



Tulsa County Republican Party

2023 Convention Rules

Presented for approval by the certified delegates at the County Convention.

Rules Committee

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Tulsa County, Oklahoma – Republican Convention Rules

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The 2023 Tulsa Republican County Convention shall convene at 9:00 am, Saturday, 25 March 2023. The Convention Order of Business shall be adopted by the County Executive Committee prior to the convening of the County Convention and made available to the delegates. Distribution of copies of these rules, the Platform Committee Report, and any proposed changes to State Party rules eligible to be voted on, shall be provided to delegates prior to convening. The Convention Chairman may temporarily suspend business to recognize special VIP guest speakers. All VIP speakers shall be limited by the Convention Chairman to a time determined by them to be appropriate. Any unfinished business from the previous County Convention that was voted to move to the next scheduled Convention shall be the first order of business after Convention rules are approved.

II. PERMANENT ROLL

Pre-registered Delegates to the Convention must sign in for the Convention from 7:30 am until 9:00 am, Saturday 25 March 2023. The Credentials Committee report as adopted by the convention shall be conclusive of every such issue and shall constitute the Permanent Roll of this Convention.

III. COUNTY CONVENTION PRESIDING OFFICIAL

The County Chairperson has the option to preside over the County Convention or choose another individual who will serve as the Convention Chairperson to preside over the Convention meeting. Should the Convention Chairperson be unable to fulfill his or her duties then the County Chairperson will preside over the Convention. In the event the Convention Chairperson or the County Chairperson are unable to serve in the capacity of Convention Chair the responsibility would fall to the County Vice Chairperson.

a. The chairperson or their designated alternate shall call the Convention to order.

b. Prior to the conduct of any official Party Business, the County Chairperson shall introduce the presiding official who shall assume control of the proceedings. The presiding official shall appoint a recorder, a parliamentarian and/or a master of arms if any are deemed to be necessary. The parliamentarian or master of arms has the authority to remove from the meeting any individual who refuses to follow parliamentary procedure or the adopted rules of the convention.

IV. DELEGATE CREDENTIALS

Individuals participating in the proceedings of the Tulsa County Republican Party Convention must:

a. Be a registered Republican voter in Tulsa County, OK. Their name must appear on the Tulsa County Election Board Roll by January 1st of the current convention year and must be identified on that roll as a Republican; **and** have had his/her attendance at the precinct meeting

duly recorded and reported to the County Party Chairperson; **and** pre-registered for the convention.

OR

b. have submitted a delegate data sheet to the Tulsa County office no later than 7-days after the precinct meeting **and** has been confirmed by the Tulsa County Election Board Roll as a registered Republican voter of Tulsa County, by January 1st of the current year, and be in attendance at the County Convention **and** pre-registered for the convention.

c. a certified voting delegate to the Tulsa County Convention: must be a registered Republican voter of Tulsa County, be identified and approved as a Convention Delegate, and be in attendance.

d. The report of the Credential Committee of certified convention delegates shall be presented to the convention for adoption by voice vote.

e. **Guests and visitors:** Individuals who attend the convention but do not meet the qualifications to be certified as delegates to the convention may observe the proceeding but will not be seated among the voting delegate nor may they participate in convention proceedings, discussion, debate or voting of the convention.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

a. The following officers shall be elected:

- i. County Chairman
- ii. County Vice Chairman
- iii. Two State Committee Members
- iv. Two Congressional District Members

b. A candidate may declare their candidacy in writing, to the Republican Party of Tulsa County no later than the Thursday prior to Convention by 5:00 pm CST. Notification may be mailed, hand delivered or emailed to TulsaRepublicanParty@gmail.com

c. Unopposed candidates shall be declared elected by the Convention Chairman and, following the election of all officers, shall be allotted three (3) minutes to speak, if so desired, except for the Chairman and Vice Chairman candidates, who shall be allotted five (5) minutes each. No others may speak except for the candidates.

VI. BALLOT AND VOTING PROCESS

a. After lunch break, each Delegate shall be given two (2) ballots; one labeled Ballot 1 and the other labeled Ballot 2. The intent is to hold no more than two roll call elections and to decide all races with only two candidates in the Ballot 1 election.

b. Results of the Ballot 1 election and, if necessary, the results of a Ballot 2 election will be announced the following order:

- County Chairman
- County Vice Chairman
- Two State Committee Members
- Two Congressional District Committee Members

c. The Ballots will list all county offices up for election with corresponding spaces of the preprinted name(s) for that office to be noted. Ballots will be tabulated by the Precinct Chairman and Vice Chairman, or in the event, the precinct has no Vice Chairman, another member of the precinct's delegation. When the roll of precincts is called, the Precinct

- Chairman will use a microphone provided to announce the results of all elections on that ballot. Delegates must be in the hall to cast a ballot. They may not cast a ballot and leave.
- d. If there is only one candidate for an office, that candidate will be announced as the winner of that office by the Convention Chairman, before voting for the Ballot 1 election begins.
 - e. All contested races will be included in the Ballot 1 election. If there are only two candidates for each office, a Ballot 2 election will be unnecessary.
 - f. The names of the candidates and the offices for which they are running in the Ballot 1 election will be displayed on the projector screen. Delegates shall appropriately mark with an X (x) or check mark (√) one (1) candidate for County Chairman, one (1) candidate for County Vice Chairman, two different candidates for each State Committee Member and Congressional District Committee Member offices.
 - g. If on Ballot 1 any candidate receives more than 50% of the allocated delegate votes for County Chairman or County Vice Chairman, they shall be declared the winner of that office by the Convention Chairman.
 - h. If on Ballot 1 no candidate for the office of County Chairman and County Vice Chairman receives more than 50% of the allocated delegate votes, the two candidates receiving the most allocated delegate votes will become candidates for that office in the Ballot 2 election.
 - i. If on Ballot 1 any candidate receives more than 50% of the allocated delegate votes for the State Committee Member or Congressional District Member, they shall be declared the winner of that offices (s) by the Convention Chairman. The next two top vote-getters who did not receive more than 50% of the allocated delegate votes will appear on Ballot 2.
 - j. If on Ballot 1 no candidate for State Committee Member or Congressional District Committee Member receives more than 50% of the allocated delegate votes, those three candidates who received the most votes will become candidates on Ballot 2 and the top two vote-getters shall be declared the winners of the two State Committee Member and two Congressional District Member offices.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Each committee's majority report shall be presented by the Committee Chair at the appropriate time on the agenda.
2. Opposition Report
 - a. An opposition report shall be read in full immediately following a committee's majority report if only forty (40%) of the originating committee members, who attended at least one committee meeting, concur in writing prior to the presentation of the opposition report. Any opposition report must be filed in writing with the convention secretary prior to the majority report being presented to the body.
3. Platform Committee
 - a. No resolution may be presented to the convention which has not been first presented in writing to the Platform Committee for consideration, except as herein provided.
 - b. Platform resolutions not presented by either the Platform Committee majority or opposition reports must be endorsed by forty (40%) of the delegates in writing certified by the Credentials Committee Chairman as correct and presented to the Convention Secretary prior to the presentation.
 - c. In the case of debate on a resolution, whether recommended by the Platform Committee or submitted from the floor, only three (3) minutes shall be allowed to each side, with speakers alternating for each side of the question.
 - d. Consideration of the Platform, opposition report and any resolutions shall not continue beyond fifteen (15) minutes prior to the Convention's scheduled adjournment. If not completed by that time, debate will cease and a voice vote will be taken on each outstanding matter, in proper order.

VIII. PROCESS OF SELECTING COUNTY DELEGATES TO THE DISTRICT CONVENTION.
In Presidential Election years.

- a. The county party elected officers (Chair, Vice Chair, District Committee Persons, State Committee Persons) are automatically delegates to the District Convention by virtue of their position in the County Party.
- b. All qualified delegates in attendance at the County Convention are eligible to be delegates to the District Convention.
- c. Provided that the delegation is OPEN; any registered Republican voter of Tulsa County, January 1st of the current convention year with the approval of the County Chairperson, may request to be added to the County delegation within one week of the County Convention.

IX. PROCESS OF SELECTING COUNTY DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION.

- a. County party elected officers (Chair, Vice Chair, District Committee Members, State Committee Members) automatically are delegates to the State Convention by virtue of their position in the County Party.
- b. All qualified delegates in attendance at the County Convention are eligible to be delegates to the State Convention.
- c. Each precinct within the County is entitled to at least one delegate. If a precinct is not represented by a qualified delegate at the County Convention that precinct's delegate allocation becomes an "at large" delegate allocation. At large delegates may be selected from any precinct and represent Tulsa County in total at the State Convention.
- d. Provided that the delegation is **OPEN**, any registered Republican voter of Tulsa County, on the Election Board roll by January 1st of the current convention year, with the approval of the County Chairperson, may request to be added to the County delegation within one week of the County Convention.
- e. The delegates to the County Convention shall elect whether the County delegation will be an open or delegate/alternate delegation.

OPEN DELEGATION: All eligible delegate attendees at the County Convention become eligible delegates to the State Convention and any registered Republican voter of Tulsa County, on the Election Board roll January 1st of the current convention year, with the approval of the County Chairperson, may request to be added to the County delegation and will share an equal portion of the County's allotted votes.

DELEGATE /ALTERNATE DELEGATION: If there are more potential delegates than authorized by the State Party, the convention chairperson will call for a number of potential delegates to accept the role as alternate delegates to the State Convention. Alternates will

only have voting privileges at the State Convention in the event the primary delegate is unable to participate. The same process applies to the County Convention.

Should the process of voluntary acceptance of "alternate delegate" status fails to resolve the overage in the number of delegates, the County Party Elected Officials will choose which of the qualified delegates will.

serve as delegates and who will serve as alternate delegates to the State Convention.

X. PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM, DISPLAYS AND DECORUM

- a. Videotaping, photography or recording of convention proceedings is allowed from a fixed base position at the back of the convention hall.
- b. Videotaping, photography or recording of individual delegate information is prohibited.
- c. Live broadcasting from the convention is prohibited.
- d. Social media live transmission is prohibited.
- e. Only the public address system provided shall be used by a speaker to address the Convention.
- f. Any delegate who attempts to shout down, disrupt, or hinder a delegate recognized to speak will be warned by the Convention Chair to cease. The second breach of this rule shall result in expulsion and forfeiture of the delegate's right to participate in the Convention.

XI. GUEST SPEAKERS AND CANDIDATES.

- a. Candidates for County Party offices (in odd numbered years) will have a total of five (5) minutes to address the convention delegates.
- b. Candidates for State Party offices (in odd numbered years) will have a total of five (5) minutes to address the convention delegates. Candidates shall notify the County Chairman by no later than the Thursday prior to Convention by 5:00 pm CST. Notification shall be emailed to TulsaRepublicanParty@gmail.com.
- c. Invited guest speakers, speaking during the Party business portion of the Convention will have five to ten minutes or longer, at the discretion of the Convention Chairperson, to address the convention delegates.
- d. State and Federal Republican elected officials who have made time to drop by the convention will be recognized and given a brief time to address the convention delegates not to exceed two minutes.
- e. Only the public address system provided shall be used by a speaker to address the Convention.

XII. GENERAL

- a. This Convention shall be governed by the following order of priority, applicable provisions of law, Rules of the Republican Party, these Convention Rules, and Robert's Rules of Order, current Newly Revised Edition, respectively. Any suspension of these Convention rules shall require a two-third vote.
- b. This Convention welcomes all visitors and guests as permitted by the Convention Chairman. However, visitors and guests shall not have access to the Convention floor. Guests shall be located only in designated areas, except for a minor child(ren) (12 years and younger) accompanied by a caregiver. Caregiver's bare responsibility for the action of their minor guests, regardless of age, and must accompany them if asked to leave the hall

by the Precinct Chair (or designee) or the Convention Chair. The charge for minors shall be for meals provided at the Convention. Any visitor, guest or delegate abusing their privileges or interfering with the Conventions, shall be removed from the Convention floor or hall by the Convention Sergeant-at-Arms or Administrator, if deemed necessary and so ordered by the Convention Chairman. Each visitor or guest shall, always wear a name tag ID issued by the Credentials Committee.

- c. All literature distributed at the Convention shall clearly identify the name of the person or organization responsible for distribution.
- d. Literature shall not be placed on delegate or visitor seating prior to the opening of the Convention.
- e. Delegates shall leave their areas clean prior to departure from a physical location.
- f. In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, no delegate shall be allowed to speak on any motion more than twice.
- g. Debate on a question or motion (other than the Platform Committee Report) shall be limited to two (2) minutes per side, in such manner as the Convention Chairman deems necessary.
- h. Proxy votes are not allowed.
- i. The minutes of this Convention shall be referred to the County Committee for reading and approval.