

RULES FOR THE 2026 9TH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Saturday, May 16, 2026 – Wytheville Meeting Center – Wytheville, VA

1. This Convention shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following (giving precedence as listed): the Republican Party of Virginia Party Plan, Ninth District Bylaws, these Rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
2. Any person may attend the Convention, but only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may have the floor unless specifically recognized by the Chair. Only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may vote. No proxies are allowed at any time.
3. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Convention.
4. The Credentials Committee shall report on the proper credentials of each voter and decide any question that may arise concerning voter eligibility to participate.
5. No one will be allowed access to the Convention floor without proper credentials displayed. Special floor passes may be issued by the District Chairman to the campaign committees of candidates, to elected officials or their support staff, to qualified members of the media, and to guests of the Convention.
6. A roll call shall be taken at the request of one-fifth (1/5) of the total Convention voters, as certified by the Credentials Committee.
7. The vote of all units shall be reported to the nearest one-hundredth (1/100) decimal (*e.g.*, 0.01).
8. All contested offices at the Convention must be elected by a majority of the weighted vote of the certified delegates casting ballots.
9. Unmarked ballots, abstentions, voting for more than the permitted number of candidates per ballot, and votes cast for persons not placed in nomination before the Convention, shall be excluded in calculating the total vote reported by each unit. Voters may not cast multiple votes for an individual candidate on the same ballot.

10. No voter may change his or her vote after it has been collected or recorded by the Chairman or a teller appointed by the Chairman.
11. Once voting has begun: (a) no candidate may withdraw except for a motion to nominate or elect by acclamation; (b) no one other than the Chairman of the Convention or those authorized by him may address the Convention; and (c) no other business may come before the Convention until the vote is completed and announced.
12. Upon adoption of these Rules, the temporary officials of the Convention shall be made permanent.
13. No motion shall be in order at the Convention except those pertaining to the order of business or the item of business being pursued at the time the motion is made.
14. Only those persons who properly pre-filed their intent in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Call of this Convention shall be nominated. The Nominations Committee shall report on the proper filing of such requirements. No nominations of candidates for offices shall be presented from the floor.
15. The following maximum time limits shall be observed for each guest speaker and each candidate for offices to be elected at this convention:
 - a. Candidates (or their representatives) for federal offices to be elected in the November 2026 General Election: Five (5) minutes.
 - b. Candidates (or their representatives) for District Chairman to be elected at this Convention: Five (5) minutes.
 - c. Special guest speakers, as recognized by the Convention Chairman: Five (5) minutes.
16. Once adopted, these Rules may be repealed, suspended or amended only by a three fourths (3/4) vote of those Delegates (voters) present and voting at the Convention, unless otherwise specified in a specific rule.
17. The Election Committee shall consist of at least four people appointed by the 9th District Chairman and will serve as tellers for the election. The tellers will be near the Convention stage, and one will be assigned to a computer to enter information into a spreadsheet format. At least three tellers will be assigned to assist with distribution to each unit chair an envelope provided

by the Credentials Committee. The envelope will list the number of registered delegates for each particular unit. The teller will provide the number of ballots in an envelope. The envelopes will have the correct number of ballots for each voting delegate as certified by the Credentials Committee.

18. Each unit chair will distribute the ballots to his or her delegates approved for voting. Each unit chair is to individually place a check mark on each delegate's identification card as each delegate receives a ballot in every round of voting. The Unit Chair will collect the folded ballots (in half), placing them *uncounted* in the envelope previously provided, then return to the counting table located near the Convention stage for counting and tabulation. Any allotted ballot not returned by the unit chair will be deemed forfeited, and any unused ballot will not be entered into the tabulation and shall be returned in the envelope unused.
19. When the unit chairs arrive at the counting table with their unit's respective envelopes, they are to empty the ballots, count them along with the oversight and assistance of the teller. Votes will be tabulated on a tabulation sheet and verified by the teller. All results are provided to the computer teller for entry into the digital spreadsheet. Ballots are then placed into another envelope for storage and retained by the Elections Committee.
20. Each candidate shall be permitted to appoint one observer to view and observe the counting table. Said observer is not allowed to assist in counting or interfere with the counting of ballots.
21. The word "voter" and "delegate" shall be used interchangeably at this Convention and are individuals who are approved to vote in the Convention by the Credentials Committee.
22. Absolutely no resolutions shall be presented to the Convention for consideration.
23. In the event of a tie vote in the results of the election for District Chairman, the tie vote shall be broken by a drawing of lots, as conducted by the Rules Committee.
24. The order of business shall be as set forth below, provided, however, that upon majority vote of the Convention, an item may be omitted or added. The Chairman of the Convention may interrupt the order as he or she may deem appropriate.

- a. Call to Order
- b. Invocation
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Reading of the Virginia Republican Creed
- e. Reading of the Call by the Party Secretary
- f. Welcoming Remarks & Comments
- g. Introduction of Committees
- h. Election of Temporary Chairman
- i. Election of Temporary Secretary
- j. Appointment of Temporary Parliamentarian, Timekeeper and Sergeant-at-Arms
- k. Meeting of Committees
- l. Remarks from Special Guests
- m. Credentials Committee Report
- n. Rules Committee Report
- o. Resolutions Committee Report
- p. Nominations Committee Report
- q. Candidate Speeches
- r. Election of District Chairman of the 9th Congressional District Republican Committee
- s. Announcement of Results
- t. Gavel Presentation & Remarks from New District Chairman
- u. Final Comments
- v. Adjournment

The foregoing Rules have been agreed to by the members of the Rules Committee of the 9th District Republican Convention this the 16th day of May 2026:

By: _____
Aidan C. Williams, Chair