

Candidates Follow This Procedure

Chaplain candidates give a three (3) minute presentation that calls (challenges) the legislature to its purpose.

Clerk candidates sight read a Bill selected by the Presiding officer.

Lt. Governor (Ohio only) candidates speak for 2 minutes on the “role of the Lt. Governor in the Student Legislature.”

President and Speaker candidates preside over a session of the *Legislature using a Bill before the Legislature as determined by the legislative calendar or a bill of their choice*. The candidate selects the Bill, a person to be Clerk, Authors, Minority and Majority reporters and Legislators to speak for and against the Bill. Candidates exhibit their knowledge of the procedure by conducting the session that lasts no more than five (5) minutes. The procedure used is:

“The Student Legislature is in session.” (gavel to order)

“This being an extraordinary session, we will dispense with the Chaplain’s message, the reading of the Journal and the Order of the Day.”

“Is the author of the Bill present?” (Recognize the author for a 30 second presentation of the Bill)

“Is there a majority report?” (No more than 30 seconds)

“Is there a minority report?” (No more than 30 seconds)

The question is, shall the Bill pass?

After 3 to 5 minutes of discussion and debate, the Chair will call for the question and proceed with the vote. “The question is, shall the Bill pass?” Those in favor say ‘aye’. Those opposed, say ‘nay’.” (The Chair then declares the Bill passed or defeated.)

Governor candidates speak for 3 minutes on their “Legislative Agenda for the Student Legislature.”

A word of advice to Governor Candidates – *Avoid making “deals” with other Governor candidates to appoint each other to the Governor’s Cabinet*. Upon election, one may find that defeated officer candidates may not be the best person(s) to appoint. Don’t get boxed in. There is always an opportunity during the appointment period to appoint one or more defeated candidates if they apply and appear the best person(s) for the job.

Voting Procedure

A simple majority of these eligible voters determines the winning candidate.

Officer

Governor
Lt. Gov. (Ohio only)
Clerk & Chaplain
Speaker

Eligible Voters

Legislators, Supreme Court Justices, Press, Lobbyists, Officers
Legislators, Supreme Court Justices, Press, Lobbyists, Officers
Legislators
Members of the House

President
Chief Justice

Members of the Senate
Supreme Court Justices

Note – In case of an office with only one candidate, voters mark their ballot for the candidate or write no. Write ins and unmarked ballots are not counted.