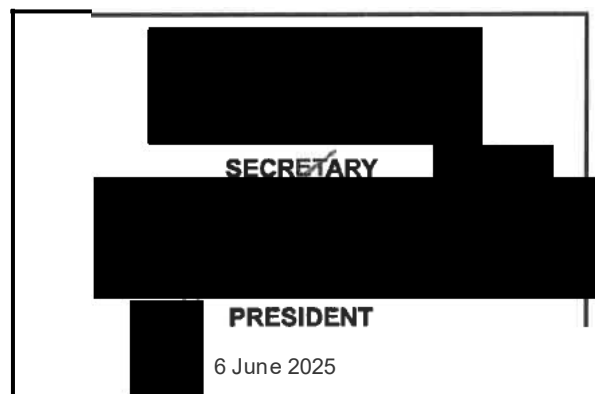




GERARD RENNICK
**PEOPLE
FIRST**

Federal Constitution



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GERARD RENNICK PEOPLE FIRST FEDERAL CONSTITUTION

This is the Constitution of the **Gerard Rennick People First** political party, referred to in this Constitution as The Party. It sets out the objectives of **Gerard Rennick People First** and governs its operations.

1. PARTY NAME

- a. The name of The Party shall be 'Gerard Rennick People First' or known as 'People First Party', or 'Gerard Rennick People First Party'.
- b. The name "Gerard Rennick" can only be used with the permission of Gerard Brock Rennick.

2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

In this Constitution for the Gerard Rennick People First (The Party), unless otherwise stated:

Body means a committee or officer or Party Unit of the Party at federal, divisional, regional, or branch level.

Branch means a group of members of the Party formed with the approval of the relevant State Executive and includes existing branches of the Party, as ratified by the State Executive.

Campaign Committee means the relevant National, State, or Local Government Campaign Committee established under clause 12 of this Constitution.

Commonwealth Electoral Act means the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 (Cth) as amended.

Constitution means the constitution or party governing rules of the Party.

Division means the organisation of the members of the Party within each State and Territory, or in reference to the Federal body of The Party.

Elected public office (public office) means an elected position in a Federal or State Parliament, or Local Government, or other similar government body within Australia.

Endorsed candidate means any person who has been granted Party pre-selection.

Federal Convention means the meeting of the eligible members of the Party, called by the Federal Executive under clause 13 of this Constitution.

Federal Director means the member appointed or elected to the position of National Director by the Federal Executive, responsible for overseeing the operations of the Party.

Federal Executive means the group of members appointed or elected to the position of Federal Executive under clause 6 of this Constitution.

Federal President means the member appointed or elected to the position of Federal President, responsible for leading the Party as an organisation, chairing Federal Party meetings and representing its interests.

Federal Secretary means the member appointed or elected to the position of Federal Secretary, responsible for maintaining the records of the Party and carrying out duties as assigned by the Federal Executive.

Federal Treasurer means the member appointed or elected to the position of Federal Treasurer, responsible for managing the Party's finances, including budgeting, accounting, and financial reporting.

Financial Year means the period of 12 months commencing on July 1 and ending June 30.

General Meeting means a general meeting of members and includes the annual general meeting or any Special General Meeting.

Local Government means any City, Municipal, or Shire Council within each State and/or Territory.

Majority means more than half of the eligible persons voting.

Member means a person who is accepted by the Federal Executive of the Party as a member and a person who is enrolled as a financial member of the Party.

Membership means membership of the Party.

Officer means a person who holds an office of the Party as appointed or elected under this Constitution.

Party means the unincorporated association known as Gerard Rennick People First Party.

Party Agent means the person appointed by the Party to be responsible for lodging financial disclosure returns under the Commonwealth Electoral Act and other relevant legislation.

Party Ballot means a ballot open to members of the Party who are eligible under this Constitution.

Party Unit (unit) means any branch, region, division, State Executive, State Conference, Federal Executive, Federal Conference, or any other body of the Party, as constituted by this Constitution and/or any State Constitution.

Policy means a public statement by the Party in promotion of the objectives of the Party.

Procedure means a procedure determined by the Executive Committee.

Registered Officer means the person appointed by the Party to be the registered officer under the Commonwealth Electoral Act, responsible for nominating Party candidates for elections and handling related electoral matters.

Resolution means a resolution that has been passed by at least 75% of the votes cast by persons present and entitled to vote on the resolution.

Rules means any Policy, Procedure, or other rule determined by the Executive Committee/s.

State Executive means the group of members appointed or elected to the position of Federal State Executive under this Constitution.

3. PRINCIPLES & VALUES

We believe:

- 3.1. In a transparent government that serves the people with equity by providing essential services in an efficient manner.
- 3.2. In protecting the rights and freedoms of every individual from institutional overreach, ensuring personal and family autonomy.
- 3.3. In a fair tax system that drives economic growth, rewards effort, and supports prosperity.
- 3.4. In a stable monetary system that upholds Australia's sovereignty and economic security.
- 3.5. In an equitable legal system that is accessible, affordable, and protects human rights.
- 3.6. In fostering economic opportunity through innovation, entrepreneurship, and job creation for all.
- 3.7. In upholding the dignity and worth of every individual by ensuring freedom of choice, conscience, and speech.
- 3.8. In quality education that empowers individuals with the knowledge and skills needed for personal success and societal contribution.
- 3.9. In protecting the environment and Australia's biodiversity.
- 3.10. In upholding scientific integrity against vested interests and censorship.
- 3.11. In fostering unity and social cohesion amongst all Australians.

These values define our commitment to a just, prosperous, and inclusive Australia.

4. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Party are:

- 4.1. To protect the rights and freedoms of the Australian people from government overreach.
- 4.2. To protect the family unit which is the foundation of a stable society to ensure a better life for our children.
- 4.3. To ensure Australian children receive the same opportunities that our forefathers gave to us by instilling in them a sense of gratitude, perseverance, and self-confidence.
- 4.4. To foster a culture where people are encouraged to rely on themselves and not the government.
- 4.5. To ensure Government serves the people by providing essential services and infrastructure in a transparent, accountable, and efficient manner.
- 4.6. To provide a fair and efficient tax and monetary system that will foster productivity, reward for effort, and ensure Australia's economic sovereignty.
- 4.7. Ensure an equitable and affordable legal system that upholds the rule of law and holds officials to account.
- 4.8. Protect and preserve Australia's environment, culture and education from propaganda and censorship that seeks to divide and impoverish Australians and Australia.
- 4.9. Uphold the principle that there is only one race, the human race, and that Australians must strive to promote a unified Australia that respects all people.
- 4.10. To qualify as a political party under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, or any other relevant body or law as may be required for nominating or endorsing a candidate for election to the Federal Parliament to further the objectives of The Party.

5. POWERS OF THE PARTY

- 5.1. Initial Management by the Federal Executive in the First Three Years

During the first three years following the registration of the Party under the Electoral Act 1918 (Cth), the Federal Executive shall have full authority to manage The Party's affairs. During this period, the Federal Executive may, at its discretion, establish State divisions, regions, branches, and other party units as deemed necessary for the Party's effective operation.

5.2. Establishment and Management After Three Years

- a. After the initial three-year period, the Federal Executive shall continue to have the power to establish State Constitutions consistent with each division as determined by The Party and in alignment with this Constitution.
- b. The Party may then formally establish branches, regions, and divisions in any place within Australia, particularly within each State.

5.3 Property and Financial Management

- a. The Party may provide, maintain, manage, and operate headquarters, clubs, social centres, and meeting places within each state or territory as required.
- b. The Party is empowered to purchase, sell, exchange, lease, improve, manage, develop, hire, or otherwise deal with property for the Party's purposes, subject to legal requirements.
- c. The Party may construct, maintain, improve, and alter buildings or works necessary for its activities.

5.4 Financial Operations

- a. The Party may raise funds through donations, membership fees, annual subscriptions, or other means deemed expedient for its purposes.
- b. It may invest any funds not immediately required for its objectives as determined from time to time.
- c. The Party may receive and accept donations, subscriptions, and endowments in money or any form of property.
- d. The Party may use funds to progress the objectives of the Party through advertising and promotional means and funding other activities that are not limited to elections from time-to-time.

5.5 Borrowing and Lending

- a. The Party may raise or borrow money, with or without security, to achieve its objectives. It may also lend money to persons, companies, or bodies on terms it considers appropriate.
- b. The Party may charge, or encumber its property to support borrowing or guarantees and indemnify contracts by any person, company, or body.

- c. The Party may draw, make, accept, endorse, and discount bills of exchange and similar instruments for its purposes.

5.6 Affiliations and Cooperation

- a. The Party may enter into joint working arrangements, cooperation, or affiliations with other parties, associations, societies, or bodies with similar objectives.
- b. It may take over the property, undertakings, and liabilities of such entities upon agreed terms.

5.7 Employment

- a. The Party has the power to engage and dismiss employees and agents, determining their remuneration and terms of employment.
- b. It may grant pensions, salaries, gratuities, or other payments in recognition of services rendered to the Party, as approved by the Federal Executive.
- c. The Party may appoint and remove trustees, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Federal Executive, to manage property on behalf of the Party.
- d. The Party may take any actions incidental or conducive to achieving its objectives or advancing its interests.
- e. The income and property of the Party shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objectives. No portion shall be distributed to members except for:
 - i. Remuneration for services rendered or goods supplied in the usual course of business.
 - ii. Interest payments on money borrowed from members, not exceeding the rate paid by the Party's bankers on term deposits of 180 days.
 - iii. Reimbursement to endorsed candidates for reasonable expenses incurred in seeking public office.
 - iv. Distributions or remuneration authorised by a trust deed specifically established to hold property for the Party.

5.8 Dissolution

Upon dissolution, any remaining property, after settling debts and liabilities, shall not be distributed among members. Instead, it shall be transferred to an institution with similar objectives and a constitution prohibiting the distribution of income and property among its members. This institution shall be determined by a ballot of the Party members with beneficiary nominees to be determined by the Federal Executive.

5.9 Limitations and Indemnity

- a. Members of the Federal Executive and any authorised officers or bodies of the Party are entitled to indemnification from the Party's property against liabilities incurred in executing their duties, except where actions are fraudulent, in bad faith, or against the Party's objectives or interests.

5.10 Non-Trading Purpose

The Party is formed to achieve its objectives and not for trading or securing pecuniary profit for its members through its transactions.

6. FEDERAL EXECUTIVE

- 6.1 The Federal Executive of the Party shall comprise of a:
- Federal President
 - Federal Secretary
 - Federal Treasurer

Additional members as appointed by the Federal Executive as necessary for the operation of the Party.

6.2 Tenure and Appointment

- a. The inaugural Federal President, **Gerard Rennick**, shall serve a fixed term of three years, or until resignation, and shall not be subject to removal or dismissal during this term. Subsequent Presidents shall be elected at each Federal Convention, which shall be held at least every two years but no more than three years apart. Gerard Rennick will be the inaugural Party Agent.
- b. In the initial first three (3) years of operation, the Federal President shall appoint other members to the Federal Executive, including Stephanie Eaton as Federal Secretary, Lauren Rennick as Federal Treasurer, a Federal Director and a Federal Membership Officer.
- c. In the event of a vacancy due to resignation or expulsion, the remaining Federal Executive members shall appoint a new member(s) to fill the vacancy.

6.3 Executive Powers and Duties

All members of the Federal Executive, including the Federal President, shall have equal voting rights.

The Federal Executive is responsible for:

- a. Managing, directing, organising, and coordinating the policies, functions, and administration of the Party.
- b. Interpreting Party rules and regulations and addressing any matters not explicitly covered by this Constitution.
- c. Ensuring compliance with the Federal Electoral Act and other relevant legislation.

6.4 Meetings

- a. The Federal Executive may meet as necessary and regulate its meetings and proceedings as it sees fit.
- b. Federal Executive Members may participate and vote in Federal Executive meetings via tele-conference, video-conference, or other electronic means if requested.
- c. The Federal President, or their nominee, shall preside as Chairman at all Federal Executive meetings.
- d. Members unable to attend meetings may appoint a proxy in writing, and a quorum shall consist of at least three (3) members present in person or by proxy.

6.5 Delegation and Employment

- a. The Federal Executive may delegate any of its powers to committees or bodies comprising Party members and set regulations for their operation.
- b. The Federal Executive may appoint staff, consultants, or other personnel as needed to assist with its duties.
- c. The Federal Executive shall appoint the Federal Director, Federal Secretary and the Registered Officer of the Party.

6.6 Discipline and Compliance

- a. The Federal Executive may remove any member, including those holding office, if it deems the Party's wellbeing or electoral standing to be prejudiced or if there is a breach of this Constitution.
- b. In cases of serious financial mismanagement or insolvency of a Party Unit, the Federal Executive may intervene, including appointing administrators or rescinding financial decisions.

6.7 General and Special Meetings

- a. The Federal Executive shall call general or special meetings of the Party or Federal Convention as needed, providing at least 28 days' notice of the meeting and 14 days' notice of the business to be transacted.
- b. Quorum for general or special meetings shall consist of ten (10) members, with a majority of divisions represented.
- c. Members unable to attend may appoint another member as their proxy to vote on their behalf, with specific limits on the number of proxies any individual may hold being three.
- d. Proxies must be registered with the Federal Secretary on a form determined by the Federal Secretary and submitted no later than 7 days prior to a General or Special meeting.

7. MEMBERSHIP

7.1. Eligibility for Membership is open to any person who:

- a. Supports the aims and objectives of the Party, regardless of race, gender, religion, or originating nationality.
- b. Is enrolled to vote in Australian elections.
- c. Upholds the Party's constitution, avoiding actions against the Party's interests or objectives.
- d. Is not simultaneously a member of any other political party or organisations opposed to the Party's objectives.
- e. No member may offer rewards to induce someone to join the Party, and such offers, if accepted, will invalidate the membership.

7.2. Application for Membership

- a. The Federal Executive may, at its absolute discretion, reject any application for membership if it deems acceptance would be contrary to the Party's interests or objectives.
- b. Applicants must complete and sign the Application for Membership form (approved by the Federal Executive) and submit it with the prescribed fee to the Party.

7.3. Processing of Applications

- a. The Federal Executive may, at its absolute discretion, reject any

application for membership if it deems acceptance would be contrary to the Party's interests or objectives.

- b. Applicants must complete and sign the Application for Membership form (approved by the Federal Executive), and submit it with the prescribed fee to the Party.
- c. Applications received by a division must be sent to the Membership Officer, who will update both the Federal and relevant State databases, and forward the updated State database to the relevant State Director.
- d. The Federal Executive or Federal Director may:
 - i. Approve or disapprove the application at their absolute discretion, with their decision being final.
 - ii. Defer the decision until the next Federal Executive meeting and request further enquiries if necessary, however the Federal Executive may only defer the decision once and must make a final decision at the next meeting.

7.4 Membership Duration and Renewal

- a. Membership is valid for 12 months from the approval date.
- b. Members will be notified at least 30 days before their membership period ends to pay the renewal fee.
- c. Members must pay the renewal fee within 30 days of the period's end to maintain voting rights and other privileges. New members gain full voting rights one month after joining.
- d. Membership fees can be paid via debit/credit card, or other methods as determined by the Party.

7.5 Notification and Record-Keeping

Upon approval, the relevant Officer must:

- a. Enter the new member's details in the Party's membership records.
- b. Notify the new member in writing of their approval date and the 12-month membership period.
- c. Inform the Secretary of the relevant division and the Federal Director.
- d. Notify unsuccessful applicants in writing.

7.6 Membership Rights and Evidence

- a. No person may claim membership or associated rights unless officially enrolled according to this Constitution.
- b. The membership roll maintained by the Federal Director or Federal Executive is *prima facie* evidence of an individual's membership status and dates.

7.7 Cessation of Membership

- a. A member can resign their membership by way of written notice to the Federal Secretary and Membership Officer of The Party.
- b. The Federal Executive may expel any member who:
 - i. Retains or accepts membership in another political party;
or
 - ii. Damages The Party's reputation through actions or statements.

8. STATE EXECUTIVE & STATE DIVISIONS

State Executive

8.1 Upon the approval of the Federal Executive, a State Division and State Executive can be set up in each State and Territory by People First members enrolled in that State or Territory.

8.2 The State Executive shall, subject to the provisions hereof, have power to manage the affairs of the Party in relation to matters pertaining to State Elections, and subject to approval by the Federal Executive, federal election matters relating to that State

It shall not have power to alter the provisions hereof or the platform and policy of the Party.

8.3 The State Executive shall meet at least six times per year at such times and places as are determined by the State President.

8.4 A special meeting of State Executive shall be convened by the State Director within three days giving at least two days notice on receipt of a request in writing signed by 2 members of State Executive. Such notice shall specify the reasons for such special meeting.

8.5 A quorum for meetings of the State Executive shall be 3.
Federal Executive can override any decisions made by a State Executive on any matter.

State Division

8.6 The Division will comprise of all People First Party members with an enrolled

8.7 The Division must meet at least twice a year with 50 days notice in writing or email. One meeting must be the Annual General Meeting.

8.8 The Annual General Meeting and the other or one of the other meetings must be separated by a period of not less than two months.

8.9 A copy of the draft minutes for each meeting (clearly marked as such) must be forwarded to the State Secretary promptly after the meeting.

8.10 If the minutes as subsequently adopted differ from the draft, a copy of the minutes must be forwarded to the State Secretary promptly after adoption.

8.11 The proceedings of the Division meeting shall be recorded in a minute book to be kept for that purpose and the minutes, including the minutes of Annual General Meetings or Special General Meetings, shall be confirmed at the following meeting of the Division and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

8.12 Each State Division shall elect at its Annual General Meeting an Executive consisting of a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary/Treasurer or a Secretary and a Treasurer and may from time to time elect such other officers and representatives as it considers necessary for its purposes it is entitled hereunder. Such Members must be in attendance at the meeting or have signified to the Chair or Secretary of the Division that they are willing to accept a position for which they may be nominated.

9. BRANCHES

9.1 Branches comprising not less than 50 Members may be established at any place within the State with the approval of the State Executive.

9.2 State Executive may establish a Branch based upon a factor other than locality, such as a professional or policy Branch.

9.3 There shall be a Headquarters Branch of which all members at large are hereby deemed to be members.

9.4 Each Branch shall concern itself with the progress of the district in which its members reside or the with purpose it was established and may co-operate with other Branches or non-political organisations in matters of mutual concern.

9.5

(a) A Branch must meet at least twice in each calendar year with 30 days notice in writing or email to members.

(b) One of the meetings must be an Annual General Meeting and it must be held no more than 15 months after the previous Annual General Meeting of the Branch.

(c) The Annual General Meeting and the other or one of the other meetings must be separated by a period of not less than two months.

(d) A copy of the draft minutes for each meeting (clearly marked as such) must be forwarded to the Party Secretary promptly after the meeting.

(e) If the minutes as subsequently adopted differ from the draft, a copy of the minutes must be forwarded to the Party Secretary promptly after adoption.

9.6 A Branch meeting must be convened by written notice to members of the Branch within fourteen days of a request in writing by any five members of the Branch.

9.7 The proceedings of the Branch shall be recorded in a minute book to be kept for that purpose and the minutes, including the minutes of Annual General Meetings or Special General Meetings, shall be confirmed at the following meeting of the Branch and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

9.8 Each Branch shall elect at its Annual General Meeting an Executive consisting of a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary/Treasurer or a Secretary and a Treasurer and may from time to time elect such other officers and representatives as it considers necessary for its purposes it is entitled hereunder. Such Members must be in attendance at the meeting or have signified to the Chair or Secretary of the Branch that they are willing to accept a position for which they may be nominated.

9.9 If both the Chair and the Vice-Chair are absent from a meeting of a Branch, it shall elect a temporary Chair.

9.10 The committee of a Branch may in circumstances of urgency by resolution exercise any of the powers of the Branch between meetings of the Branch where it is not convenient to convene a meeting thereof, provided that any action taken by the committee shall be submitted for ratification to the next meeting of the Branch.

9.11 A quorum of a Branch committee shall be not less than a majority thereof. A quorum of a Branch shall be not less than five members.

9.12 The Branch Secretary shall keep a record of members of the Branch.

9.13 No person shall be a member of more than one Branch.

9.14 All money raised by the Branch must be deposited into the People First Bank account with the name of the branch listed in the description.

10. MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

10.1. Members are not permitted to communicate with the media on Party matters unless authorised by the Federal Executive.

10.2. The following officers are automatically authorised to communicate with the media:

a. Federal President

10.3. No person may access members' names without written authority from the Federal Executive. in line with its guidelines and legal requirements.

11. FINANCES

- 11.1. The Party shall abide by all relevant laws, including electoral and association laws, in relation to financing the operations of the Party.
- 11.2. The Party's finances shall be the responsibility of the Federal Executive who may appoint a Finance Committee consisting of members of the Party, as may be determined by the Federal Executive at its absolute discretion, from time to time.
- 11.3. Functions of the Federal Executive shall include:
 - a. Prescribing the method of appointment of trustees, the method of collection, investment, distribution, and disbursement of donations, membership fees, electoral funding, bequests, and other funds of the Party; the delegation of such powers and functions; and any other requirements deemed necessary for the financing of the operations of the Party.
 - b. Raising funds for the Party and managing and controlling the application and distribution of such funds to the branches and State divisions of the Party to assist those branches and State divisions in carrying out their respective powers and duties, including but not limited to legal proceedings.
 - c. Ensuring that the Party complies with the relevant Federal or State legislation regulating the eligibility of political parties to receive electoral funding.
 - d. Ensuring that any electoral funding received by an agent of the Party the relevant *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Cth) or other legislation is received as money belonging to the Party and is to be distributed as determined by the National Executive in accordance with this Constitution.
 - e. The National Executive may appoint a trustee for any purpose it deems desirable, and such a trustee shall hold office until removed by a resolution of the National Executive.
- 11.4. The Federal Executive shall appoint an auditor from time to time.
- 11.5. Unless otherwise determined, the financial year of the Party organisation shall begin on 1 July each year.
- 11.6. Federal membership fees (including application fees for membership and annual subscription fees) shall be set by the Federal Executive at its absolute discretion and shall be collected and recorded by the Federal Membership Officer in conjunction with the Federal Treasurer from time to time.

12. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICE

- 12.1. The Federal Executive has the authority to prescribe and amend procedures for the pre-selection of candidates for elected public office at its discretion.
- 12.2. The Federal Executive may appoint a Candidate Selection Committee comprising members of the Party. This Candidate Selection Committee is responsible for overseeing the selection process and ensuring that candidates meet the criteria set out by the Party and relevant laws.
- 12.3. Candidate Selection Committee Responsibilities:
 - a. The Candidate Selection Committee will determine whether to approve or disapprove candidates for endorsement for elected public office.
 - b. The Candidate Selection Committee may interview all first-time applicants for endorsement and may waive interviews for members previously endorsed as candidates by the Party.
- 12.4. Approval and Endorsement:
 - a. No member may stand as a candidate for public office without approval from the Federal Executive or Selection Committee.
 - b. The Federal Executive retains the right to veto or change decisions made by the Candidate Selection Committee if deemed necessary for the Party's best interests or to comply with Party objectives.
 - c. The Federal Executive may direct the Candidate Selection Committee to review or reselect a candidate if there are concerns regarding their suitability, this committee will be composed of Party members of any other advisers as the Federal Executive decides.
 - d. The decision of the Federal Executive in these matters shall be final and binding.
 - e. The Federal Executive must decide which electorates to contest in elections and determine the number of candidates to endorse.
 - f. Serving Parliamentarians may be members of the Candidate Selection Committee unless they are pre-selection candidates or have a conflict of interest.
- 12.5. Criteria for Candidate Assessment:
 - a. Candidates must meet legal requirements for office, including those under *Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act- Sect 44*.
 - b. Candidates will be assessed based on personal qualities, Party involvement, community involvement, commitment to Party policy.

- c. public speaking, media skills, employment history, campaigning skills, and suitability for Parliamentary work.
- d. A pre-selection administration fee, as determined by the Federal Executive, must be paid by candidates.

12.6. Campaign Committee

- a. The Federal Executive may appoint a Federal Campaign Committee and a Federal Campaign Director.
- b. The Federal Campaign Committee, subject to the approval of the Federal Executive, may have authority over all Party Units for the purpose of campaigning. This includes directing individual campaigning efforts and overseeing all aspects of continuous campaigning.
- c. The Federal Campaign Committee and any associated Federal Electorate Campaign Committees shall meet as required from time to time to coordinate and manage campaign activities.
- d. The Federal Campaign Committee shall report to the Federal Executive.

13. FEDERAL CONVENTION

- 13.1. A Federal Convention shall be called by the Federal Executive at least every two years.
- 13.2. The Federal Executive may also call a Federal Convention at its discretion and shall organise the Convention as soon as possible after making the decision. No Federal Convention may be held less than 12 months after any previous Federal Convention.
- 13.3. Members must be given 50 days notice regarding a Federal Convention with details and an agenda provided no later than 14 days before the Federal Convention.
- 13.4. All members of the Party shall be eligible to attend the Federal Convention as delegates. Delegates must provide proper identification and proof of membership when attending the Federal Convention.
- 13.5. A quorum for the Federal Convention shall consist of 50 members, provided that a majority of the Party's divisions are represented by delegates present in person or by proxy.
- 13.6. Proxies must be registered with the Federal Secretary on a form determined by the Federal Secretary and submitted no later than 7 days prior to the

- 13.7. Each delegate shall have one vote at the Federal Convention.
- 13.8. A Federal Convention may consider any matter put before it where details of the matter have been provided in writing to the Federal Executive at least 28 days prior to the Federal Convention. Matters put forward by the Federal Executive shall be given priority.
- 13.9. The Federal Convention may make recommendations regarding Party policy, the Federal Party Constitution, or administrative matters. These recommendations shall be published and discussed in a newsletter, notice, or equivalent publication as per the provisions of this Constitution and shall be put to a ballot of the delegates.
- 13.10. Any recommendations or resolutions made by the Federal Convention shall be submitted to the Federal Executive for consideration or implementation, as appropriate.

14. CONDUCT OF BALLOTS

- 14.1. A decision requiring the input of the general membership, including the election of office bearers or amendments to the Constitution or regulations, shall be determined by a ballot. The method of the ballot, including the use of a secret ballot, shall be determined by the Federal Executive.
- 14.2. The Federal Executive or a designated committee shall oversee the preparation and distribution of ballot papers. It is their responsibility to ensure:
 - a) Every eligible member receives a ballot paper.
 - b) Only ballots from verified members are counted.
 - c) No member votes more than once in any single ballot.
- 14.3. Eligibility for voting in Party elections or other ballots shall be based on current financial membership as recorded by the Party. Ballot papers may be distributed at a Federal Convention or other events, and ballots returned by members will be counted along with those received at the Convention.
- 14.4. Except where specified otherwise in this Constitution, a decision or resolution passed by eligible delegates or members is valid only if a majority of the eligible participants vote in favour. The outcome of a ballot will take effect from the date on which the ballot closed, unless a different date is specified in the ballot question or this Constitution.

15. DETERMINATION OF POLICY

- 15.1. The Federal Executive shall be responsible for determining and periodically revising the Federal Policy for the Party.
- 15.2. The Federal Policy shall articulate the Party's philosophical stance on policy issues required to achieve its objectives and shall outline the principles guiding the formulation of policy, as well as the detailed means and programs for meeting and achieving these objectives.

- 15.3. Any Party member who disagrees with a Party policy or decision may express and advocate their own views, provided they clarify that these views do not represent the general membership of the Party.

16. DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND DISPUTES COMMITTEE

- 16.1. There may be a Disputes Committee to hear and determine:
- a) Any appeals arising out of the conduct or result of any pre-selection proceedings.
 - b) Disciplinary proceedings referred to it by the Federal Executive.
 - c) Any other investigation, complaint, or dispute referred to it by virtue of this Constitution.
- 16.2. Any dispute or complaint within the Party must be submitted in writing to the Federal Secretary.
- 16.3. The Federal Executive must review the dispute or complaint within twenty eight (28) days of its receipt.
- 16.4. If the Federal Executive determines that the matter requires further investigation, it shall refer the dispute to the Disputes Committee within seven (7) days of the initial review.
- 16.5. Composition of the Disputes Committee:
- a) The Disputes Committee shall be composed of three members of the Federal Executive, as determined by the Federal Executive.
 - b) The Disputes Committee may also appoint additional members to assist in resolving the dispute, as deemed necessary by the Federal Executive.
- 16.6. Determination and Finality
- a) The Disputes Committee shall make a determination on any dispute within twenty-eight (28) days of receiving the referral from the Federal Executive.
 - b) A decision of the Disputes Committee on matters related to preselection proceedings or disciplinary proceedings shall be final and binding on The Party and all Members.
 - c) The decision of the Disputes Committee in all other referred matters shall also be final and binding on all parties involved.

17. AMENDMENT OF THIS CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be repealed, added to, or amended as follows:

- 17.1. By the Federal Executive, within the first 3 years of Party operation, or by a Federal Convention, which will be convened by the Federal Executive.
- 17.2. Before convening a Federal Convention to consider any proposed changes to this Constitution, the Federal Executive shall appoint a Constitutional Review Committee. This committee, composed of members of the Federal Executive and other members appointed by the Federal Executive, will:
 - a) Examine proposed changes to the Constitution.
 - b) Solicit submissions from all members or units of the Party.
 - c) Prepare a report with proposed amendments for the Federal Executive.
 - d) Any proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the Constitutional Review Committee at least 60 days before the Federal Convention. The Committee's report and proposed amendments must be circulated to delegates at least 14 days prior to the Federal Convention.
- 17.3. Amendments to this Constitution require:
 - e) A seventy-five percent majority vote of members present in person or by proxy at any meeting, provided at least fifty percent of the full membership casts votes. The proposed amendments must also be ratified by the Federal Executive within three months; or
 - f) A majority vote by the Federal Executive
- 18.4. The name of the Party, "*Gerard Rennick People First*," may be changed or shortened to "People First Party," or another name determined by the Federal Executive. This change does not require an amendment to this Constitution if one of the following occurs:
 - g) The Federal President requests in writing to shorten the Party name or remove any part of it; or
 - h) The Federal Executive resolves to change the Party name

18. DISSOLUTION

- 18.1. The Party cannot be dissolved except by a unanimous decision of the Federal Executive or as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 18.2. In the event of such a decision or determination, the dissolution of the Party must be completed within 30 days from the date of the decision.
- 18.3. Upon dissolution, any remaining property, after settling debts and liabilities, shall not be distributed among members. Instead, it shall be transferred to an institution with similar objectives and a constitution prohibiting the distribution of income and property among its members. This institution shall be determined by a ballot of the Party members with beneficiary nominees to be determined by the Federal Executive.