Navigating Egypt’s House of Representatives

THE SPEAKER
- Opens and closes sessions
- Manages discussions
- Represents House of Representatives and speaks on its behalf
- Calls upon committees to look into matters further

THE SPEAKER’S OFFICE
- Made up of the Speaker and two deputies
- Sets session agendas

PARLIAMENTARY CHAPTER
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- The Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Chapter is made up of the Speaker’s Office; the chairmen of the Foreign Policy, Arab Affairs, African Affairs, and Defense and National Security Committees; eight representatives selected by the General Assembly; and seven members selected by the Speaker’s Office (with at least one opposition member)

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- Made up of the Speaker, two deputies, the chairmen of specialized committees, parliamentary representatives of all parties with at least 10 seats or parliamentary coalitions, and five members selected by the Speaker’s Office, including at least one independent, if there are 10 or more independents in the sitting House

ETHICS COMMITTEE
- Made up of 14 members based on nominations from the General Committee (At least half of these representatives should not be from the majority party)

AD HOC AND COMBINED COMMITTEES
- Ad hoc committees can be set up to review specific issues (selected by the Speaker)
- Combined committees are committees made up of more than one specialized committee and they also review specific issues referred to them

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