

YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS' FORUM, BOARD ELECTIONS – 2021

Polling Instructions:

- a) The election will be by secret ballot.
- b) Each member will have one vote against one post.
- c) Voting will start at 11:00 am and end at 5:00 pm on Thursday, 23rd December, 2021.
- d) **ONLY ONE** Polling Booth will be established at the Chamber of Mr. Deputy Speaker, National Assembly (Parliament House, Islamabad).
- e) Ballot Papers will be available at the said Polling Booth.
- f) Ballot Papers will be ONLY issued to valid Members of YPF appearing in the YPF Members List.
- g) Each YPF Member before entering the polling booth must check his/her **Serial Number** from the YPF Members List (Voting List) affixed outside the Polling Booth (also circulated in advance) and inform the Polling Staff of his/her respective Serial Number.
- h) The voters will be issued the ballot paper **AFTER presenting their National Assembly / Senate ID Card.**
- i) The Ballot Paper will be printed in different colors for each position;
President = Yellow, General Secretary = Green, Media Coordinator = Blue
- j) Each ballot paper will have the names of contesting candidates (validly nominated for election) with a check box in front of the candidate's name.
- k) YPF Members/Voters will be required to affix a **tick sign** **inside the check box** of his/her preferred candidate with a **blue ballpoint**, which will be available at the polling booth.

l) Polling Agents would be assigned a dedicated area within the polling booth.

m) Polling staff for the YPF Elections, 2021:

- Mr. Qasim Khan Suri, Deputy Speaker, National Assembly – **Returning Officer**
- Mr. Muhammad Mushtaq, Additional Secretary (Legislation) – **Presiding Officer**
- Mr. Zaid Rafique, Director to Deputy Speaker – **Asst. Presiding Officer**
- Ms. Mahira Rafique, Deputy Director (SI / PMU) – **Polling Officer**
- Mr. Qazi Shamsuddin, Secretary (YPF) – **Polling Officer**

n) Before delivering a ballot paper to each member / voter, it will have to be signed by the Presiding Officer and also stamped on its reverse with the seal of the National Assembly to be valid.

o) After receiving the ballot paper, the Member / voter will then proceed to the enclosure with it and put a tick mark (using the blue ballpoint provided) inside the checkbox against the name of the candidate of his choice and will not divulge the name of the candidate for whom he votes.

p) The ballot paper will be folded before it is inserted in the ballot box, which will be placed on the table in front of the polling staff.

q) Cancellation and Reissuance of Fresh Ballot Paper in case of Spoilt Ballot:



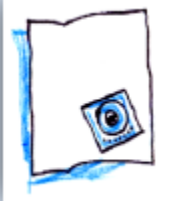



A spoilt ballot paper is one that has been accidentally / incorrectly marked or torn or otherwise altered so that it cannot be used as a valid ballot paper.

- A voter can return a spoilt ballot paper to the Presiding Officer **(BEFORE CASTING IT IN THE BALLOT BOX)** in exchange for a new one. A new ballot paper will be issued to the voter in the same way as before.
- However, in case such a ballot paper is casted, no new ballot paper will be issued.

r) When voting time ends, the Presiding Officer will open the ballot box, count all the ballot papers and submit the result to the Returning Officer, who will announce the names of the Elected Board Members.

Rejection Criteria / Ballot Papers Excluded from the Count:

The Polling Staff will exclude / reject the ballots from counting in the following scenarios:

	<p>Those with no official stamp of the National Assembly and signature of the Presiding Officer on the back.</p>
	<p>Those that are not official ballot papers.</p>
	<p>Those marked with a pen / pencil other than the blue ballpoint supplied for marking the ballot paper or where anything else is written / marked other than the blue tick.</p>
	<p>Those where any piece of paper or other object has been attached.</p>
	<p>Those where there is no blue tick mark indicating a choice or where more than one candidate has been tick marked.</p>
	<p>Those whose blue tick mark is equally divided between two candidates' check boxes or is not within any candidate's check box.</p>