

RULES OF THE 2021 CONVENTION OF THE 6th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPUBLICAN PARTY

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Rule 1

It is the purpose of these Rules to provide for a fair and open Convention in a manner that facilitates the business of the Convention, respects the rights of the majority and minority, and encourages full participation by all Republican Delegates.

CONVENTION OFFICERS

Rule 2

- A. The officers of the Convention shall be the Convention Chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at Arms, Teller, and such other officers deemed necessary. All appointments shall be by the District Party Chair, or his or her designee.
- B. The Convention Chair shall appoint Assistant Sergeants-at Arms as necessary.
- C. The Convention Chair shall appoint Assistant Tellers as necessary.

COMMITTEES

Rule 3

The Convention's Committee on Credentials shall be those members duly appointed in accordance with the District or State Plan of Organization, as the case may be.

REGISTRATION

Rule 4

- A. Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Convention must have registered with the District Party prior to 5:00 P.M. two days before the Convention.
- B. Registration shall be completed via the online registration portal at this link:
https://district6.nc.gop/2021_convention_nc_gop_6th_district?utm_campaign=april_8_update&utm_medium=email&utm_source=district6ncgop

- C. Each Delegate's or Alternate Delegate's registration shall include the Delegate's or Alternate Delegate's name as shown on his/her voter registration, email address, and phone number.
- D. Each Delegate or Alternate Delegate must remit a Convention Fee in the amount of \$20.00 to the District Chair prior to the convening of the Convention.
- E. A Delegate or Alternate Delegate shall not be considered registered unless all of the said information and the Convention Fee are submitted to the District via the aforementioned online registration portal.

CALL TO ORDER

Rule 5

The 2021 6th Congressional District Republican Party Convention shall be held at Revolution Academy, 3800 Oak Ridge Rd, Summerfield, NC, provided, however, Delegates and Alternate Delegates, may attend and participate in the Convention by phone or electronic method as determined by the Convention Chair.

The Convention shall convene at 6:30pm on April 22, 2021, and recess as determined by the Convention Chair. The doors shall open at 5:30pm for check-in and shall close at 6:30pm for gavel.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Rule 6

- A. At least one day prior to the Convention, the Committee on Credentials shall provide via email their Initial Report on Credentials, which shall contain a list of credentialed Delegates and Alternates to the Convention from their respective Counties. The list shall be emailed to those individuals who registered for the Convention and posted to www.ncgop6.org.
- B. Motions to amend the Initial Report on Credentials shall be in order as follows:
 - a. After the Initial Report on Credentials is provided via email as required by Rule 6.A. above, but before the adoption of the Final Report on Credentials, provided:
 - i. The motion is made to the Committee on Credentials prior to 5:00 p.m. the day before the Convention by a Delegate, Alternate Delegate, or County Chair, and

- ii. The motion states the specific grounds for its proposed adoption, and
 - iii. The Delegate or Alternate Delegate shall confer with the Committee on Credentials after being so directed by the Chair of the Committee on Credentials.
- C. After the Convention has commenced, the Committee on Credentials shall issue an Amended Report on Credentials, including any changes resulting from motions to amend the Initial Report on Credentials.
- D. Following the presentation of the Amended Report on Credentials, if a County does not have a full Delegation, the Convention may seat the Alternate Delegate(s) of that County as Delegate(s), up to the maximum number of Delegates for that County as allocated per the NCGOP Plan of Organization. Following any such amendments to seat Alternate Delegates, the Committee on Credentials shall present its Final Report on Credentials. No other motions to amend the Final Report on Credentials shall be in order.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rule 7

The order of business of the Convention shall be as published in the Convention Agenda, upon its adoption by the Convention.

QUORUM

Rule 8

A quorum for all business transactions and the election of officers shall consist of a majority of the accredited and registered Delegates as certified by the Committee on Credentials and present on the floor of the Convention. Delegates shall be considered on the floor of the Convention if they are either in the Convention hall or attending and participating in the Convention via phone or electronic method as authorized by Rule 5.

DISCLOSURE AND CLOSURE

Rule 9

- A. No motion shall be in order unless each maker and seconder thereof states his or her name and County of registration.
- B. No Delegate shall speak in the Convention longer than 2 minutes at any one time, nor more than twice on any one motion open for discussion.

- C. If any contest shall develop over any matter other than a nomination or election, the Convention Chair may, at his discretion, allow each side not more than 5 minutes to present its position.
- D. Any demonstrations or presentations prior to the voting for elected positions, other than speeches set out in Rule 11A below, must have prior written approval from the District Party Chair and the Convention Chair.
- E. The Convention Chair may appoint one or more timekeepers. The Convention Chair or timekeeper(s) shall indicate a thirty (30) second warning before the expiration of time.

VOTING

Rule 10

- A. Voting shall be conducted by electronic ballot.
- B. There shall be no proxy voting.
- C. Delegates casting a vote must be on the floor of the Convention at the time such vote is cast. Delegates shall be considered on the floor of the Convention if they are either in the Convention hall or attending and participating in the Convention via phone or electronic method as authorized by Rule 5.
- D. A resolution shall require a two-thirds vote of the Delegates in the affirmative in order to pass.

ELECTIONS

Rule 11

- A. The Convention will elect the following District Officers. In 2021, the presently elected District Officers, elected in 2020, have agreed to stand for re-election and will be nominated as a slate. If other candidates declare and file in a timely manner and meet the nominating and speech requirements contained herein, the slate of presently elected District Officers will be considered to be broken and each office will be elected in the order provided:
 - a. Chairman;
 - b. 1st Vice-Chair;
 - c. 2nd Vice-Chair;
 - d. 3rd Vice-Chair
 - e. Secretary;
 - f. Assistant Secretary;

- g. Treasurer;
 - h. Assistant Treasurer
- B. Following District Officer elections, the Convention will elect 18 At-Large Members who will serve on both the State and District Executive Committees.
- C. Nominations for District Officer positions (other than the presently elected District Officers) or At-Large Members of the District Executive Committee shall be submitted via the online portal at this link: <https://forms.gle/AB5orc1Xn2bns4Wb7>
- a. Nominations must be submitted no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.
 - b. All nominations must be made by a Delegate. Nominations made by Alternate Delegates will not be considered unless such Alternate is elevated to Delegate status prior to the approval of the Final Report on Credentials.

Rule 11A - District Officer Elections

- A. District Officer Speeches
- a. In the event the incumbent slate is broken, each District Officer candidate nominated will be allocated a total of 3 minutes for a nominating speech by any Delegate of their choosing (other than themselves). Any District Officer candidate desiring a nominating speech to be made by a Delegate shall inform the District Chair by 5:00 pm, April 20, 2021, of their desire via the online portal at this link: <https://forms.gle/AB5orc1Xn2bns4Wb7>
 - b. Upon recognition from the Convention Chairman, a Delegate chosen to give a nominating speech on behalf of a District Officer candidate shall state his or her name, County of residence, and the name and office of the nominee being spoken on behalf of.
 - c. No seconding speeches will be allowed.
 - d. Following any nominating speech given on behalf of a District Officer candidate, the candidate shall be allowed 5 minutes to address the Convention.
 - e. The order of nominating speeches and District Officer speeches shall be determined by drawing. Each Delegate giving a nominating speech and

District Officer candidate shall be provided notice prior to the Convention of the order in which speeches will be allowed.

B. District Officer Voting

- a. Per the NCGOP Plan of Organization, voting for District Officers shall be weighted by the percentage of registered Republicans in a County or portion of a County within the District as it relates to the total number of registered Republicans in the District, as provided by the NCGOP. Any County without a delegation will cast no votes and have no share recorded in the vote tally.

Rule 11B - At-Large Member Elections

- A. All qualified candidates nominated as At-Large District Executive Committee Members in accordance with Rule 11B.D, shall be added to the ballot for At-Large Members.
- B. There shall be no nominating speeches or candidate speeches for At-Large District Executive Committee Members.
- C. The number of elected At-Large-Members shall be eighteen (18). Twelve (12) elected At-Large-Members shall be from Guilford County. Six (6) elected At-Large-Members shall be from Forsyth County.
- D. The election of the At-Large Members shall be determined by a plurality of votes cast. Delegates will have the option to vote for up to three (3) candidates. The top 12 vote getters from Guilford shall be elected as At-Large Members. The top 6 vote getters from Forsyth shall be elected as the At-Large Members.
- E. In the event of a tie among candidates receiving the lowest vote totals, a runoff election shall be conducted among those candidates.

CONVENTION GUESTS

Rule 12

Only Delegates will be allowed on the floor of the Convention. All Alternate Delegates and guests must remain seated in the section designated for guests. The Convention Chair, in the Convention Chair's discretion, may allow guests to listen and observe the Convention via phone or electronic method. No guest shall attempt to vote on or speak to any matter before the Convention. Disorderly conduct of a guest is grounds for removal from the convention.

RESOLUTIONS

Rule 13

No proposed resolution from a Convention Delegate shall be in order unless it shall first be submitted in writing to the Resolutions Committee Chair via email (marcusk136@hotmail.com) prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2021. The email including the resolution must state the Delegate's full name and voter registration address. A proposed resolution can only be considered by the body upon a two-thirds vote of the Convention.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Rule 14

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern this Convention when applicable and when not inconsistent with these Rules, the District Plan of Organization, and the State Plan of Organization.

ADOPTION AND SUSPENSION OF RULES

Rule 15

These Rules shall be adopted upon a two-thirds vote of the Delegates and Alternate Delegates sitting as Delegates at the Convention and may be suspended during the Convention by a two-thirds vote, except that the Rules contained herein which are drawn from or implement provisions of the State Plan of Organization may not be suspended.

DURATION OF RULES

Rule 16

These Rules shall govern the 2021 6th Congressional District Republican Party Convention only.