



## OFFICIAL CALL

### Party Canvass of the Bristol, Virginia Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the Bristol, Virginia Republican Committee, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Jacob Holmes, do hereby issue this call for a Party Canvass to be held at the Bristol, Virginia City Hall, 300 Lee St, Suite 202, Bristol, Virginia 24201, or alternate location, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Thursday, April 29th, 2021 for the following purposes:

- a) Nominating a Republican candidate for the offices of Bristol City Treasurer, Sheriff, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Commissioner of the Revenue, to be voted upon in the November 2, 2021 General Election;
- b) And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the canvass.

#### Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of Bristol City under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election, may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions or primaries encompassing their respective election districts.

In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party within the last five years.

A single exception to this shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends, at the time of this writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. Any voter that utilizes the foregoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of the exception thereafter.

Voters will be required to produce personal identification such as a valid driver's license or voter registration card in order to participate in the canvass.

#### Filing Requirements

Individuals seeking the Republican nomination for the above-mentioned offices must submit a specified pre-filing form in order to seek election at the Canvass. The pre-filing form and the \$50 pre-filing fee must both be filed no later than 7:00 PM on April 15, 2021 by mail or in person to Jacob Holmes, Chairman, 723 Prospect Avenue, Bristol, Virginia 24201. Postmarks will not be considered.

The specified form to file for a nomination is attached to this call and is available online at [www.bristolvagop.org](http://www.bristolvagop.org) or by calling (276) 492-8703. Only those who have pre-filed will be considered for nomination at the Canvass. No other nominations will be in order. Pre-filed candidates may be required to meet with the Committee prior to the Canvass date. If there is an uncontested race for a nomination for a specific office, then no vote will be needed for that individual contest. If there are no contested offices, the Canvass will not be necessary and will then be canceled.

#### Filing/Registration Fees

There will be no required registration fees to participate in the Bristol, Virginia Republican Committee Canvass. Participants will be asked to sign a registration form and a statement of intent form which is attached to this call. Candidates seeking the nomination at the Canvass will be asked to fill out and send in a Candidate Filing Form and a \$50 registration fee by the prefile deadline as expressed above. The Committee is authorized to charge a filing fee up to 4% of the annual salary of the office sought. The \$50 fee will help cover expenses to hold the Canvass.



## OFFICIAL RULES

### Party Canvass of the Bristol, Virginia Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia

The Bristol, Virginia 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 Bristol, Virginia City Hall, 300 Lee St, Suite 202, Bristol, Virginia 24201, or alternate location, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Thursday, April 29th, 2021. The purpose of the Canvass shall be:
  - a. Nominating a Republican candidate for the offices of Bristol City Treasurer, Sheriff, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Commissioner of the Revenue, to be voted upon in the November 2, 2021 General Election;
  - b. And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the canvass.
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.
3. Only individuals who are registered to vote as of the day of the party canvass shall be entitled to vote, except as provided for in Article I, Section A.2. of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.
4. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass.
5. All voters must sign a statement of intent to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the ensuing General Election.
6. The unit chair shall appoint a Credentials Committee of not more than seven persons, to register those persons who offer to vote and to count the ballots once the polls are closed. A majority of 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.
7. The Credentials Committee shall determine whether individuals who have prefiled meet the qualifications for the office sought, subject to appeal. The Credentials Committee shall make the final determination in any dispute over the eligibility of a voter to participate in the party canvass.
8. Each candidate shall be entitled to designate one individual to observe the conduct of the canvass and the counting of the ballots.
9. 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.
10. 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.

11. Any voter who is in line at 8:00 PM but has not yet voted, shall be entitled to cast his vote. A member of the Credentials Committee shall stand at the end of the line to ensure that no further voters join the line once the time for the closing of the polls has arrived.
12. 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 a representative 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.
13. Candidates receiving the largest number of votes, up to the maximum number that can be elected by the canvass for each office, shall be declared elected. If two or more persons have an equal number of votes and a higher number than any other person, the Bristol, Virginia Republican Committee shall proceed publicly to determine by lot which of the persons shall be declared elected, after those persons have been notified and are allowed an opportunity to be present.
14. The Bristol 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 Bristol 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.



**Bristol, Virginia Republican Committee Party Canvass  
Statement of Intent/Registration Form**

I hereby declare that I am qualified and intend to participate at the Bristol, Virginia Republican Committee Party Canvass on April 29, 2021 and affirm that:

***(initial each line as appropriate)***

- I am a registered voter in the City of Bristol, Virginia;
- I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party;
- I intend to support the Republican nominees in the November 2, 2021 Election in the City of Bristol for Commissioner of the Revenue, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, and Treasurer;
- I understand that if I publicly support a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee subsequent to a statement of support that I shall not be qualified to participate in party actions for a period of four years; and

***(initial one of the following two statements as appropriate)***

I have not participated in the nominating process of another party in the last five years;

**-- OR --**

I have participated in the nominating process of another party in the last five years, but I renounce affiliation with any party other than the Republican Party, intend to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future and understand that the Bristol, Virginia Republican Committee shall provide a copy of this signed renunciation statement to the Republican Party of Virginia, to be maintained for a period of 5 years.

**BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW: I AFFIRM THAT ALL THE INFORMATION AND THE DECLARATIONS I HAVE PROVIDED ON THIS FORM ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Legal Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved:  Yes  No / Reason: \_\_\_\_\_



**Bristol, Virginia Republican Committee Party Canvass  
Statement of Intent to Seek 2021 Nomination**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*full legal name*) do hereby declare my intention to seek the nomination as a Republican candidate for the office of Bristol City (*circle one*)

**Commonwealth's  
Attorney**

**Commissioner of the  
Revenue**

**Sheriff**

**Treasurer**

during the Party Canvass to be held on April 29, 2021. I do hereby further certify that I am a registered voter of the City of Bristol, Virginia. My current registered voting address and phone number is as follows:

Street: ( <i>number and name</i> )	P.O. Box: ( <i>if one</i> )
Phone Number:	E-Mail Address: ( <i>if one</i> )

**I further declare that I am in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and plan to support the nominee of the Republican Party in the ensuing election.**

I also do understand and agree that I will meet with the Candidate Recruitment Committee prior to the Canvass date if a meeting is requested.

I also agree that if I am the successful Republican nominee and win the office in the General Election, I will adhere to the following principles:

- a) A candidate owes the Bristol, Virginia Republican Committee loyalty and due consideration in matters of the office represented.
- b) Nominees and office holders of the Bristol, Virginia Republican Committee must attend monthly meetings and other functions as often as possible in order to keep the Committee informed of the business of the City and seek Committee counsel as warranted.

My \$50 candidate filing fee is enclosed and is paid by (*circle one*): **Cash** **Check**

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 Printed Name Signature Date

**Return form by postal mail or in-person to:**  
Jacob Holmes, Chairman  
723 Prospect Ave  
Bristol, VA 24201

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM ET  
NO FILING FORMS OR FILING FEES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME. POSTMARKS DO NOT GOVERN!  
SEE CALL TO PARTY CANVASS FOR FURTHER REQUIREMENTS**