

Proposed Election Rules for The Salt Lake County Republican Party Central Committee Meeting

Section 1 Purpose

- 1.1 To fill by regular election, four seats on the Bylaws Committee for a term of two years.
- 1.2 To fill by special election, Senate District Chairs in districts 13 and 23 for the remainder of the term of two years.
- 1.3 The Bylaws Committee Election and the Senate District Chair Elections shall be handled separately as business items on the adopted Central Committee agenda. These rules shall apply only to these specific business items.

Section 2 Qualifications and Credentials

- 2.1 All persons standing for election in the County Party shall be registered Republicans and shall reside within the political district that they will represent if elected.
- 2.2 Party officers shall not serve on the Bylaws Committee.
- 2.3 Only qualified members of the County Party Central Committee may be credentialed and vote in these elections.

Section 3 General Rules

- 3.1 For the Bylaws Committee Election, a quorum shall be a majority of credentialed Central Committee Members.
- 3.2 For the Senate District Elections, a quorum shall consist of those district members present.
- 3.3 Only credentialed members may speak to the business of these elections. The Chair may recognize anyone to address the members during these Elections.
- 3.4 The Party shall not give any candidate exclusive information or privileges prior to or during the elections.
- 3.5 Candidates may be nominated from the floor and may nominate themselves.
- 3.6 Ballot and speaking order was determined by a random letter draw of the alphabet held at the March 13, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.

That order is: **B, F, J, L, U, D, A, T, C, Z, Q, R, S, Y, O, U, K, M, E, P, X, G, I, N, W, H.**

- 3.7 Candidates for Bylaws Committee and Senate District Chair shall have 2 minutes. This time is inclusive of all presentations by or on the candidate's behalf. Should multiple rounds be required, each remaining candidate shall be given 1 minute for speech and presentation.

Section 4 Elections and Balloting

- 4.1 Voting may be done using electronic or paper balloting as proposed by the Elections Committee and approved by the Executive Committee.
- 4.2 Single round elections: Voters cast a single ballot with one name per seat selected on their ballot. If a candidate receives a majority of legal votes cast, that candidate wins. If not, the election goes into multiple-rounds.
- 4.3 Multiple-round elections: The first ballot shall be used to reduce the number of candidates to those receiving the highest number of votes that, when combined, represent a majority of votes. This

process continues in each successive round until one (1) candidate receives a majority. Ties are determined by a coin toss before the electing body.

- 4.4 Where electronic voting is used, the Elections Chair shall explain the process of voting and the system being used before balloting begins.
 - a. A test ballot may be run.
 - b. Polling locations will be available to those without a personal device.
 - c. A Help Desk shall be made available for electronic voting questions.
- 4.5 Where paper balloting is used, the Elections Chair shall explain the process of voting and the balloting process, to include at least:
 - a. only official ballots shall be used;
 - b. the handling of spoiled ballots;
 - c. the empty contents of ballot boxes shall be displayed to the body prior to casting of the first ballot;
 - d. credentials shall be marked as eligible voters cast their ballots;
 - e. and counting room security.
- 4.6 Polls shall open and close as officially announced by the Chair.
- 4.7 Each candidate shall be allowed one (1) Poll Watcher. The poll watcher may be any individual other than the Candidate.
 - a. **Electronic Voting:** The Poll Watcher will be granted access to the Elections Room to observe the process, on behalf of the Candidate.
 - b. **Paper Balloting:** The Poll Watcher will be allowed to observe both the Balloting and Vote Counting process on behalf of the Candidate.
- 4.8 Any challenges to the voting process must be brought to the Chair before results are announced.
- 4.9 While results are being tallied, the Central Committee may handle other agenda matters and return to the Elections as necessary.

Section 5 Senate District Elections

- 5.1 When Senate District elections are announced, members of each respective Senate district shall go to their designated area.
- 5.2 Assigned election managers will conduct each election.
- 5.3 The election manager shall call for nominations from the floor and list the nominees. Candidates may self-nominate. Nominations close when no other candidates are nominated.
- 5.4 Candidates shall have 2 minutes each to speak, and speak in the order listed in Section 3.5.
- 5.5 Voting is by paper ballot. Write one name on the ballot and deposit it in the ballot box. The person manning the ballot box shall mark each credential before a ballot is deposited.
- 5.6 Ballots shall be counted by two assigned members and the results announced by the election manager.
- 5.7 Single or multiple-rounds may be used according to the rules in 4.2 and 4.3.
- 5.8 Election winners shall provide contact information to the election managers. Results of the election and contact information will be given to the Elections Chair. Results will be submitted to the Chair and announced to the Central Committee.