

Washington County Republican Party Virtual Nominating Convention Rules

April 18, 2020



WCRP Bylaws Article IX

- B. Nominating Convention. At the time and place designated by the County Central Committee, the Convention shall be held (each even-numbered year) to nominate candidates for partisan offices. Notice regarding the Convention shall be mailed or emailed to every properly qualified County Delegate at least two weeks prior to the Convention.
1. General. Delegates shall elect candidates for County officials and Utah House Representatives and Senators for districts with boundaries identical to or completely within the boundaries of Washington County.
 - a. The Convention shall begin promptly at the designated time, date and place.
 - b. The most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be used to facilitate orderly procedures and communications during such meetings.
 - c. The Convention shall follow the prepared agenda provided in the mailing notice to the delegates. Any deviation from the agenda must be put in the form of a motion and requires a second and approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present.
 - d. A motion to amend the Convention rules and procedures or a motion for a resolution containing more than ten words must be made in writing and submitted to the Party Secretary by 12:00 noon ten days prior to the Convention (Washington County Republican Party, attn.: Secretary, P.O. Box 1508, St. George, UT 84771).
 - e. Motions to amend the Convention rules and procedures containing ten words or less may be made verbally from the floor immediately following the second to the motion to adopt the rules and procedures.
 2. Delegates. Delegates to this Convention shall be the same persons who were elected and certified as County Delegates at the Caucus Meetings of the Washington County Republican Party last held (except where delegates have been duly replaced), together with those persons designated as Officiary Delegates.
 - a. Delegates are required to display a delegate name tag issued for the Convention and may be required to show picture I.D. during the balloting process.
 - b. Delegates to the Convention who are neither present nor certified ten minutes past the scheduled time of the convening of the Convention shall be disqualified as delegates. Only certified delegates may vote at the Convention.
 3. Nominating. At the time and place set for the County Nominating Convention, the name of each person who is qualified and has properly filed may be placed in nomination for the office for which the declaration was filed.
 - a. Nominations shall be made for all contested offices and need not be seconded. Each candidate for a contested office shall be allowed a combined time as specified in the Convention Rules for nomination, second (optional) and acceptance speech. Uncontested candidates may be elected by acclamation by a motion from the Convention floor.
 - b. Prior to nominations for a specific office, the Convention Chair shall make a report of any candidate who failed to submit a platform disclosure statement as prescribed by these Bylaws.
 - c. When the number of candidates filing declarations of candidacy is no greater than the number of nominees required for the next General Election, those candidates shall be declared to be the Party's nominees for those offices and shall not be required to run at

either the Nominating Convention or in the Primary Election.

4. Balloting. The Convention may use multiple ballots or preference voting. The Party Central Committee shall certify the method of election at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention.
 - a. Following the nominating and acceptance speeches made on behalf of the candidates for office, the Delegates shall vote. The County Nominating Convention shall provide time and voting facilities so that all delegates may vote. Each delegate shall cast one vote for each office to be filled.
 - b. When two candidates are nominated by the Nominating Convention for the same office, both candidates shall run in a primary election in accordance with Utah Code.
 - c. A candidate for an office who receives sixty percent (60%) or more of the votes cast at any point in the balloting process shall become the Party's candidate without the necessity of running in the Primary Election.
 - d. In the event three or more candidates are nominated for the same office and the Convention has chosen to use multiple ballots, the first ballot shall be used to reduce the number of candidates to three, if more than three candidates participate or by one, if three participate. Each subsequent ballot shall eliminate the lowest vote getter(s) until two candidates remain. The two top candidates shall participate in the final ballot.
 - e. The Party Secretary shall certify to the County Clerk the names of the Party's candidates by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday after the Convention.

Supplemental Rules

1. In the event of internet failure, we will reconvene on the first weekday evening that the internet is restored.
2. All credentialing and voting will take place on Google Forms sent to individual emails.
3. Delegates who are eligible to vote in multiple races will receive an email for each individual race. If multiple rounds are necessary, those ballots will be emailed separately as well.
4. Votes are linked to emails and are allowed to vote only once per ballot.
5. Once the vote is submitted, it is recorded and final.
6. Voting can only take place while election is open. When voting is closed, the ballot cannot be voted.