

2021 Tech Session FAQs

PARTICIPATION QUESTIONS (Debate Opens June 14th; Closes June 25th at 8:00 p.m. EST*)

Where can I find the rules for the 2021 NFPA Technical Meeting?

The NFPA Board of Directors has suspended the NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules (“Convention Rules”) and approved “Temporary NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules for 2021” (also referred to as the “Temporary 2021 Rules”), which will apply only for the 2021 Technical Meeting. The Temporary 2021 Rules are posted and available at www.nfpa.org/2021techsession for review.

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

The Report of the Motions Committee and Agenda (also referred to as the “Report”) are scheduled to post on May 19th and will be included on the www.nfpa.org/2021techsession site for review. The Report will include a listing of all certified NITMAMs, non-certified NITMAMs, and withdrawn NITMAMs. Additionally, the Report will include each individual Certified Amending Motion and the text recommended by the responsible Committee to be electronically debated, along with the ballots that will go to the responsible committee(s) (where applicable) should the CAM pass the membership vote.

Where can I find the Certified Amending Motions for Fall 2020 standards?

The Report of the Motions Committee and Agenda will include the Certified Amending Motions for both Fall 2020 and Annual 2021 standards.

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

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 floor debate.

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

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

No. To preserve the core principles of the Annual Technical Meeting as closely as possible, you are free to submit multiple position statements as the electronic debate of the CAMs proceeds. 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 participating 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.

Does a Certified Amending Motion need a “second” for debate to proceed?

No. In accordance with the Temporary NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules for 2021, all CAMs included in the Motions Committee Report and Agenda that have not been withdrawn at least 5 days before start of the debate shall be open for consideration without any further action required by the authorized maker or the membership.

Can I submit my Position Statements via mail or email?

No. Position statements must be submitted electronically through participation at www.nfpa.org/2021techsession. Any position statements mailed to NFPA headquarters or emailed directly to NFPA staff are not submitted for purposes of the Tech Session debate.

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

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.

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

Yes. Substantiations for each Certified Amending Motions are posted at www.nfpa.org/2021techsession.

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/2021techsession.

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/2021techsession as the debate progresses. Once debate closes, the final report of all submissions will remain available for review in preparation for 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?

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/2021techsession.

Can I make a motion to call the question?

No. In accordance with the Temporary NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules for 2021, parliamentary motions (e.g., a motion to call the question) will not be available during the debate of CAMs.

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Can I make a follow-up amending motion?

No. In accordance with the Temporary NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules for 2021, follow-up motions will not be available during the session. However, any follow-up motion to return a document or return a portion of a document, affected by a previous successful amending motion, that would have otherwise been in order as a follow-up motion, may be submitted instead as an appeal to the Standards Council to return a document or portion of a document. Such appeal to Standards Council will be considered in the normal course and in accordance with the *Regulations*.

REGISTRATION QUESTIONS (Registration Opens May 19th; Closes July 2nd at NOON EST)

Should I register for Tech Session?

Yes, if you have been a Voting NFPA Member consecutively since December 27, 2020 and wish to vote on certified amending motions. Only eligible Voting NFPA members successfully registered may vote on Certified Amending Motions.

Do I need to register for Tech Session to participate?

Anyone may submit position statements on Certified Amending Motions (CAMs) during the Tech Session. 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 and be an eligible Voting NFPA member.***

How do I register for the electronic Technical Meeting?

Registration opens on May 19, 2021 at www.nfpa.org/2021techsession. ***Registration for voting will close on Friday, July 2, 2021 at NOON (EST).*** You will be required to download the voting app and complete a test question using the voting app prior to voting during the designated voting period (June 28th through July 2nd). ***Note: Voting will close at 8:00 p.m. EST on Friday, July 2, 2021.***

Will I receive confirmation that I am registered for the 2020 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 27, 2020, 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 prior to being able to vote on Certified Amending Motions.

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Is there a fee for registration to vote? If so, what is it?

Yes. The fee for registration to vote for the 2021 Technical Meeting is \$50.

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. NFPA has again, this year, reduced the registration fee to reflect lower costs associated with conducting the meeting electronically. Fees help cover various costs, such as providing dedicated technical support to participants; technologies utilized for electronic participation; and important security measures to ensure voting integrity.

Are there any discounts for registration?

No. All eligible Voting NFPA members who register will be subject to the \$50 registration fee.

VOTING QUESTIONS (Voting Opens June 28th; Closes July 2nd at 8:00 p.m. EST*)

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 of 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, the voting application will only tabulate the vote for each participant entered upon close of voting. This is the same as during the voting period during an in-person Technical Meeting.

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If I submit my vote, can I change it?

Yes. As with voting during in-person Technical Meetings, you may change your vote at any time during the voting period. Once voting closes at 8:00 p.m. EST on Friday, July 2, 2021, your most recent vote will be included in the final tabulations.

Can I vote on behalf of someone else?

No. Voting by proxy is not permitted per the Temporary NFPA Technical Meeting Convention Rules for 2021.

RESULTS QUESTIONS (Results post July 6th *)

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 at www.nfpa.org/2021techsession on or before July 6, 2021.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact techsession@nfpa.org

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