



NEW COLUMBIA 
STATEHOOD
COMMISSION

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

Bill of Rights
Article I – The Legislative
Branch
Article VI – Initiative;
Referendum; Recall

June 17th

Article II – The Executive
Branch
Article IV – Budget and
Financial Management
Article V – Borrowing

June 18th

Article III – The Judicial
Branch
Article VII - Miscellaneous
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.