



**BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT
NEW KEMET HARAMBE MEETING
STANDING RULES**

1. The general authority controlling the Blacks In Government New Kemet Harambe Chapter shall be the New Kemet Harambe Chapter Bylaws, these Standing Rules and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised Tenth Edition.
2. The presiding official shall be responsible for maintaining order and decorum at all times to assure that the business of the organization is transacted fairly and judiciously.
3. The presiding official shall also select individuals to tabulate the vote of members on any issue before the New Kemet Harambe Chapter Meeting, except for the election of officers, which shall be handled by the Election Committee, pursuant to the New Kemet Harambe Chapter Bylaws. Only chapter members shall be allowed to make motions, speak in debate, or cast a vote.
4. A quorum shall consist of not less than five (5) members, which must include at least one Chapter officer. A quorum must be present to conduct business at any and all subsequent sessions. If, at any time after the New Kemet Harambe Chapter Meeting has been called to order and is in session, less than a quorum of the members are present, the Parliamentarian shall notify the presiding official that the body fails to have a quorum and any and all subsequent actions are unofficial and non-binding on the Chapter.
5. Members addressing the Chapter shall be recognized by the presiding official first before speaking.
6. Each member/speaker may speak up to two (2) minutes on any issue. No member shall speak more than twice on the same issue. Discussion on any one issue shall not exceed ten (10) minutes with the exception of the treasurer's report, auditor's report, and Bylaws Committee's report.
7. The election of all Chapter Officers shall be determined by a majority vote. If a majority is not obtained on the first ballot, the two candidates with the highest number of votes shall have a run-off election. The other candidates shall not appear on the ballot.

8. All candidates for Chapter office shall have the opportunity to take two (2) minutes to present their platform to the New Kemet Harambe Chapter membership. All candidates for the office of Chapter President shall have the opportunity to take three (3) minutes to present their platform.
9. All cellular phones and pagers shall be turned off or placed on vibrate while the New Kemet Harambe Chapter is in session. No cellular phone usage will be permitted during any Chapter or Executive Board meeting.
10. These rules require a two-thirds ($2/3$) affirmative vote by the members present and voting for adoption. These rules may also be suspended by a majority vote of the members present and voting.