

1 **OVERTURE 8** from the Pacific Northwest Presbytery—**REVISED** (to CCB, OC)
2 “Amend *RAO* 8-4.i to Set the Deadline for Floor Nominations 24 Hours Earlier”
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4 **Be it resolved** that the 53rd GA amend *RAO* 8-4.i as follows (underlining for additions;
5 ~~strikethrough~~ for deletions):
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7 ***RAO* 8-4 Nominating Committee**

8 h. The Committee shall present its nominations to the Assembly through the
9 Commissioner Handbook or Supplement. This presentation shall include a brief
10 statement regarding each nominee.

11 i. Additional nominations ("floor nominations") may be submitted by registered
12 Commissioners ~~either (1) in writing or (2) electronically, in either case~~ on forms
13 supplied by the Stated Clerk, which shall include consent of the nominee to serve, if
14 elected, and a brief statement regarding the nominee. ~~In the event that a nomination~~
15 ~~is submitted electronically, The~~ nominator should be aware that responsibility for
16 such nomination rests with the nominator and that non-delivery is the sole
17 responsibility of the nominator. Because the nominator has sole responsibility for
18 delivery of a nomination, the nominator should obtain a receipt verifying successful
19 electronic delivery of the nomination. The nominee is to give consent to only one
20 nomination. In the event that the nominee is nominated for more than one position,
21 the nominee may indicate to which nomination the nominee consents. The deadline
22 for these nominations is ~~the close of the afternoon session of the first full day of the~~
23 Assembly 4:30 pm on the day the Assembly convenes. The Clerk’s office shall issue
24 a supplement to the Assembly’s Nominating Committee report ~~during the second~~
25 day’s business sessions before noon the following day.
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27 So that the amended paragraph will read as follows:

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39 nominations is 4:30 pm on the day the Assembly convenes. The Clerk’s office shall
40 issue a supplement to the Assembly’s Nominating Committee report before noon the
41 following day.
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43 **Be it also resolved** that this would not take effect until 2027.
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45 **Rationale:**

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2 1. This change would give GA Commissioners more time to review the Nominating
3 Committee's Supplemental Report. The *RAO's* current deadline for floor nominations is
4 ordinarily on Wednesday at 4:30 and this change would back it up one day. The NC Supp
5 Report is often uploaded to Sharefile late Wednesday evening, and elections are early
6 Thursday morning (09:30 last year).
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- 8 2. One part of this proposal would eliminate the option to file hard-copy floor nominations,
9 which are rarely used now. Last year, 100% of floor nominations were filed electronically
10 and 23 of 38 (60%) of them were filed before the GA convened, which is what this Overture
11 proposes. The Nominating Committee Report is uploaded to ShareFile by mid-May, so
12 Commissioners have at least a month to electronically file a floor nomination.
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- 14 3. The other part on the floor nomination deadline would result in the NC Supp Report being
15 uploaded to Sharefile about 10 hours earlier. Our current timetable is governed by the old
16 procedure when floor nominations were *only* filed hard-copy onsite at GA. Because floor
17 nominations can now be filed electronically and can be filed any time after the Clerk's
18 office's mid-May uploading of the *GA Commissioner's Handbook*, there's no need to use
19 the old, last-minute procedure described in *RAO 8-4*. (Per the NC Manual, the main NC
20 Report with biographical summaries of its nominees is due at Stated Clerk's office by the
21 second Saturday in April, about a month prior to the GA Commissioner Handbook upload.)
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23 *Approved at Pacific Northwest Presbytery's Stated Meeting on October 10, 2025, and*
24 *assigned to an Overture Commission with authority to perfect and re-file if it deems necessary.*

25 *Attested to by: TE Jerid Krulish, Clerk, Pacific NW Presbytery*

26 *Revision approved by a PNW Overtures Commission with authority to do so on April 9,*
27 *2026.*