# **OFFICIAL CALL**

#### REPUBLICAN PARTY CONVENTION

# PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY - MANASSAS - MANASSAS PARK

MAY 20, 2023

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**APRIL 29, 2023** 

As chairs of the Republican Committees for Prince William County, the City of Manassas and the City of Manassas Park (unit committees), pursuant to the Republican Party of Virginia Plan of Organization, we (M. Dennis Daugherty, Sharon Ashurst and Julie Huff) do hereby issue this call for a Multi-Jurisdictional Constitutional Offices Convention to be held on the date and at the time and location shown below:

Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM EDT Osbourn Park High School 8909 Euclid Avenue Manassas, VA 20111

OR

an alternate site and/or time, if necessary, for the following purposes:

- a) Nomination of a Candidate for Sheriff
- b) Nomination of a Candidate for Commonwealth Attorney
- c) Nomination of a Candidate for Clerk of Circuit Court, and
- d) Transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention

Further, as chairs of the Republican Committees for Prince William County, the City of Manassas and the City of Manassas Park (unit committees), pursuant to the Republican Party of Virginia Plan of Organization, we (M. Dennis Daugherty, Sharon Ashurst and Julie Huff) do also issue this call for mass meetings to be held on the date and at the time and location shown below:

# Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM EDT Osbourn Park High School 8909 Euclid Avenue Manassas, VA 20111

OR

an alternative site and/or time, if necessary,

for the purpose of electing delegates from each city and each county magisterial district to the above Multi-Jurisdictional Constitutional Offices Convention.

#### QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

All legal and qualified voters of Prince William County, the City of Manassas and the City of Manassas Park, 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 express in open meeting, either orally or in writing, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the November 7, 2023 general election, may participate as a member of the Republican Party of Virginia in this Constitutional Offices Convention.

A person otherwise qualified, but who has participated in the nominating processes of any other political party within the last five years, may participate upon stating they are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intend to support nominees of the Republican party in the future.

# **CANDIDACY FILING REQUIREMENTS:**

Any person who desires to seek one of the three nominations at the convention shall file a completed and signed Declaration of Candidacy, no later than 5:00 PM Friday, April 7, 2023, to the Prince William County Republican Committee Nominations Committee, P. O. Box 1955, Manassas, VA 20108. Delegation of Candidacy forms are attached to this Call and a separate form must be completed for each position a Candidate seeks. No nominations for these offices will be accepted from the floor of the convention.

The candidates for the offices listed below, in addition to the signed declaration of candidacy, shall pay a nonrefundable filing fee, in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) via a check made payable to the "Prince William County Republican Committee" or "PWCRC":

Candidate for Sheriff
Candidate for Commonwealth Attorney

#### Candidate for Clerk of Court

On or before April 12, 2023, the Secretary, Prince William County Republican Committee, will email to each Unit Chairman for subsequent distribution to each Delegate certified by that unit the following information:

- 1) Candidates for Sheriff
- 2) Candidates for Commonwealth Attorney
- 3) Candidates for Clerk of Court

#### COMPOSITION AND DELEGATE FILING

The Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units they represent, and a Military Delegation. Representation shall be based on the uniform ratio of the total number of Republican votes cast in each magisterial district and city in the last gubernatorial and presidential elections combined. Each city and district Unit shall have one (1) Delegate vote per 150 votes cast or major portion thereof. Each city and district may not have more than five delegates per Delegate vote and no delegate may have less than one-fifth of a vote. The number of Alternates a city or district may not exceed the number of delegates to which it is entitled.

Any voter meeting the qualifications for participation may file to be elected a Delegate using a form made available by the units, on their websites and other means reasonably designed to reach potential delegates. The form will incorporate a statement of intent to support Republican nominees in the fall election. The Delegate Application form, completed as to all items noted as "required," must be mailed to the Credentials Committee of the relevant unit committee at the addresses noted below and received **no later than Friday, April 14 at 5:00 PM.** Postmarks shall not govern.

Prince William County Republican Committee P. O. Box 1955
Manassas, VA 20108

Manassas Republican Committee 8665 Sudley Road, #224 Manassas, VA 20110

Manassas Park Republican Committee 9314 E. Carondolet Dr. Manassas Park, VA 20111

Alternatively, prospective Delegates may scan their completed and signed forms and email them to <u>Secretary@pwcqop.gop</u>.

In any city or district in which fewer persons file than the maximum number of delegates specified below, all filers shall be deemed elected. In any city or district in which more persons file than the maximum number below, a mass meeting will be conducted in accordance with the terms of this call. See Conduct of Mass Meetings below.

District or City	<b>Delegate Votes Allotted</b>	Maximum # of Delegates
City of Managage	20	100
City of Manassas	38	190
City of Manassas Park	11	55
Brentsville district	99	495
Coles district	84	420
Gainesville district	76	380
Neabsco district	47	235
Occoquan district	72	360
Potomac district	55	275
Woodbridge district	38	190

# **MILITARY MEMBERS AS DELEGATES**

Military Members (any members of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard currently serving on active duty) may be certified as delegates by complying with the procedures detailed in this call pursuant to Article VIII, Section H, Paragraph 6 of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia. Military Member delegates or alternate delegates that are unable to attend the convention in person due to obligations of their official military orders, shall have their votes cast within their unit delegation according to candidate preference ballots. Candidate preference ballots will be made available by the Prince William County Republican Committee no later than April 26, 2023, on its website, <a href="http://www.pwcgop.gop">http://www.pwcgop.gop</a> or upon request by e-mail to <a href="mailto-secretary@pwcgop.gop">Secretary@pwcgop.gop</a>. Candidate preference ballots must be received no later than May 13, 2023, by the unit committee Credentials Committees at the addresses specified in Composition and Delegate Filing above or <a href="mailto-secretary@pwcgop.gop">Secretary@pwcgop.gop</a>. Postmarks will not govern.

#### **CONVENTION VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION FEE**

No fee is required to participate. Every person elected as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate will be asked to pay a twenty dollar (\$20) non-refundable voluntary fee to help cover Convention expenses. Checks and money orders are to be made payable to the "PWCRC," the "Manassas RC" or the "Manassas Park RC".

# **DELEGATE REGISTRATION**

Convention registration shall begin at 8:30 AM and shall conclude at 10:00 AM. All Delegates in line at 10:00 AM shall be allowed to complete check-in.

Delegates must present photo identification issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia, one of its political subdivisions, the United States government, or a United States college or university.

The Convention shall be called to order at 10:00 AM or upon completion of registration of all Delegates in line at 10:00 AM. Balloting shall not begin before all Convention Delegates in line by 10:00 AM have been registered. Upon commencement of the first ballot for any office and thereafter, no quorum call or point of order regarding the quorum of the Convention, or of any Committee thereof, shall be in order.

#### **CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES**

A spreadsheet certification listing the Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Convention, with their respective names and addresses, including zip codes, shall be certified in writing over the signatures of the permanent chairman and permanent secretary of the mass meeting conducted to select the delegates and alternate delegates.

Unit Chairs must email or otherwise deliver (post marks will not govern) Certification packets, so as to be received by the Secretary, Prince William County Republican Committee at <a href="mailto:Secretary@pwcqop.qop">Secretary@pwcqop.qop</a>, no later than May 5.

After the filing deadline of the certifications, no change may be made except a certified alternate delegate may be made a delegate. A copy of the published call of the mass meeting called for the purpose of electing delegates and alternate delegates to this convention, must accompany the certification with the date of publication stated.

A Delegate or Alternate Delegate is not certified until his name, address and phone number has been provided on the certification.

Within five (5) days of receipt of a unit's certified list of delegates, the Secretary, Prince William County Republican Committee, will email a copy to all candidates.

# **CONVENTION CONDUCT AND COMMITTEES**

The Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the Republican Party of Virginia Plan of Organization, this Call, the rules of the Convention and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, Twelfth Edition, with that order of precedence.

The unit chairs shall appoint a temporary chairman, secretary, and such other officers are necessary, along with members to serve on the following committees from each city and magisterial district:

Nominations Credentials Rules Tellers

The delegates present in any given district or city delegation shall designate which alternate delegates shall vote in the place of an absent delegate, except where the body electing the delegates has determined another method of alternate delegate selection.

# CANCELLATION

In the event that no more than one candidate for a constitutional office prefiles to seek the Republican nomination, the three unit chairs are authorized to jointly declare the sole prefiled candidate to have been nominated by the Republican Party for that office. In the event that no more than one candidate to be nominated prefiles for each of the three constitutional offices, the three unit chairs are authorized to jointly cancel the convention with notice by email to the delegates and posting on the unit and state party websites.

# **Conduct of the Mass Meetings**

For each such mass meeting, the County Republican Chairman shall appoint a temporary chairman and secretary, and such other officers as are necessary. Only registered voters from the particular magisterial district who meet the qualifications for participation may vote in the mass meeting

The Mass Meeting registration process shall begin at 8:30 AM and shall conclude at 10:00 AM All voters in line at 10:00 AM shall be allowed to register. The Mass Meeting shall be called to order at 10:00 AM or upon completion of check-in of all voters in line at 10:00 AM Balloting shall not begin before all voters in line by 10:00 AM have been registered.

In order to register, the voter must present a photo identification issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia, one of its political subdivisions, the United States government, or a United States college or university.

Each voter will be permitted to cast a number of votes equal to the maximum number of delegates shown above for the city or district. The delegate candidates receiving the most votes, up to the maximum number, will be elected to serve as delegates to the Constitutional Offices Convention. The remainder will be elected alternates up to the same corresponding number.

The Mass Meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Republican State Party Plan, this Call, the Rules of the Mass Meeting and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, Twelfth Edition, in that order of precedence.

# **CALL REVISIONS**

The unit chairs are authorized to jointly revise the issued call to make technical or conforming changes to the call in the event such changes are necessary.

Authorized by the unit committees of Prince William County, the City of Manassas and the City of Manassas Park of the Republican Party of Virginia. Chair M. Dennis Daugherty, Chair Sharon Ashurst and Chair Julie Huff, respectively.