

Salt Lake County Republican Party 2024 Nominating Convention Rules

1. Purpose: This convention is to nominate county and legislative offices and transact other business properly brought before the body.
2. Delegate Qualifications & Credentials:
 - 2.1. Each county delegate shall be a registered voter and affiliated with the Republican by Party Caucus Night (March 5, 2024) in order to be credentialed at the Convention.
 - 2.2. Delegates to the Salt Lake County Nominating Convention may be credentialed upon one of three criteria:
 - a) Election as a County Delegate at the previous Precinct Caucus held on March 5, 2024
 - b) County Party Officers, Executive Committee Members, and Republican Elected Government Officials residing in Salt Lake County, shall have Ex-Officio delegate status to the County Convention occurring during their term of office, subject to the State and County Party's governing rules.
 - c) Delegate vacancies may be filled by appointment of the Precinct Chair or acting Precinct Chair in writing and filed with the Party Secretary no later than March 30, 2024, 5:00 PM.
 - 2.3. Challenges to a delegate's status shall be filed in writing with the Credentials Committee no later than 5:00 pm, seven (7) calendar days prior to the Convention (5:00 pm, April 6, 2024). Delegates shall retain the right to challenge delegates on the floor;
 - 2.4. Each delegate to this convention will be issued a credential that is nontransferable, which must be visibly worn by all delegates during Convention sessions.
3. Seating and Admission:
 - 3.1. Only credentialed delegates may vote at the Convention; however, the Convention Chair may invite any individual to address the Convention.
 - 3.2. Convention Officers and Committee members shall have floor access and speaking rights.
 - 3.3. Non-delegates may be asked to sit in guest areas defined by and provided at the discretion of the Chair.
 - 3.4. Press credentials and admission are subject to review and acceptance by the Credentials Committee, subject to appeal to the Chair.
 - 3.5. No video or other electronic recording shall be made without the consent of the Convention Chair.
4. Rules of Order:
 - 4.1. The Party Bylaws, these Rules and the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern this Convention. These rules shall govern any conflict with Robert's Rules.
 - 4.2. All persons attending the Convention shall observe proper conduct and the direction of the Chair. The aisles and exits must remain clear.
 - 4.3. Changing any wording in the rules does not affect the remaining sections or subsections.
 - 4.4. All Convention motions of any length shall be in writing and a copy of the motion shall be given to the Convention Chair prior to debate upon the motion.
 - 4.5. Convention Voting:
 - a) Excepting elections, all voting shall be conducted by raised credential. There shall be no voice voting.
 - b) A standing count of the delegates shall be taken only upon a call for a Standing Count, supported by at least one hundred fifty (150) delegates.
 - c) There shall be no absentee or proxy voting or balloting.
 - 4.6. Campaigning:

- a) No campaigning distributing materials or other interference is allowed within ten (10) feet of the Registration Tables.
 - b) No campaigning, distributing materials or other interference is allowed in the auditorium, or any other area where official convention business is being conducted.
 - c) No campaigning, distributing materials or other interference is allowed within ten (10) feet of any electronic or paper balloting location.
 - d) All printed and other material shall contain the name(s) and contact information of the person(s) or organization(s) responsible for the literature clearly printed on the material.
- 4.7. The Party shall not give any candidate, organization or issue exclusive information, rights or privileges to promote their campaign, organization or issue to the exclusion of any other competing candidate, organization or issue prior to or during the convention.
5. Section Convention Officers:
- 5.1. Officers:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) County Party Chair: Chris Null b) County Party Vice Chair: Mackey Smith c) County Party Secretary: Carma Brown d) County Party Treasurer: Thomas Young e) Convention Committee Chair: Jake Hunsaker 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> f) Credentials Chair: Mark Furlong/Scott Schulze g) Elections Chair: Mark Brinton h) Parliamentarian: Jordan Teuscher i) Rules Chair: Merlene Cook
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 - 5.2. Convention Chair: The Convention Chair is responsible to maintain the course and objectives of the Convention and to decide all questions of order or interpretation of Convention rules, subject to appeal by a majority of the delegates voting.
 - 5.3. Sergeant-at-Arms: The Convention Sergeant-at-Arms will appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms to each microphone at convention to maintain order, assist delegates that wish to address the Convention, and assure smooth transitions between speakers and delegates addressing the Convention.
 - 5.4. Credentials Chair: The Convention Credentials Chair shall be responsible for the credentialing of delegates to this convention, including but not limited to delegate registration, a credentialing help desk, and credential reports for the convention and “breakout” caucus meetings.
 - a) The Credentials chair shall be issued in two (2) parts: An initial Credentials Report as the Conventions first item of business and, a final Credentials Report prior to the elections process for any contested county-wide election.
 - 5.5. Elections Chair: The Elections Committee Chair shall be responsible for the conduct of elections and balloting at this convention, including, but not limited to: The security of the electronic and paper ballots, the accuracy of the count, and for directing the access and conduct of all persons within the ballot counting area.
6. Order Of Business:
- 6.1. The Convention shall consider as the first order of business the Credentials Committee report, then the Rules Committee report, and then the proposed agenda.
 - 6.2. Convention Chair shall have the right to move delegation reports as needed.
 - 6.3. The order of business, notwithstanding rule 6.2, shall follow the agenda adopted by the delegates.
 - a) Following its adoption, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those delegates voting is required to amend the Convention agenda
 - 6.4. Convention reports may be amended before adoption by a majority of those voting. After debate and amendment, if any, a single vote will be taken on the body of each report.
7. Quorum:
- 7.1. The number of delegates in attendance at the scheduled start of the Convention shall constitute a quorum until a credentials report is accepted.

- 7.2. The number of delegates in attendance at the scheduled start of a caucus “break out” meeting shall constitute a quorum for the caucus meeting.
 - 7.3. The number of delegates in attendance throughout this Convention shall constitute a quorum, provided that number is not less than a majority of the current accepted credentials report.
 - 7.4. The final credentials report announced and accepted before elections shall be binding for the remainder of the Convention.
 - 7.5. Contested elections are not subject to quorum requirements
8. Delegate Voice: Any delegate wishing to speak upon the Convention floor shall rise, approach the microphone that is “manned” by a Sergeant-at-Arms, and address the Chair, and if recognized, first state their name and voting precinct.
- 8.1. No delegate shall speak more than twice upon any one motion. The proponent of a motion shall open and close the debate.
 - 8.2. No delegate shall speak for more than two (2) minutes at a time unless given additional time by the body. The maker of the motion shall be allowed one (1) minute to summarize and close the debate before the vote on the motion is taken.
9. Elections and Balloting:
- 9.1. General Provisions:
 - a) Candidate Ballot and Speaking Order was determined by a random drawing of the alphabet conducted at the Executive Committee meeting before Convention (03/21/2024). The speaking order shall be:
U, W, D, H, A, S, Q, C, I, P, B, Y, X, Z, L, N, R, J, M, K, E, O, V, T, F, G
 - b) Any unopposed candidates shall be announced to the Convention and considered nominated by acclamation.
 - c) Candidates shall not distribute campaign literature to delegates after the first candidate in their race begins to speak.
 - d) Electronic and Paper shall be the authorized forms of balloting at this Convention. When Paper balloting is used, the person manning each ballot box shall expose the inside to reveal that the ballot box is empty immediately prior to sealing the ballot box and the casting of the first ballot.
 - e) Electronic records and official tally sheets shall be used to record each counted vote, and will be kept with the supporting ballots. These materials shall be maintained by the Party Officers in a secure location for at least five (5) business days following the Convention (until 5:00 pm, April 19, 2024).
 - f) Any candidate requesting a recount or challenging an election must file a request in writing to the Elections Committee Chair by 5:00 pm two (2) business days following the Convention (5:00 pm Tuesday April 16, 2024). Recounts and challenges may only be brought if the outcome of the election would be legitimately affected. If a coin toss or drawing of lots was used to determine the winner, no challenge or recount will be accepted.
 - 9.2. Balloting:
 - a) The Elections Committee shall instruct delegates on the balloting procedures.
 - b) Polls will open and close when officially announced by the Convention Chair.
 - c) Only County Delegates, upon presentation of proper credentials, will be allowed to deposit their own ballots in the designated ballot boxes.
 - d) Any challenges to the ballot or counting processes must be made to the Elections Committee Chair, Caucus Facilitator or Designee before the election results of that race are announced.
 - e) Delegates may vote for no more than one candidate in each Nomination Race. Ballots: (a) containing more than one (1) vote per Nomination Race; (b) that are not clearly marked; (c) with a vote for any person who was not properly nominated; or (d) for a candidate who has withdrawn or been eliminated from the race will be considered spoiled and will not be counted for that race, either for a candidate or in the calculation of a majority threshold.

- f) Spoiled paper ballots may be exchanged prior to deposit in the ballot box upon showing of proper credentials and the surrendering of the spoiled ballot at the "Spoiled Ballot Area" where the spoiled ballot shall be exchanged and immediately destroyed in the presence of the requesting voter.
 - g) Ballot counting shall not commence for Nomination Races until after polls have been closed for at least one (1) minute.
- 9.3. Ballot Counting, Results, Rounds and Candidates Nomination:
- a) A candidate must receive 60% or more of the vote to be the Party's Nominee;
 - b) Otherwise, if more than two (2) candidates are in the race, additional rounds of balloting shall be used to reduce the number of candidates to no less than two (2) from those receiving the highest percentage of the votes that, when combined, represent a majority of votes. This process shall continue until a final runoff between the top two (2) candidates.
 - c) If neither candidate reaches the 60% threshold, the two (2) remaining candidates shall participate in a primary.
 - d) In the event of a tie between two (2) candidates to determine which candidate advances to a succeeding round of balloting, the candidates shall come before the delegates voting in that race. Ties between two (2) candidates shall be determined by coin toss, while ties of more than two (2) candidates shall be determined by the drawing of lots, each conducted before the electing body.
- 9.4. Poll Watchers: Each candidate shall be allowed one (1) poll watcher.
- a) Poll watchers will not interfere, distract, or in any way disrupt the workers counting votes; nor will they convey by any means the outcome of the election until it has been announced by the Chair.
 - b) Candidates shall identify their designated poll watchers to the Elections Committee Chair or designee, who shall issue official credentials allowing them access to observe the proceedings at each balloting station and the designated Poll Watch in the ballot counting area
 - c) In accordance with generally accepted election standards, no poll watcher will be allowed to wear campaign articles, including shirts, pins, stickers, etc... while performing their duty as a poll watcher at any balloting or counting station.
- 9.5. County-wide Elections:
- a) Elections: Each candidate for county-wide office shall be allowed three (3) minutes in which to address the Convention.
 - b) Time allotted for a candidate's presentation shall begin when the candidate is introduced by the Convention Chair and will include any time required by the Candidate to position supporters or change speakers.
 - c) Candidate presentations (nominating speeches) may include nomination or endorsement by individuals other than delegates. Nominating speeches are not required.
- 9.6. Caucus Elections
- a) The Elections Committee, under the guidance of the Convention Chair, will select Hosts/Caucus Facilitators to conduct the Senate, Legislative, County Council District and State School Board caucus meetings. No person shall conduct a caucus in which he or she is a candidate.
 - b) A written list of procedures to be followed in caucus "breakout" meetings and elections, together with ballot and tally-sheet materials shall be given to each caucus facilitator in advance of the scheduled caucus meeting.
 - c) The Caucus Facilitator shall provide a timekeeper and two (2) or more ballot persons for their caucus. No person shall be a timekeeper or ballot person in which he or she is a candidate.
 - d) Each candidate shall receive three (3) minutes for candidate speeches. The time is inclusive of all presentations made for or by candidates.
 - e) In Multiple Round Elections, prior to casting the next round of ballots, surviving candidates, or those they designate, shall be allowed one (1) minute for an additional candidate presentation.

- 9.7. State Delegate Elections: If any precinct at the Party's precinct caucuses fails to elect any of its allocated State Convention Delegates, those unfilled delegate positions may only be filled by means of election at the Legislative Caucus of the County Nominating Convention.
- a) Candidates for those unfilled State Delegate positions must reside within the same Congressional District, State Senate District, and State House District as the precinct with the unfilled seat, but not necessarily within the same precinct. Candidate eligibility shall be verified prior to voting by the Caucus Facilitator.
 - b) Candidates for State Delegate positions must be registered to vote as Republicans on or before March 5, 2024

10. Resolutions:

- 10.1. Only delegates shall sponsor resolutions.
- 10.2. Resolution sponsors wanting to be included on the official Convention agenda must deliver copies of the resolution for all delegates no later than 5:00 pm eight (8) calendar days prior to the Convention (Friday, April 5, 2024). All resolutions meeting the deadline shall be included on the official Convention agenda, handed out at registration and posted on the County Party website no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the Convention.
- 10.3. Resolutions that do not meet the deadline in 10.2 will not be considered.
- 10.4. Resolutions shall be no more than 100 words printed on one side of the sheet. The "whereas" arguments may occupy the remaining area of the paper, front and back side.
- 10.5. Amendments to resolutions shall not be considered.
- 10.6. Consideration of all resolutions shall be limited to a total of sixty (60) minutes. Any resolution not voted up or down at the end of ten (10) minutes will not be given further consideration, unless time is extended by a majority of delegates voting.

11. Physical Arrangements

- 11.1. The Convention shall follow the Hosting Facility's Policies and Procedures, and the Arrangement Committee's requirements.
 - a) The Arrangement Committee shall publish access times to the Convention Hall including times candidates and organizations will have access for set-up and deadlines for take-down. Such times may be altered or extended for unforeseen circumstances at the discretion of the ranking Convention Official in the hall at the scheduled time that access is scheduled.
- 11.2. Candidates, organizations, and individuals using the Convention for distribution, campaigning, or any other promotional or reporting use shall be responsible to research and comply with the Hosting Facility's Policies and Procedures and the Arrangement Committee's requirements.
- 11.3. Printed and other materials may not be pre-distributed on the chairs in the delegate seating area, nor is the distribution of campaign materials allowed in the auditorium.
- 11.4. Candidates and organizations that leave campaign materials in the facility, necessitating facility janitorial staff to clean up after them, will be assessed a janitorial fee to compensate the janitorial staff for their work.