

The Chairman

National Executive Committee
New Patriotic Party (NPP)
Accra

Through:

The General Secretary
New Patriotic Party (NPP)
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Date: 12th November 2025

SUBMISSION ON THE PURPORTED PETITION CHALLENGING THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS
COMMITTEE'S DIRECTIVE ON PROXY VOTING

Dear Chairman,

I write in my personal capacity as a bona fide member of the New Patriotic Party (NPP) who is also the Chairman of the NPP Sweden Branch, to respectfully register my disagreement with the contents, characterisation, and conclusions of the petition submitted to your high office dated 10th November 2025, purporting to represent the collective position of all thirty (30) external branches of the Party.

While I recognise and respect the right of party members to seek redress through appropriate channels as enshrined under Article 4 of the NPP Constitution, I find the said petition procedurally misleading, constitutionally unsound, and politically unhelpful to the unity and integrity of our great Party.

Accordingly, I wish to submit the following grounds of objection for your kind consideration:

1. Misrepresentation of External Branch Consensus

The petition in question creates the false and misleading impression that all thirty (30) external branches were present, represented, and in agreement at the meeting during which the petition was conceived and discussed.

Several branch chairpersons, including myself, were not present, and some have raised this concern on the chairperson's platform. The assertion that the petition reflects a unanimous or collective decision of all external branches is therefore inaccurate and should not be given the weight of collective representation. It is worth noting that a meeting of Branch Chairpersons alone, without proper consultation with other executive members of the external branches, cannot make unilateral decisions on behalf of the entire body of external branches. The record must reflect that no formal resolution or consensus of all external branches / delegates was ever passed to endorse the petition in question.

2. The Presidential Elections Committee (PEC) Acts Within Its Mandate

The Presidential Elections Committee (PEC) was constitutionally constituted by the National Council with a clear and express mandate to plan, organise, supervise, and execute the presidential election process of the Party.

Its Terms of Reference, as approved by the National Council, expressly empower it to formulate, review, and implement operational rules and guidelines deemed necessary for the fair and efficient conduct of this presidential primary.

It would therefore be contrary to the intent and spirit of that delegation of authority to insist that every operational guideline, such as the “no proxy voting” directive, must be separately sanctioned by the National Council before taking effect. Such an interpretation would paralyse the PEC, reduce its operational independence, and undermine the very purpose for which it was established.

3. The PEC Consults All Presidential Aspirants Equitably

The PEC’s operations are guided by transparency, fairness, and consultation with all presidential aspirants. Each aspirant and their representatives participate in discussions about the election framework and can express concerns or proposals. It is, therefore, inconsistent and unfair for any group within the Party to selectively challenge one directive (in this case, the “no proxy” rule) and the legitimacy of the PEC while accepting all the other guidelines.

If every segment of the Party were to petition against operational guidelines it personally disagreed with, the election process would descend into disorder and endless contestation, thereby delaying or destabilising the Party’s internal democratic timetable.

4. Administrative Integrity and Precedent

The PEC’s decision to prohibit proxy voting must be viewed within the broader context of safeguarding electoral integrity and ensuring uniform participation.

While proxy voting has served a practical purpose in the past, it has also posed serious administrative and accountability challenges, including questions about the authenticity of representation and verification of proxy authorisations. If the PEC in its consultation and within its mandate believes no proxy will in this Presidential Primary ensure a credible, transparent, and dispute-free election then the decision must be supported.

Moreover, the Party’s Constitution does not confer an absolute right to proxy voting; rather, it leaves the regulation of electoral modalities to competent internal organs such as the PEC, acting under delegated authority. Therefore, I believe the PEC’s decision in this **particular instance** represents a responsible administrative evolution, not a violation of rights.

5. Upholding Party Unity and Institutional Respect

The public circulation of petitions that challenge duly constituted internal organs risks eroding confidence in our Party’s decision-making structures and projects disunity at a critical time in our collective effort to return to power.

Constructive engagement, not public confrontation, should remain our guiding principle. As committed members of the NPP, we must model discipline, institutional respect, and faith in due process, the very values that distinguish our Party from others.

Conclusion and Prayer

In view of the above, I respectfully urge the National Executive Committee to:

1. **Take note that the petition dated 10th November 2025 does not represent the unanimous position of the thirty (30) external branches.**
2. **Affirm the authority and mandate of the Presidential Elections Committee (PEC) to issue operational directives, including the current “no proxy voting” rule for this primary.**
3. **Encourage continued dialogue between the PEC and the External Branch Caucus, without undermining the PEC’s operational autonomy or delaying the presidential primary process.**
4. **Reiterate the Party’s commitment to transparency, discipline, and unity as we collectively prepare to recapture power in 2028.**

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. RICHARD OTI-ABOAGYE



Chairman, NPP Sweden Branch

CC:

- The Chairman, National Council
- The Constitutional and Legal Committee
- The Presidential Elections Committee
- All Presidential Candidates
- The Director, External Affairs