

## **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 Chairman, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at Arms, and such other officers deemed necessary. All appointments shall be by the State Party Chair, or his or her designee.
- B. The Convention Chairman shall appoint Assistant Sergeants-at Arms as necessary.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Rule 3**

The Committees of the Convention shall be the Committees on Credentials, Rules, Plan of Organization, Platform, and Resolutions.

## **REGISTRATION**

### **Rule 4**

Delegates to the Convention must have registered with the North Carolina Republican Party prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2020. 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. A Delegate or Alternate Delegate shall not be considered registered unless all of the said information is submitted to the North Carolina Republican Party.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

### **Rule 5**

The **2020 North Carolina Republican Party** Convention shall convene at **12:30** p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2020, and recess as determined by the Convention Chairman.

## **REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE CONVENTION**

### **Rule 6A. Committee on Credentials**

- A. Prior to the Convention, the Committee on Credentials shall post on the North Carolina Republican Party website a list of all Counties and respective numbers of Delegates and Alternate Delegates allotted.

- B. Prior to the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Credentials, no person shall be seated as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate unless elected as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate at his or her respective Republican Party County Convention.
- C. Motions to amend a Report of the Committee on Credentials may occur only immediately following that Credentials Committee Report, for such period as allowed by the Convention Chairman.
- D. Motions to amend a Report of the Committee on Credentials shall be in order as follows:
  - a. After the Report of the Committee on Credentials is posted on the North Carolina Republican Party website but before the adoption of the Final Report of the Committee on Credentials by the Committee on Credentials, provided:
    - i. Before the Convention is called to order the motion is made by the County Chair, or in absence of the Chair, the county delegation leader, and
    - ii. The motion is made to the North Carolina Republican Party prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 28, 2020, and
    - iii. The motion concerns a discrepancy in the Report's Delegate or Alternate Delegate count for the respective County, and
    - iv. The County Chair or other authorized person shall confer with the Committee on Credentials after so directed by the Convention Chairman.
  - b. After the adoption of the Final Report of the Committee on Credentials by the Committee on Credentials, provided:
    - i. The motion is made to the North Carolina Republican Party prior to 5:00 p.m. on July 7, 2020, and
    - ii. The motion states the specific grounds for its proposed adoption, and
    - iii. The motion is endorsed in writing by a member of the Committee on Credentials, and
    - iv. The motion shall have been submitted to the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials prior to its presentation to the Convention.
- E. Before the Convention is called to order the Committee on Credentials shall post on the North Carolina Republican Party website a record of the Delegates and Alternates accredited to the Convention from each County.

### **Rule 6B. Rules, Plan of Organization, Platform & Resolutions**

- A. Motions to amend a Report of the Rules, Plan of Organization, Platform and Resolutions Committees shall not be in order unless the motion is made to the North Carolina Republican Party prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 28, 2020.

A motion to amend a Report of the Rules, Plan of Organization, Platform and Resolutions Committees shall be adopted upon a two-thirds vote of the Delegates and Alternate Delegates sitting as Delegates.

## **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 residence.
- B. No Delegate shall speak in Convention longer than two minutes at any one time, nor more than twice on any motion open for discussion.
- C. If any contest shall develop over any matter other than a nomination or election, the Convention Chairman may, at his discretion, allow each side not more than five minutes to present its position.
- D. Any demonstrations or presentations prior to the voting for elected positions, other than traditional speeches, must have prior written approval from the State Republican Party Chairman and the Convention Chairman.

## **VOTING**

### **Rule 10**

- A. After the Committee on Credentials gives its report, 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.
- B. Voting shall be conducted by electronic ballot
- C. There shall be no proxy voting.
- D. 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.
- E. A resolution shall require a two-thirds vote of the Delegates in the affirmative in order to pass.

## **NOMINATIONS**

## **Rule 11**

- A. In Presidential Election years;
1. Nominations for National Committeeman and National Committeewoman must be submitted to the North Carolina Republican Party prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 28, 2020. Election of the National Committeeman will be followed by the election of the National Committeewoman. Each candidate nominated will be allocated a total of 5 minutes for nominating speeches.
  2. Upon recognition from the Convention Chairman, up to three Delegates may second a nomination for National Committeeman or National Committeewoman, who shall state their name, County of residence and the name and office of the nominee being seconded. No seconding speeches will be allowed.
  3. Before balloting for election, each candidate shall be allowed 5 minutes to address the Convention. The order of speeches to address the Convention shall be determined by drawing.
- B. In Presidential Election years, all nominations and elections of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention shall be by written slate and elected by a plurality vote, with the balloting for Delegates being completed before nominations for Alternate Delegates. The Convention Chairman shall first recognize the Chair or a designated member of the National Convention Selection Committee, as defined by Article VIII.C. of the North Carolina Republican Party Plan of Organization, to place in nomination a written slate of candidates consisting of a full slate of At-Large Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention, as determined by the Republican National Committee's rules. Then, any Delegate may, upon proper recognition by the Convention Chairman, place in nomination a written slate of candidates consisting of a full slate of At-Large Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention, as determined by the Republican National Committee's rules. Any such slate of candidates must be submitted to the North Carolina Republican Party prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 28, 2020. Any such slate of candidates shall include with such slate a written certification that each person so nominated is a duly registered Republican in the State of North Carolina who has consented to nomination on said slate and will serve as a Delegate or Alternate Delegates to the Republican National Convention, if elected. Each slate must state the name of the Republican Presidential candidate that each nominated Delegate or nominated Alternate Delegate would be supporting and voting for if given the opportunity. No person shall be nominated on more than one slate for Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the Republican National Convention.
- C. In Presidential Election years, 2 Presidential Electors at-large and first and second Alternate Presidential Electors shall be nominated in accordance with the slate method set forth in Rule 11.B, for the nomination and election of Delegates to the Republican National Convention, together with an appropriate certification of office of Presidential Elector. Any such slate of Presidential Electors must be submitted to the North Carolina Republican Party prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 28, 2020.

## **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 Chairman, in the Convention Chairman's discretion, may allow guests to listen and observe the Convention via phone or electronic method. Any guest listening or observing the Convention via phone or electronic method shall not attempt to vote on or speak to any matter before the Convention.

## **RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

### **Rule 13**

No proposed resolution from a Convention Delegate shall be in order unless it shall first be submitted in writing to the North Carolina Republican Party prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 28, 2020. The resolution shall include the author of the resolution, and if applicable the name of any organization sponsoring the resolution. The 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*, most current edition, shall govern this Convention when applicable and when not inconsistent with these Rules 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 2020 North Carolina Republican Party Convention only.

2020 Rules Committee:

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