

2022 NFPA Technical Meeting FAQs:

Everything You Need to Know

The 2022 Technical Meeting is the opportunity for supporters and opponents of certified motions to voice their opinions and eligible NFPA members to vote* on proposed changes. This year's meeting will implement gains from 2020 and 2021, as well as return to the traditional live format to conclude C&E. There will be two weeks of opportunity to submit position statements electronically preceding C&E (opening May 23rd and closing June 3rd), with daily reports available, then live debate of CAMs will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8th. A second day, June 9th, will be dedicated to debate and actions on NFPA 70®, *National Electrical Code*®. Voting will be conducted following debate of each Certified Amending Motion at the live Technical Meeting utilizing the same user-friendly app implemented for the 2020 and 2021 Technical Meetings.

** Voting privileges are limited to members of continuous record from on or before December 10, 2021, registered for the Technical Meeting, and in attendance at the time the call for vote is made by the Presiding Officer.*

Participation Opportunities at a Glance:

- ❖ **Electronic Submission of Position Statements Opens May 23rd; Closes June 3rd at 8:00 p.m. EST* (no registration necessary; no voting conducted)**
- ❖ **2022 Live Technical Meeting in Boston June 8th-9th**

Where can I find the rules for the 2022 NFPA Technical Meeting?

As we return to hosting a live Technical Meeting, the procedures return to the NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules ("Convention Rules") which are posted and available at www.nfpa.org/regs for review. 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 2022 Technical Meeting.

When will the Report of the Motions Committee post so I can see what Certifying 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/2022techsession site for review. The Report will include a listing of all certified NITMAMs, non-certified NITMAMs, and withdrawn NITMAMs. The Report will additionally include each individual Certified Amending Motion and the text recommended by the responsible Committee to be debated,

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along with the ballots that will go to the responsible committee(s) (where applicable) should the CAM pass the membership vote. The Report will also provide a schedule of which standard's CAMs will be presented on June 8th and June 9th respectively.

Where can I find the Certified Amending Motions for Fall 2021 standards?

The Report of the Motions Committee includes the Certified Amending Motions for both Fall 2021 and Annual 2022 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/2022techsession in advance of the Technical Meeting. However, in accordance with the *Technical Meeting Rules*, the Presiding Officer has discretion to amend the particular order in which CAMs are entertained.

Online Participation Prior to the 2022 Technical Meeting

If I don't intend to vote, why do I need to create a profile to submit a position statement online?

Creating a profile (or using your existing profile) allows our system to include your information with the position statements that you submit during your participation. This is no different from the normal requirement to state your name and affiliation during the live debate on the floor of the Technical Meeting.

If I have an existing NFPA profile but have forgotten my password?

If you are unable to sign-in or have forgotten your password, please contact us by email at custserv@nfpa.org, phone at 1-800-344-3555 (press option 2 for Customer Service), or by using the chat feature. You can also retrieve a forgotten password from the NFPA Sign-in page: nfpa.org/Login

Am I limited in the number of times I can submit position statements for each Certified Amending Motion online?

No. To preserve the core principles of the Annual Technical Meeting as closely as possible, you are free to submit multiple position statements during the established online submission period. However, the submission of the same position statements repeatedly is discouraged. Should a write-in campaign become apparent—with an overwhelming number of position statements being identical—the CAM may be closed to further submissions, in alignment with what would take place at the discretion of the Presiding Officer at an in-person Technical Meeting.

What if I only am interested in submitting my position statement online on one or a limited number of Certified Amending Motions? Can I do that?

Yes. When you log in to participate, all the Certified Amending Motions (CAMs) will appear as distinct action items and are posted in agenda order. However, you are not required to submit position statements on all. To submit your position statements, you must hit “submit” before exiting.

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Can I submit my Position Statements via mail or email?

No. Position statements must be submitted electronically through participation at www.nfpa.org/2022techsession. Any position statements mailed to NFPA headquarters or emailed directly to NFPA staff are not submitted for purposes of the Tech Session and will not be included in the record of the daily reports.

Is there someone I can contact if I experience difficulties or issues when submitting my Position Statement online?

Yes. If you have any questions when using the system, a chat feature is available or [contact us by email](#) or phone at 1-800-344-3555.

How do I know if my Position Statements were submitted; will I receive confirmation?

Yes. Once you hit “submit”, a confirmation will appear indicating that the system has received your submission of position statement. For your records, you may wish to print the screen confirmation as these are not retained in your profile.

Can I review the submitters’ substantiations for the Certified Amending Motions?

Yes. All substantiations submitted by the maker of a Certified Amending Motion are posted at www.nfpa.org/2022techsession. Additionally, the submitter of each Certified Amending Motion will be given the opportunity to provide a statement to begin debate at the Technical Meeting.

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

Yes. The Committee Report for each Certified Amending Motion will be posted on www.nfpa.org/2022techsession. 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.

Can I view the position statements submitted on each Certified Amending Motion?

Yes. All position statements submitted will be posted and reviewable at www.nfpa.org/2022techsession. Once position statements are no longer being accepted (8:00 pm EST on Friday, June 3rd), the final report of all submissions will remain available for review in preparation for the Technical Meeting and voting.

Will the Report of Position Statements include identification of the submitter?

Yes. The name of the commenter and affiliation (if any) for each position statement will follow each statement in the debate. Additionally, each will identify the time and date of the specific submission and whether the submitter is FOR or AGAINST the motion.

If I want to support or counter someone else’s Position Statement, how will anyone know the comment I’m addressing?

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Each position statement included within the Report will include the commenter's name as well as a time and date stamp. To clearly connect your support or opposition to another position statement, include the other commenter's name and related time and date stamp in your position statement.

Can I download the Report of Position Statements from the website?

Yes. The Report may be downloaded for your convenience from the website at www.nfpa.org/2022techsession.

Participation at the 2022 Technical Meeting

What if I only am interested in participating 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. Although in 2020 and 2021 the need for a "second" was suspended for electronic debate, as we return to a live Technical Meeting, the NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules require that each CAM 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 Tech Session?

Yes, if you have been a Voting NFPA Member consecutively since December 10, 2021 and wish to vote on certified amending motions. Only eligible Voting NFPA members successfully registered and in

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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 Tech Session to participate?

Anyone may submit position statements on Certified Amending Motions (CAMs) during the two-week period leading up to the live Technical Meeting. There is no need to register, but you will need to create an NFPA profile (or use an existing profile) to participate. ***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 2022 Technical Meeting.

How do I vote at the Technical Meeting?

You will be 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 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.

Will I receive confirmation that I am registered for the 2022 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 10, 2021, 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 Tech Sessions annually, this fee is included in your C&E registration or Tech Session 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 2022 Technical Meeting in Boston?

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. Daily 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 2022 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

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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/2022techsession.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact techsession@nfpa.org

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