ***If you wish to vote, you must register, be an eligible Voting NFPA member, and be in attendance at the live Technical Meeting when vote is called on the specific CAM. Check in to the Technical Meeting by scanning your badge for entry is required to activate your voting app.*** There is no remote voting for the 2023 Technical Meeting.

Does the voting application work on all electronic mobile devices?

No. The voting app works on Android and iOS supported mobile devices only. Although the vast majority of devices (iPads and cell phones) will support the voting app, there are some mobile devices which will not. If you are having difficulties and believe this may be the reason, please contact tech support at 781-688-8000.

If I register to vote, must I vote on all Certified Amending Motions?

No. You may select only those Certified Amending Motions for which you wish to cast a vote. There is no requirement to vote on all Certified Amending Motions.

If I vote multiple times on a Certified Amending Motion, will all my votes be included in the final calculations?

No, the voting application will count only one vote per participant on a single CAM. While you may change your vote during the voting period as announced by the Presiding Officer, the voting application will only tabulate the vote for each participant entered upon close of voting.

If I submit my vote, can I change it?

Yes. You may change your vote at any time once the Presiding Officer calls for vote at the Technical Meeting, until the vote is announced as “closed”.

Can I vote on behalf of someone else?

No. Voting by proxy is not permitted per the NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules.

RESULTS QUESTIONS

How will I know the results of the votes on Certified Amending Motions (CAMs)?

Results of the NFPA membership’s votes will be available and posted before moving on to debate of the next Certified Amending Motion presented. Additionally, results will post on www.nfpa.org/2023techsession.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact custserv@nfpa.org or 1-800-344-3555