NEW COLUMBIA STATEHOOD COMMISSION 51

Rules for the Constitutional Convention for New Columbia

1) The Convention is non-partisan, and attendees must respect all views.
2) The Commissioners of the New Columbia Statehood Commission will chair all sessions. Each session has a topic assigned and will encourage discussion related to that topic:

June 13th	June 17th	June 18th
Bill of Rights	Article II – The Executive Branch	Article III – The Judicial Branch
Article I – The Legislative Branch	Article IV – Budget and Financial Management	Article VII - Miscellaneous
Article VI – Initiative; Referendum; Recall	Article V – Borrowing	Article VIII - Transfer of Offices

3) All Washington, DC residents are deemed to be delegates.
4) Testimony will follow the rules established in the public engagement process adopted by the New Columbia Statehood Commission. Individuals will have 3 minutes to testify, and organizations will have 5 minutes. Delegates may also submit written testimony, up to 3 pages for individuals and up to 5 pages for organizations.
5) An individual can testify one time each session.
6) All comments will be given equal weight for review by the New Columbia Statehood Commission.
7) Online testimony will be given equal weight to in-person testimony.
8) The ultimate decision on all amendments and comments will be that of the New Columbia Statehood Commission by majority vote.
9) Final approval of the Constitution will be determined by the voters on the November 8 ballot.