

## Party Canvass Rules

The Spotsylvania County Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, hereby adopts these Rules for the conduct of this Party Canvass.

1. The Republican Party Canvass shall be held at the Spotsylvania County Republican Committee Headquarters, 4920 Southpoint Pkwy Fredericksburg, VA 22407 on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The purpose of the Canvass shall be:

- a) Nominating a Republican candidate for the office of Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors, Battlefield District;
- b) Nominating a Republican candidate for the office of Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors, Berkeley District;
- c) Nominating a Republican candidate for the office of Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors, Lee Hill District;

All candidates are to be voted for in the general election on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

2. This party canvass shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following (giving precedence as listed): the State Party Plan, District or Unit Plan or By-Laws, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (10th Edition).

3. Only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may vote. No proxies are allowed at any time.

4. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass.

5. The Spotsylvania County Republican Committee Chairman shall appoint a Credentials Committee of not more than 8 persons, to register those persons who offer to vote and to count the ballots once the polls are closed. The members of the Credentials Committee shall remain inside the room in which voting is conducted during the period in which voting takes place and until the ballots are counted.

6. The Credentials Committee shall decide any question that may arise concerning the qualifications of a candidate or eligibility to vote.

7. No one will be allowed in the voting area without proper authorization. Candidates shall not loiter or campaign in the room in which voting will take place.

8. No resolutions may be introduced.

9. The Credentials Committee shall prepare ballots listing the names of all qualified candidates for contested nominations or elections, who have properly filed as required in the Call of the Party Canvass.

10. As soon as the polls are closed, the Credentials Committee shall immediately proceed to ascertain the vote given at the Canvass and shall continue without adjournment until they declare the results of the canvass. Only the members of the Credentials Committee and two representatives of each candidate, if any, shall be permitted to remain in the room once the polls have closed and until the ballots are counted. Ballots shall then be placed in a sealed envelope and preserved and secured by the Credentials Committee for at least thirty (30) days in the event of any challenge to the results.

11. Candidates may procure the SCRC nomination by receiving the majority of votes in their contest. In the event a majority is not reached in any given nomination contest on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the top two options receiving the most votes will proceed to a run-off party canvass on June 5th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Spotsylvania County Republican Committee Headquarters, 4920 Southpoint Pkwy Fredericksburg, VA 22407.

12. The Spotsylvania County Republican Committee shall preserve order inside and outside the polling place(s). No person shall hinder, intimidate, or interfere with any qualified voter so as to prevent the voter from casting a secret ballot. The Spotsylvania County Republican Committee may order a person violating this Rule to cease such action and, if such action continues, may remove such person from the polling place. The Spotsylvania County Republican Committee may order removal of any person(s) at any time at the discretion of the Chairman or Vice-Chairmen.

13. Candidates & campaigns participating in the party canvass shall receive first preference in table & tent placement outside the room in which voting will take place. The Credentials Committee shall publicly draw lots to settle any contested space.

14. Candidates & campaigns not participating in the party canvass but are seeking to campaign in the parking lot in which voting will take place shall pay a mandatory \$100 fee to the Spotsylvania County Republican Committee and shall notify the Spotsylvania County Republican Committee no later than 5:00 pm. Space will be granted to those candidates who are running as Republicans or as Independents seeking the republican party endorsement as approved by the Spotsylvania Republican Party Executive Committee.