

# Seventh Congressional District Republican Convention

July 18, 2020

## Rules of Order

This convention shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following: the State Party Plan, The Amended 2020 Call for Convention, these Rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (11th Edition).

Only eligible Delegates duly registered by the Credentials Committee may vote. No proxies may vote at any time. No absentee ballots will be accepted. Curbside voting will not be permitted.

Pursuant to the terms of Governor Northam's Executive Order Number 63, dated May 29, 2020, all patrons in the Commonwealth aged ten and over shall when entering, exiting, traveling through, and spending time inside the voting facility shall cover their mouth and nose with a face covering, as described and recommended by the CDC, including Convention officials (Including volunteers) and Delegates. Nothing in Governor Northam's Order shall require the use of a face covering by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition. Any person who declines to wear a face covering because of a medical condition shall not be required to produce or carry medical documentation verifying the stated condition nor shall the person be required to identify the precise underlying medical condition.

Convention officials/volunteers and campaign and/or candidate observers shall not wear any type of advertisement for any candidate running for office at this convention. This includes but is not limited to, caps, shirts and buttons. Trump, RPV, and Unit shirts and caps are acceptable.

Distribution of literature and other campaign material with the exception of those approved by the Arrangements Committee, to delegates at the

convention shall be strictly prohibited within the voting area. Electioneering is prohibited within forty (40) feet of the entrance to the voting area. Ceremonies, speeches, demonstrations and other activities that do not constitute or directly facilitate voting by delegates are prohibited within the voting area.

Campaign yard signs will be permitted at the convention site. Signs must be posted in designated areas only. Each campaign is required to remove its signs by 7:00 p.m. on July 18, 2020.

These Rules adopted by the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Republican Committee, shall be promptly posted on the Committee's Facebook page in advance of the Convention.

The unassembled convention shall open at 7:30 AM and the District Chairman shall appoint the following committees and their governing members in accordance with a vote by the District Committee prior to the convention: Credentials, Rules, Nominations, and Tellers. Registration and Voting will begin at 8:00 AM.

## Credentials

All Delegates shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Convention including the requirement of photo identification as a prerequisite to vote. The Credentials Committee shall decide any questions that may arise concerning eligibility to participate.

Any person may attend the convention, but only delegates may vote. No one will be allowed in the voting area without proper credentials displayed.

The Credentials Committee shall report on the proper certification of each delegation and decide any question that may arise concerning certification. The Credentials Committee shall report the number of delegates by County eligible to:

1. Cast votes for the Congressional Candidate;
2. Cast votes for Elector; and
3. Cast votes for State Central Committee Representatives.

Delegations with fractionalized votes shall be enrolled so as to provide each delegate with at least one-fifth (0.2) Delegate Vote.

Each county and city delegation shall have the number of votes as specified in the Call and certified by the Credentials Committee.

### Nominations

The Nominations Committee shall report and place into nomination the names of all candidates who have met the qualifications for each office to be voted upon at the convention. There shall be no nominating and seconding speeches. No nominations shall be accepted from the floor.

### Voting

Delegates must present their photographic identification and credentials in order to receive a ballot on any and all rounds of balloting.

Only one ballot shall be given to each delegate for each round of voting. The office of State Central Committee Representatives shall only be included on the first ballot for delegates credentialed as having paid the required registration fee.

Delegates shall not remove ballots from the voting area.

Delegates shall vote for only one (1) Congressional Candidate and one (1) Elector. Voting for more than one (1) Congressional Candidate or Elector will

void that particular ballot category. Delegates who paid registration fees may vote for up to three (3) State Central Committee Candidates. Voting for more than three (3) Candidates will void the ballot category.

Blanks, abstentions and write-in votes in a particular contested race shall not be considered in determining the number of delegates who cast ballots in that same contest nor in calculating the total vote reported by each delegation in that same contest. Likewise, if a delegate votes for more candidates in an election than allowed by these rules, the ballot shall neither be counted nor included in calculating the total vote reported for that election.

No delegate may change his or her vote after it has been recorded by the vote tallying machine or otherwise recorded by the delegation chairman.

As soon as Delegates cast their votes, they shall leave the voting area but may wait in an unassembled manner outside of the voting area building.

The term majority, as defined in Roberts Rules of Order, shall be deemed to mean a majority of the weighted vote wherever the term majority appears in these Rules.

In the election of: Elector, the office shall be decided by majority on the first ballot.

In the election of: Congressional Candidate, on the first ballot, if one candidate attains a majority then that candidate shall be elected. If there is no majority winner on the first election balloting, then the top four (4) candidates with the highest weighted vote shall be included on the subsequent ballot and will proceed to the second round of balloting and the bottom two vote getters in the first election balloting will be eliminated from all further ballots and shall not be eligible for election. If there is no majority winner on the second election balloting, the top two (2) candidates in the second election balloting with the highest weighted vote shall be included on the subsequent ballot and will proceed to the third round of

balloting for a majority decision and the bottom two vote getters in the second election balloting will be eliminated from the third round ballot and shall not be eligible for election. The Elections Committee shall properly notify the Delegates which candidates are eligible to be voted on for each subsequent round. In the event of a tie which places more than four candidates on top in the first round or more than three candidates in the second round, a drawing of lots will be held to determine which candidates move forward to the next round.

In the election of: Members of the State Central Committee, on the first election balloting, the top three (3) weighted vote getters attaining the highest number of votes shall be elected to State Central Committee.

The Chairman shall announce the results of each round of Congressional balloting before any subsequent balloting shall commence.

For all elections, any second balloting shall commence no earlier than 12:30 P.M. and any third balloting shall commence no earlier than 3:00 P.M. Two hours after the previous ballots have been announced voting on the next round shall end.

Delegations shall vote full vote. The vote of all delegations shall be reported to the nearest one-hundredth (0.01) vote, and there shall be no cumulative voting.

The unit's raw vote will be totaled to calculate each candidate's weighted vote total in the balloting. The formula for each unit is as follows: (candidate's votes/total votes) X unit's weighted vote) rounded to two (2) decimal places.

Any ties will be decided by a drawing of lots by the Chairman.

Each Congressional candidate may designate representatives to observe credentialing, the voting, and the vote counting process, but these observers

shall not interfere with credentialing, the delegates, voting, the vote counting process. Each candidate shall designate in writing to the Elections Committee before 8:00 a.m. on July 18, 2020, who their observers will be and what they will be observing. Each Candidate is limited to three (3) observers for Credentialing, three (3) for Voting, and two (2) for the vote counting process. Candidates are allowed to observe any of these processes, but non-congressional candidates may not have any designated representatives.

## Resolutions

There will be no resolutions.

## Rules

These Rules were approved by the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Republican Committee on behalf of the Convention.

The Convention Chairman, in consultation with the Rules Committee, shall resolve any issues with the execution, interpretation or clarification of the rules. Upon adoption of these rules, the temporary officials and Committees of the Convention shall be made permanent.

## Agenda

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7:30 A.M. Opening Ceremonies

Chairman Ben Slone – Welcome and Opening Remarks

Invocation by Senior Pastor and Bishop Leon Benjamin

Pledge of Allegiance by Goochland County Sheriff Steven Creasey

National Anthem sung by Tara Carroll  
Reading of the Republican Creed by Senator Bryce Reeves  
Report of the Convention Committees

Respectfully Submitted Rules Committee Members,

David Johnson (Rules Committee Chair) - Treasurer

Martha Muniz - Amelia

Michael Hadank - Chesterfield

Marshall Keene - Culpeper

Bryan Horn - Henrico

Graven Craig - Vice-Chair

Bill Outlaw - Nottoway

Steve Jenkins - Powhatan

Dustin Curtis - Spotsylvania

Paid for and Authorized by the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional  
District Republican Committee