Article I – Name
The name of this organization shall be the East Williston Teachers’ Association

Article II – Purposes
The purposes of this Association shall be:
1. To promote the interests of public education and district education.
2. To advance the standards of the teaching profession as a whole, and within the school district.
3. To promote the general welfare of members.
4. To promote good relationships among the faculties, the Board of Education and the community as a whole.
5. To promote better understanding of educational problems among teachers and lay citizens.

Article III – Membership
Membership in the EWTA shall be open to all full and part-time teaching personnel. Full time employees must pay full dues to EWTA, NYSUT and its national affiliates. Part-time teaching personnel must pay full EWTA dues and any amount specified by the affiliate organizations’ part-time membership.

Article IV – Executive Assembly
Section 1
The executive assembly shall consist of four representatives and one Vice President from Wheatley; two representatives and one Vice President from Willets Road, two representatives and one Vice President from North Side. Representatives shall be elected in September by secret ballot within their schools. The number of representatives shall, in each school be diminished by one or two, if the Secretary and/or Treasurer are from that school.

Section 2
The assembly shall:
- adopt and annual budget
- set and collect dues
- set negotiation procedures
- confirm chairpersons of committees
- provide for the administration of elections
- keep records
- establish rules of procedure
- meet at least once every 60 calendar days
- in the event of the President’s resignation or inability to carry out the duties of the office, name one of the Vice Presidents to succeed to the office
j. in the event of the President’s inability to be first delegate to a convention, provide for election of the same
k. meet only if six elected members or more are present

Section 3
The Assembly may:
   a. establish permanent and temporary committees
   b. call special meetings
   c. Appropriate additional funds as necessary

Section 4
All Executive Assembly meetings shall be open to all members of the East Williston Teachers’ Association and participation shall be subject to the rules of the Assembly.

Section 5
Any decision of the Executive Assembly can be overrules by a 2/3 referendum of the general membership. A motion for a referendum can be made at any general meeting provided for in Article 6, Section II of the Constitution.

Article V- Officers
Section 1
   a. The President shall be elected in June by the general membership by secret ballot.
   b. The Vice Presidents shall be elected in June by their respective schools by secret ballot.
   c. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected in June by the general membership by secret ballot.
   d. In the event of elevation of a Vice President to the office of President, or the resignation of a Vice President, a special election shall be held within that school building by secret ballot.

Section 2
The President shall:
   a. chair all general assembly meetings
   b. chair all meetings of the Executive Assembly
   c. be an ex-officio member of all committees
   d. appoint chairpersons of all committees
   e. see to it that the Constitution and the law of the Executive Assembly shall be carried out
   f. designate who shall chair meetings in his absence or resignation
   g. be first delegate to all association conventions
   h. provide for nominating and election procedures consistent with law

Section 3
The President may:
   a. call special meetings of the general membership and the Executive Assembly
   b. vote on all procedural and substantive issues in the Executive Assembly
Section 4
The Vice Presidents, in addition to being voting members of the Executive, shall be liaison officers between the President and the membership of their respective buildings with respect to the President’s duties under Section 2.

Section 5
The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all Association finances for the fiscal year (which shall be from July 1st to June 30th) and report monthly to the Executive Assembly.

Section 6
The Secretary shall:
   a. attend all meetings of the Executive Assembly and of the general membership
   b. keep minutes of all meetings and distribute copies within a reasonable time to the general membership
   c. be responsible for attending to all Association correspondence as directed by the President and the Executive Assembly

Article VI – General Meetings
Section 1
Meetings of the general membership shall require a quorum of one-fourth of the membership.

Section 2
The Presidents shall call a general membership meeting upon petition by twenty members.

Section 3
The general membership shall ratify all contracts by a general membership majority vote.

Article VII – Elections
The East Williston Teachers’ Association shall have an election committee consisting of two members from each building on the district. These members shall be appointed by the President of the Association with approval of the Executive Assembly.

The election committee shall set the date of the election of officers and representatives to the Executive Assembly. Such date shall be during the month of June.

It shall set a cut-off date for the submission of nominating petitions. The submission date shall be three weeks prior to the election date.

People wishing to run for office may obtain a nominating petition from their building Vice President at least four weeks prior to the election. The required number of signatures shall be twelve.
The election committee shall post prominently in each building a certified list of candidates for office within three days after the submission date. Elections shall be by secret ballot in each building.

At the discretion of the election committee, primary and run-off elections may be held.

The election committee shall be responsible for preparing, distributing and counting ballots as well as conducting campaign procedures. The election committee shall also be responsible for the security of the elections.

**Article VIII – Amendments**

**Section 1**
An amendment to the constitution may be introduced in writing at any meeting of the Executive Assembly or general membership by an active member of the Association and shall be presented for action with recommendations of the assembly not later than the second regular membership meeting following the introduction of the amendment.

**Section 2**
Notices of the proposed amendment shall be posted in each building at least ten days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon.

**Section 3**
Amendments, when approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership by referendum, shall become a part of the constitution.

**Article IX – Ratification**
This constitution shall be established by a two-thirds majority of the membership by referendum.