

IMMEDIATE

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

No.F. 7(1)/2024-Legis.

Islamabad, the 28th February, 2024.

All Members-elect of the
National Assembly of the
Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Dear Madam/Sir,

The National Assembly shall meet on **Thursday, the 29th February, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.** in the Parliament House, Islamabad. The Programme for oath by Members-elect and the Election to the office of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly is given below. Orders of the Day will, however, be issued separately for each day.


PROGRAMME

Thursday, the 29th February, 2024	(i) Oath making by Members-elect and signing of the Roll of Members. (ii) Nomination papers for election of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker to be delivered to the Secretary, National Assembly Secretariat before 12.00 noon.
Friday, the 1st March, 2024	Election of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker, National Assembly.

2. The procedure for election of the Speaker /Deputy Speaker has been set out in rules 9 and 10 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007. An extract from the aforesaid rules is enclosed for information, please.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,


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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF SPEAKER / DEPUTY SPEAKER

If there is an election of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker the procedure for election therefore as set out in rules 9 and 10 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007, will be as under:-

- (i) The election will be by secret ballot.
 - (ii) Each member will have one vote only.
 - (iii) A ballot paper, containing the names of members, validly nominated for election as Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, will be given to each member.
 - (iv) The names of members will be called out by the Secretary, National Assembly, one by one.
 - (v) Before delivering a ballot paper one to each member, it will be signed by an officer of the Secretariat and also stamped on its reverse with the seal of the Assembly.
 - (vi) The member will then proceed to the enclosure near the dais of the Speaker and put a cross mark **X** (stamp) in the ballot paper against the name of the candidate of his choice and will not divulge the name of the candidate for whom he votes. The ballot paper will be folded before it is inserted in the ballot box, placed near the said enclosure.
 - (vii) If any ballot paper is inadvertently spoiled by a member, he may ask for a fresh one, after returning the spoiled ballot paper, which will be canceled.
 - (viii) After all the members have voted, the Secretary will open the ballot box, count all the ballot papers and submit the result to the Chairperson, who will announce the name of the member elected as Speaker or Deputy Speaker.
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**EXTRACT FROM RULES 9 AND 10 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, 2007.**

9. **Election of the Speaker.**- (1) X X X X X

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(3) At any time before 12.00 noon on the day preceding the day on which the election is to be held, any member may propose another member for election as Speaker by delivering to the Secretary a nomination paper signed by him and accompanied by a statement by the member whose name is proposed that he is willing to serve as Speaker, if elected.

(4) A member who has been nominated may, in writing, withdraw his candidature at any time before the Assembly proceeds to elect a Speaker.

(5) On the day of election, the Chairperson shall read out to the Assembly the names of the members who have been duly nominated and have not withdrawn their candidature, and also the names of their proposers, and, if there is only one such member, shall declare that member to have been elected.

(6) Where, after withdrawals, if any, there remain only two candidates for election, a ballot shall be held between them and the candidate who secures more votes than the other shall be declared to have been elected. If both the candidates secure an equal number of votes, a fresh ballot shall be held between them until one of them secures more votes than the other, and the candidate securing more votes shall be declared to have been elected.

(7) Where, after withdrawals, if any, there remain more than two candidates for election, the candidate obtaining more votes than the aggregate of votes secured by the other candidates shall be declared to have been elected. If no candidate secures more votes than the aggregate votes secured by the other candidates, there shall be a fresh ballot at which the candidate who secured the lowest number of votes at the last ballot shall be excluded from the election, and the balloting shall, in like manner, proceed until one candidate secures more votes than the remaining candidate or, as the case may be, the remaining candidates in the aggregate, and such candidate shall be declared to have been elected.

(8) Where, at any ballot, any three or more candidates secure an equal number of votes and one of them has to be excluded from election under sub-rule (7), the question as to which one of such candidates is to be excluded shall be determined by drawing of lots.

(9) The member elected as Speaker shall, before entering upon office, make before the Assembly oath in the form set out in the Third Schedule to the Constitution.

10. Election of the Deputy Speaker.- (1) Immediately after the election of Speaker, the Assembly shall proceed to elect a Deputy Speaker and the procedure prescribed in rule 9 for the election of Speaker shall apply to the election of Deputy Speaker as if references therein to Speaker were references to the Deputy Speaker and references to Chairperson were references to the Speaker.

(2) A person elected as the Deputy Speaker shall, before entering upon office, make before the Assembly oath in the form set out in the Third Schedule to the Constitution.