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1	TEXAS COLLEGE of EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS
2	Texas Chapter of the
3	American College of Emergency Physicians
4	A Non-Profit Corporation
5	BYLAWS
6	Revised April 14, 2025
7	Approved by ACEP Board of Directors April 17, 2025
8	Article I
9	Chapter Name
10	Section 1 – Corporate Structure and Charter
11	This organization shall be a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of
12	Texas. Having received a Charter from the American College of Emergency Physicians, this
13 14	organization is a Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians [hereinafter the "College"] and shall be called the Texas College of Emergency Physicians [hereinafter
15	referred to as the "Chapter" or "TCEP"].
16	Section 2 – Fiscal Year
17	The fiscal year of the Chapter shall begin annually on the first day of July and end on the last
18	day in June.
19	Article II
20	Mission, Purpose, and Objectives
21	The mission, purpose, and objectives of the Chapter shall be those set forth in the Bylaws of
22	the College and in accordance with the Chapter's Articles of Incorporation.
23	Article III
24	Membership
25	Section 1 - Qualifications
26	The qualifications for membership in the Chapter must be consistent with those for
27	membership in the College.
28	Section 2 – College Authority
29 30	Membership applications, classification changes, suspensions, cancellations, and expulsions shall be acted upon by the College.
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Section 3 - Membership Classifications and Privileges

32 Membership classifications and privileges in the Chapter must be consistent with those 33 designated in the College Bylaws. Except as otherwise provided for in these Bylaws, 34 Candidate physician members may not hold a Chapter office, may not vote in elections, may 35 not vote on any matter submitted to the membership, but may serve on the Chapter Board of 36 Directors and may vote on committees to which they have been appointed. Except as 37 otherwise provided for in these Bylaws, Candidate student members may not hold a Chapter 38 office, may not vote in elections, may not vote on any matter submitted to the membership, 39 but may serve on the Chapter Board of Directors as a non-voting member and may vote on 40 committees to which they have been appointed.

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Section 4 - Records

42 The Chapter shall retain records of accounts and keep minutes of the proceedings of its 43 members and Board. Records of the Chapter may be inspected by any member, or the agent 44 or attorney of a member, within a reasonable time and at a reasonable place in accordance 45 with jurisdictional law. Demands of inspection shall be in writing and addressed to the 46 attention of the President or Secretary.

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Section 5 - Cancellation/Limitation of Member Rights and Privileges

48 The College has the sole right to cancel membership in the College for reasons described in 49 the College Bylaws, including nonpayment of Chapter dues and mandatory Chapter 50 assessments, and thereby all related Chapter memberships.

- 51 For proper cause other than nonpayment of dues or assessments, the Chapter may limit the
- 52 rights and privileges of members at the Chapter level.
- Article IV 53 **Dues and Assessments** 54 55 Section 1 - Dues Dues for the Chapter shall be established and/or changed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the 56 57 Board of Directors. 58 Section 2 - Assessments 59 Assessments may be levied by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. **Article V** 60 **Meetings of the Members** 61 62

Section 1 - Annual Meeting

63 There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Chapter membership. Notice of such meeting shall 64 be communicated in writing not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the 65 appointed time. Other regular meetings of the Chapter may be held with similar notice 66 requirements.

Section 2 - Special Meetings

68 69	Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, the Board of Directors, or by a written petition signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of regular members. Notice of
70 71 72	such meetings shall be communicated in writing not less than ten (10) nor more than thirty (30) days before the appointed time. Notice must include the purpose of the special meeting and the methods of voting to be used at the meeting.
73	Section 3 - Quorum
74 75	A minimum of three (3) Chapter members represented at any duly called meeting of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum.
76	Section 4 -Notice
77	Notice of membership meetings shall include the time, place, and purpose(s) of the meeting
78 79	and shall be communicated to all members in accordance with any applicable jurisdictional law. Meeting notices must identify all methods of voting that will be used at the meeting.
80	Section 5 – Remote Communication Technology
81	Meeting notices, any meeting of the membership, and any actions taken physically in person
82	therein may be conducted using remote communication technology in conjunction with any
83	applicable jurisdictional law.
84	Article VI
85	Board of Directors
86	Section 1 - Powers
87	The Board of Directors (hereinafter the "Board") shall have supervision, control, and direction
88	of the affairs of the Chapter; shall determine its policies or changes therein within the limits
89	of these bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation; shall actively pursue its purposes; and shall
90	have discretion in the disbursement of its funds. The Board may adopt such rules and
91	regulations for the conduct of its business as shall be deemed advisable and may, in the
92	execution of the powers granted, appoint such agents as it may consider necessary.
93 04	The act of a majority of directors who are present at a duly called meeting, at which a quorum
94 95	exists, is the act of the Board, unless the Articles of Incorporation or these bylaws require the presence of a greater number of directors.
96 07	Section 2 - Composition
97 08	The Board shall be composed of 13 elected Directors, plus the Immediate Past President if
98 99	their term as elected director has expired; and shall include a young physician and a Candidate
100	member resident/fellow who shall have the right to vote at the Board level. There shall also be a non-voting Candidate member medical student representative. Other Officers shall
100	remain non-voting ex officio members of the Board if their term as an elected Director has
101	expired. Except as specified above, all Directors have the right to vote as Directors.
103	Section 3 – Terms of Office
104	The young physician, resident/fellow, and medical student representative shall serve a term of
105	one year and may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in these positions, assuming

eligibility at time of election. Other elected directors shall serve a term of three (3) years andmay serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms.

108 All Board terms shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting at which their election occurs 109 and conclude at the close of the Annual Meeting coincident with their respective term of office.

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Section 4A - Nomination and Election

111 The Nominating Committee shall present to the Board a list of one or more nominees for each

112 available elected Board position at least 60 days prior to the date of the election. The approved

113 report of the Nominating Committee shall be published in writing to the membership at least

114 thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Membership meeting.

115 Nominees shall be members of the Chapter in good standing. In addition, at the time of the 116 election, young physician candidates must be regular members less than 40 years of age or in 117 active emergency medicine practice less than 10 years; resident/fellow candidates must be in good standing within a Texas-based Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education 118 119 (ACGME) accredited Emergency Medicine Residency Program or fellowship training 120 program immediately following an emergency medicine residency; and medical student 121 candidates in good standing in a Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or 122 Council on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) accredited Medical School in Texas. 123 Nominations from the floor at the time of elections are allowed. Voting at the Annual Meeting 124 should be conducted physically in-person unless, as determined by the Board, voting 125 electronically is a necessary additional or alternative means of voting. Voting electronically 126 must allow confirmation of a participant's identity and real-time two-way communication 127 between participants. Directors and the medical student representative shall be elected by a 128 majority of eligible Chapter members voting at the Annual Membership Meeting. Write in 129 votes are not allowed.

Regular Chapter members may vote for all Board positions. Candidate physician members who are a resident/fellow may only vote for the resident/fellow Director and the medical student representative. Candidate student members who are medical students may only vote for the medical student representative.

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Section 4B - Balloting Procedures

On an individual ballot, members must cast the same number of votes as the number of positions to be filled. In the event more candidates than the number of positions to be filled receive a majority of the legal votes cast, the candidates with the greatest vote totals will be elected. In the event all positions but one are filled and there are three or more remaining candidates for the sole remaining position, and none receive a majority of the legal votes cast, the candidate with the lowest vote total shall be dropped from the next ballot. Ties are broken by revote.

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143 The Board shall have no less than four (4) regular meetings annually, to include an Annual

144 Board Meeting to be held within seven (7) days following the conclusion of the Annual

145 Chapter Membership Meeting. Regular Board meetings are open to Chapter members unless

146 otherwise specified.

147 Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or one-third (1/3) of Directors.

148 Special meetings may or may not be open to Chapter members at the discretion of the 149 convening agent, who will also designate the place, date, and time.

Notice of regular and special meetings of the Board shall be communicated to each member of the Board at least ten (10) days in advance of each meeting. Such meetings may be conducted in person, by telephone conference call, or using remote communication technology in conjunction with any applicable jurisdictional law. A majority of Directors shall

154 constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

Any Board member may request an emergency Board meeting by notifying the President and Chapter Executive Director in writing of the need to consider a time sensitive matter. Such a meeting will be duly called upon an affirmative response by a majority of Directors responding to the request within two (2) business days. If approved, the emergency meeting will be scheduled by the President to convene within an additional two (2) business days.

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Section 6 – Remote Communication Technology

Meeting notices, any meeting of the Chapter Board, and any actions taken therein, may be conducted in person, by telephone conference call, or by remote communication technology in conjunction with any applicable jurisdictional law. Board members attending via remote communication technology shall be considered present in person.

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Section 7 - Removal

Any Director may be removed from office by two-thirds (2/3) of the legal votes cast by 166 167 Chapter members voting at any Chapter meeting. Removal must be initiated by a majority vote of Directors or a petition of regular Chapter members signed by no less than one-third 168 169 (1/3) of the number of regular Chapter members casting legal votes at the meeting at which 170 the Director was elected. Any vacancy created by removal may be filled for the remainder of 171 the unexpired term by a majority of the legal votes cast by the Chapter members voting at the 172 meeting at which the removal occurs. Nominations for any vacancy created by a removal shall 173 be accepted from the floor.

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Section 8 - Resignation

175 Any Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or to the Board.

- 176 Such resignation shall take effect immediately or at the time specified therein.
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Section 9 - Vacancies

178 Vacancies which occur on the Board for any reason, other than vacancies resulting from 179 removal, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors with an eligible member 180 for the respective position for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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181	Article VII
182	Officers
183	Section 1 – Officer Titles and Terms of Office
184	The officers of the Chapter shall be the President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and
185	Immediate Past-President. Officer terms shall be one year and commence at the conclusion of
186	the Board meeting at which election occurs and end at the conclusion of the Board meeting at
187	which a successor is elected or succession occurs. Officers shall not be eligible to serve
188	concurrently in more than one office and the number of terms served in any one office is
189	limited only by eligibility for Board service. In cases of automatic succession of office, all
190	officers participating in the succession must agree to serve the specified length of term and
191	the number of consecutive terms up to and including the maximum number.
192	Section 2 – Nominations and Election
193	The Nominating Committee shall present to the Board a list of nominees for available officer
194	positions. Nominees for Chapter Officer shall be a current elected Director at the time of their
195	election. Nominations from the floor are allowed. The President-Elect, Treasurer, and
196	Secretary shall be elected by majority of legal votes cast by Directors voting at the Annual
197	Board Meeting. In the event there are three (3) or more candidates for one position and no
198	candidate receives a majority of the legal votes cast, the candidate with the lowest vote total
199	shall be dropped from the next ballot.
200	Section 3 – Voting as a Director
201	Each Officer serves on the Board and has the right to vote as a Director, unless otherwise
202	specified.
203	Section 4 - Officer Duties
204	a. President shall:
205	1) be the presiding officer at all meetings. In the absence of the President, the
206	President-Elect, Immediate Past-President, Treasurer, or Secretary in said order
207	shall be the presiding officer.
208	2) be ex-officio member of all committees.
209	3) be responsible for ensuring that all Chapter contracts with third parties contain a
210	provision disclosing the fact that the Chapter is an entity separate and distinct from
211	the College and for ensuring that the Chapter adheres to the policy governing the
212	use of the mark of the American College of Emergency Physicians.
213	4) be responsible to oversee an annual evaluation of the Executive Director.
214	b. President-Elect shall:

215	1) when necessary, perform Presidential duties with all the powers and be subject to)
216	all the restrictions of the President.	
217	2) chair the Nominating Committee.	
218	3) perform such other duties as assigned by the President or Board.	
219	4) succeed to the Office of President at the expiration of the incumbent President's	5
220	term.	
221	c. Treasurer shall:	
222	1) have general custody of all funds and securities of the Chapter except such as may	/
223	be required by law to be deposited with any governmental agency.	
224	2) deposit or cause to be deposited all monies and other valuable property in the name)
225	and to the credit of the Chapter into financial institutions as approved by the Board	•
226	3) disburse the funds of the Chapter as may be ordered by the Board;	
227	4) keep, or cause to be kept, regular books of account under their direction and	ł
228	supervision, and render to the Board, whenever requested, an account of all the	3
229	financial transactions and report on the financial condition of the Chapter.	
230	5) have charge of the preparation and filing of such reports, financial statements, and	1
231	returns as may be required by law.	
232	6) provide to the Board, no later than four (4) months after the close of the fiscal year	,
233	a balance sheet together with a statement of the income and profits and loss of such	ı
234	fiscal year. Such financial statement shall be verified by a certified public	2
235	accountant.	
236	7) Perform the duties of the Treasurer, except with approval of the Board, assign such	ı
237	duties to the Executive Director.	
238	d. Secretary shall:	
239	1) keep, or cause to be kept, adequate records of transactions and minutes of meetings	3
240	of the Board and Chapter.	
241	2) give or cause to be given required notices of all meetings of the members and	1
242	Board.	
243	3) from time to time review the Chapter Bylaws to ensure their content effectively	/
244	represents the interests and expectations of the membership and Chapter, and are	3
245	consistent with the Bylaws of the College.	
246	e. Immediate Past-President shall:	
247	1) remain a Director until duly replaced by succession of officers or until such time	3
248	as their regular term as a Director shall expire, whichever is longer. 2) perform	1
249	duties as assigned by the President or Board.	
250	Section 5 – Removal	
251	An Officer may be removed from office by two-thirds (2/3) of the legal votes cast by the	3
252	Board. Removal of an Officer shall not automatically result in removal as a Director if their	r

253 254	term has not yet expired. However, at its discretion, the Board, by majority vote, may suspend such Director's privileges and initiate removal as a Director in accordance with these bylaws.
255	Section 6 – Resignation
256	A Chapter Officer may resign by giving written notice to the President or the Board. Such
257	resignation shall take effect immediately or at the time specified therein. Resignation by an
258	Officer shall not automatically result in resignation as a Director if that term has not yet
259	expired.
260	Section 7 – Vacancies
261	Vacancies which occur in a Chapter Officer position for any reason (except as below) may be
262	filled by a majority of legal votes cast by Directors with an eligible Director for the respective
263	position and for the remainder of the unexpired term. In the event the President is unable to
264	fulfill their duties, the President-Elect shall succeed to the office of President for the remainder
265	of the unexpired term and for the succeeding term. In the event both the President and
266	President-Elect are unable to fulfill their duties, the Board shall elect a current Director to
267 268	serve as President for the unexpired term and then elect both a President and President-Elect at the next Annual Board Meeting. If, for any reason, the office of Immediate Past-President
268 269	becomes vacant, the Board may appoint a previous Chapter President to this office at its
20)	discretion.
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272	Councillors
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Section 4 – Removal

299 A Councillor may be removed from office by two-thirds (2/3) of the legal votes cast by Chapter 300 members voting at any Chapter meeting. Removal must be initiated by a majority vote of 301 Directors or a petition of regular Chapter members signed by no less than one-third (1/3) of 302 the number of regular Chapter members casting legal votes at the meeting at which the 303 Councillor was elected. Any vacancy created by removal may be filled for the remainder of 304 the unexpired term by a majority of the legal votes cast by the Chapter members voting at the 305 meeting at which the removal occurs. Nominations for any vacancy created by a removal shall 306 be accepted from the floor. An Alternate Councillor may be removed by a majority of legal 307 votes cast by the Board.

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Section 5 – Resignation

309 Councillors or Alternate Councillors may resign by giving written notice to the President or 310 the Board. Such resignation shall take effect immediately or at the time specified therein.

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Section 6 – Vacancies

312 Vacancies occurring in Councillor or Alternate Councillor positions may be filled by a 313 majority vote of the Board with an eligible member for the respective position and for the 314 remainder of the unexpired term.

315 Section 7 – Responsibilities and Special Rights of Councillors/Alternate Councillors

Councillors shall represent the Chapter at all Council meetings. If unable to attend, the Councillor must notify the President and/or Executive Director. Alternate Councillors are also expected to attend Council Meetings and be prepared to serve as a Councillor should the need arise.

320Article IX321Committees322Section 1 – Appointment323With the exception of the Executive Committee, the President may appoint Chapter members324to committees as deemed necessary to facilitate the business of the Chapter. Individual325committee members shall actively participate in the affairs of committees to which they are326appointed until they are replaced, resign, or removed at will by the President.

- 327 The President will appoint a Committee Chair who shall be responsible for organizing the
- 328 respective committee and reporting committee activities to the Board. All committee chairs
- 329 are voting committee members.
- 330 The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Chapter committees.

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Section 2 – Governance and Authority

332 Chapter committees shall be governed by Chapter policies, procedures, governing documents

- and other rules established by the Board. Committees may adopt additional rules for their
- individual committee governance as long as they are consistent with the above.
- Actions of committees shall at all times be advisory to and subject to the authority of the Board and Executive Committee as provided in these Bylaws.
- A majority of committee members in attendance at committee meetings shall constitute aquorum.
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Section 3 – Executive Committee

340 The Chapter Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee, chaired by the President,

which shall have the authority, when a quorum (defined as a majority of committee members)is present, to act on behalf of the Board between regular meetings. Such action(s) must be

ratified by the Board at the next regular meeting; failure of such ratification nullifies the

- 344 action(s) taken by the Executive Committee.
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Section 4 – Nominating Committee

346 The Nominating Committee is chaired by the President-Elect. At least 90 days prior the

347 Annual Membership Meeting, the President shall appoint not less than two (2) additional

348 current or former Directors (none of whom intend to seek election) to the Nominating

349 Committee. This committee shall present to the Board for approval, a list of one or more

nominations for each open position for Directors and Councillors at least sixty (60) days prior

- to the Annual Membership Meeting. The approved report of the Nominating Committee shall
- then be published to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior the Annual MembershipMeeting.
- The nominating committee will also submit nominations for President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer to the Board at the Annual Board Meeting.

356 Nominations from the floor are allowed in all elections and floor candidates must meet the

- 357 minimum qualifications for the respective desired position.
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Section 5 - Notice of Chapter Committee Meetings

Article X

359 The committee chair shall provide at least seven (7) days' notice to committee members of

360 scheduled meetings in accordance with methods used by the Chapter for other types of notice.

- 361 Attendance at any committee meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice.
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Voting Methods and Telecommunications

364	Section 1 - Voting
365	Voting in election of the Board and Councillors and other matters at the Membership Meetings
366	shall be "in person" voting, unless, as determined by the Board, voting may be augmented or
367	alternatively conducted using remote communication technology. Voting by remote,
368	communication technology must allow the confirmation of the identities of all participants
369 370	and real-time two-way communication between participation. Proxy voting is not allowed. Absentee voting is not allowed. Voting in all matters must be in accordance with jurisdictional
370 371	law.
372	Section 2 – Voting Results
373	A majority vote of legal votes cast by members voting on any issue or question under
374	consideration at any meeting will constitute an affirmative decision on the issue, unless
375	otherwise stated herein.
376	Section 3 - Remote Communication Technology
377	Conduct in all matters at Board and committee meetings, including voting, is to be in-person
378	unless such meetings take place via conference call or other electronic medium which allows
379	participants to communicate concurrently with each other and each person entitled to
380	participate consents to the meeting being held by such means.
381	Section 4 - Parliamentary Authority
382	When not in conflict with these Bylaws, the parliamentary procedures outlined in the most
383	recent edition of the American Institute of Parliamentarians "Standard Code of Parliamentary
384	Procedure" shall govern all meetings and voting.
385	Article XI
386	Indemnification
387	The Chapter will, by resolution of the Board, provide for indemnification by the Chapter of
388	any and all of its Directors or Officers or former Directors or Officers against expenses
389	actually and necessarily incurred by them in connection with the defense of any action, suit,
390 391	or proceeding in which they or any of them are made parties, or a party, by reason of having been Directors or Officers of the Chapter, except in relation to matters as to which such
391 392	Director or Officer or former Director or Officer shall be adjudged in such action, suit, or
393	proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty and to such
394	matters as shall be settled by agreement predicated on the existence of such liability for
395	negligence or misconduct.
396	Article XII
397	Approval of Bylaws and Amendments
398	Section 1 – College Approval

399	These Bylaws and Amendments thereto shall not become effective until approval by the Board
400	of Directors of the College or its designee.
401	Section 2 – Chapter Bylaws Amendments Adoption
402	After amended language is agreed upon by the ACEP Bylaws Committee and Chapter, the
403	amended language must be submitted to the Chapter members for formal adoption. These
404	bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legal votes cast by members voting
405	at a meeting of the Chapter, provided that the proposed amendments have been communicated
406	in writing to the membership of the Chapter at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.
407	Section 3 – Submission to College
408	Amendments to these bylaws shall be submitted to the College in a format and manner
409	prescribed by the College no later than thirty (30) days following the adoption of such
410	amendments. No amendment shall have any force or effect until it has been submitted to and
411	approved by the Board of Directors of the College or its designee.
412	Section 4 – Consistency with College Bylaws
413	These bylaws must at all times be consistent with the Bylaws of the College. Should the
414	Bylaws of the College be changed in such a manner as to render these bylaws inconsistent
415	therewith, then these bylaws shall be amended within two (2) years of written notification of
416	amendment of the College Bylaws to eliminate said inconsistency.
417	Section 5 – Date of Adoption by Chapter
418	This is to certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of the Texas College
419	of Emergency Physicians and that the foregoing Bylaws were adopted as follows:
420	Executed at Austin, Texas on April 14, 2025, by the Chapter Membership at its Annual
421	Meeting.
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423	Marcus Sims, II, DO, FACEP, Secretary
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425	Section 6 – Date of Approval by College
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426 The College most recently approved these bylaws on April 17, 2025.