

**PERMANENT SUPPLEMENTAL RULES
2024 STATE CONVENTION
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS**

As Approved by the Convention
Thursday, May 23, 2024

IN GENERAL SESSION

Rule No. 1 – Governing Authority

The General Rules and these Supplemental Rules of the 2024 State Convention shall govern the proceedings of this convention.

Rule No. 2 – Signs

No signs may be displayed in, nor attached to, any part of the building without prior approval of the State Chairman or their designee. This rule shall not be interpreted to restrict or prohibit the handheld carrying of signs by delegates, alternates, or registered guests. Signs may not obstruct the line of sight of delegates.

Rule No. 3 – Badges, Passes, and Minor Children

Delegates, alternates, registered guests, press, and all others present shall display the Convention identification issued to them, identifying themselves to any Sergeant-at-Arms or any other Convention officer when requested. Minor children are not required to register. All attendees shall sit in the sections assigned to them.

Rule No. 4 – Alternate Seating

An alternate seated for an absent delegate must be certified by the delegation chairman of the county or senatorial district convention from which the alternate was elected, or in the absence of such chairman, verified by reference to the roll of alternates filed with the State Chairman and approved for this convention. An alternate must be from the same county and senatorial district or congressional district and must have been elected by the same convention as the delegate in whose place the alternate serves. In a general session, a duly certified alternate may be seated during the temporary absence of a delegate.

Rule No. 5 – Filing of Original Motions and Amendments

- a. Original motions and amendments that are not proposed amendments to the 2024 Republican Party of Texas Platform and Resolutions Committee Report or Legislative Priorities Committee Report shall be submitted to the Convention Secretary. The Convention Secretary may require written or electronic submission secretary@texasgop.org immediately upon being made and seconded.
- b. All resolutions offered by delegates for consideration by the Convention permanent committees shall include the name and Senatorial District number of the delegate offering the resolution. The resolutions shall be filed with the Convention Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, in RPT Staff Office (Room 211) of the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas and date and time-recorded, not later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the first meetings of

the permanent committees. The Convention Secretary shall automatically and without debate cause the resolutions to be referred to the appropriate permanent committee.

Rule No. 6 – Floor Recognition

To speak on any matter that requires recognition from the Chair, a delegate shall go to a microphone and await recognition by the Chair. At each microphone, there shall be a control panel containing three (3) color-coded lights and one (1) blinking white light for the use of the Sergeant-at-Arms responsible for that microphone to seek recognition for the delegate. The lights shall be color coded for:

INTERRUPTING MOTIONS, e.g., Point of Order (BLINKING WHITE LIGHT)
 MOTION (BLUE LIGHT)
 FAVOR (GREEN LIGHT)
 AGAINST (RED LIGHT)

After being recognized, but before otherwise addressing the convention, the delegate shall state the delegate's name, senatorial district of residence, and the purpose for which the delegate seeks recognition. To bring an interrupting motion to the attention of the Chair, a Sergeant-at-Arms may use both the microphone and the blinking white light.

Rule No. 7 – General Session Debate

Debate on any motion or resolution shall be limited to three (3) speakers in favor and three (3) speakers against, with each speaker limited to two (2) minutes. The Chairman shall have authority to extend debate.

- Debate on the Permanent Rules report shall be limited to 90 minutes.
- Debate on the Permanent Platform and Resolutions report shall be limited to 120 minutes.
- Debate on the Permanent Legislative Priorities Report shall be limited to 60 minutes.

Rule No. 8 – Roll Call Vote

In the event of a roll call vote or secret ballot during a General Session, the convention chairman shall explain the allocation of votes by district. The Secretary of the Convention shall call the roll by Senatorial or Congressional District, stating the number of votes to which the district is entitled after absent counties and no-primary counties have been deducted.

Within the delegation from each Senatorial District the delegates from each county included in the district shall select a delegation chairman, if one has not been previously designated, who shall count the number of persons present and determine the share of the total vote to be accorded each delegate or seated alternate from that county. The county delegation chairman shall then poll the delegates, with each person casting that proportion of the total county delegation voting strength to which each delegate is entitled. The results of the poll of the delegation from the county shall then be conveyed to the District Chairman, who shall total the results from each of the county delegations and, in turn, announce the district total to the Convention Secretary.

Within each Congressional District, the delegates from each county included in the district (wholly or partially), or district(s) wholly within one county, will select a delegation chairman, if one has not been

previously designated, who will poll the delegates and seated alternates present, each of whom will be counted as one vote. Results of the poll will then be conveyed to the Caucus Chairman, who will tally the results from each delegation and, in turn, announce the district's total to the Convention Secretary.

Rule No. 9 – Written Notice of State Chairman, Vice Chairman, National Committeeman, National Committeewoman Candidacy, and Speaking Limits

To be considered a declared candidate for the office of State Chairman, State Vice Chairman, National Committeeman, or National Committeewoman, the candidate or a representative of each candidate shall submit written notice of candidacy in the RPT Staff Office (Room 211) of the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas, before 8 a.m., Thursday, May 23, 2024. Only declared candidates may be nominated for such offices. The Convention Temporary Secretary shall conduct a drawing for the order of candidate speeches at 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2024, in Room 211 ABC of the Convention Center, each candidate or a representative of each candidate may draw for the order.

Declared candidates for the offices of State Chairman shall be allotted four (4) minutes each and State Vice Chairman shall be allotted four (4) minutes each, during the first general session, for the purpose of addressing the convention, and declared candidates for National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall be allotted four (4) minutes each, during the third general session, for the purpose of addressing the convention. Any part of a candidate's time may be assigned to no more than two (2) surrogate speakers. The allotted time is only counted when a candidate or the candidate's surrogate is speaking on stage, and includes time for videos played by the candidate. The Permanent Convention Chairman may allocate additional time evenly as he or she deems available.

Rule No. 10 – Secret Ballot for Chairman and Vice Chairman

In contested elections for the positions of State Chairman or State Vice Chairman, the vote in general session shall be by secret ballot. Tellers for each vote shall be appointed by the Senate District Caucus Chairman. All candidates shall be permitted to appoint an equal number of vote watchers. Blank ballots shall be set aside and not counted when the caucus calculates weighted votes.

In each Senatorial District caucus, the delegates from each county included in the district shall select a delegation chairman, if one has not been previously designated. The county delegation chairman shall then poll the delegates. The results of the poll of the delegation from the county shall then be conveyed to the Caucus Chairman, who shall total the results from each of the county delegations according to each delegation's voting strength and, in turn, report the vote of the SD caucus to the Convention Secretary.

If no candidate receives a majority of votes on the first ballot, a runoff election shall be required among all candidates, except that the candidate who received the fewest number of votes shall be eliminated. No additional candidate or endorsement speeches shall be permitted for a runoff election. Until one candidate receives a majority vote, runoff elections shall continue, each time eliminating the candidate who received the fewest number of votes.

Rule No. 11 – Grammar, Spelling, Formatting, and Punctuation (GSFP) Committee

GSFP Committee, RPT Staff, and the Convention Secretary may add Tables of Contents and Indices to committee reports, including after adjournment of the convention.

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Rule No. 12 – Procedures for Adoption of Platform and Resolutions Committee and Legislative Priorities Committee Reports

- a. The Platform and Resolutions Committee shall present its report with up to ten (10) partial reports for the Platform Report divided at the discretion of the Platform Chair, and present any Resolutions. Debate on these partial reports and Resolutions shall be taken up one at a time, in the order in which they appear in the combined platform committee report. A previous question motion shall be limited in scope to a motion during a single partial report of this committee, and not a partial report or the combined platform committee report. None of these separate partial reports may take more than twelve (12) minutes each to discuss on the floor. The Chairman shall be able to extend platform section debate if he or she determines non-germane, technical, or other issues have used allotted section debate time.
- b. The Legislative Priorities Committee shall include in their report a list of no more than fifteen (15) proposed Legislative Priorities conforming to General Rule No. 34(c). The Committee report shall include reference to the Platform Committee Report at the end of each of the proposed Legislative Priorities. Debate on the Legislative Priorities Report may allow for debate and amendment from the floor, but must remain consistent with RPT General Rule 34(c).
- c. After debate on the reports of the Permanent Platform and Resolutions and Legislative Priorities Committees has concluded (due to the effect of any motion, or expiration of limits of debate, or for any other reason), the Convention shall proceed to voting by ballot on adoption of the platform item-by-item, including the Platform Preamble, each of the Platform Principles, each of the Platform Planks, each of the Legislative Priorities, and any other Resolutions included in the Reports. Votes on an individual item shall be "include" (in favor), "do not include" (opposed), or the individual item may be left blank to abstain or be recorded as present not voting. The tally of the ballots shall be by delegation voting strength and shall be performed electronically.
- d. Platform planks shall be considered finally adopted if a majority voted in favor. The platform preamble, and the platform principles shall be considered finally adopted if at least 60% voted in favor. Legislative Priorities shall be adopted in accordance with General Rule 34(c). The full provisional results including the voting strength weighted percentage in favor or opposed to each item shall be announced publicly when available and shall be certified by the SREC at their first regular quarterly meeting following the convention. The ballots shall be retained at RPT Headquarters for the remainder of the voting year, during which time the SREC by majority vote may order a manual or electronic recount of the ballots.

IN SENATORIAL DISTRICT CAUCUS

Rule No. 13 – Seating of Delegates and Alternates

All delegates (and alternates seated for absent delegates) must be registered prior to assuming their status as voting members. An alternate seated for an absent delegate must be certified as such by the appropriate chairman of the convention from which the alternate was elected, or in the absence of the chairman, verified by reference to the roll of alternates as submitted to the State Chairman and approved by this convention. An alternate must be from the same county and have been elected by the

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same convention as the delegate who the alternate replaces. Delegates and alternates may be seated during debate, motions, speeches, or any action other than during the time a vote is being taken. There will be no seating of delegates or alternates while a vote is being taken. If following completion of a vote and prior to the commencement of a subsequent vote, late arrivals to the caucus must be seated in accordance with the official roll as submitted to the State Chairman, approved by the State Republican Executive Committee, and adopted by the Convention.

Rule No. 14 – Nominations

At the time announced for nominations for any given position; nominations shall first be made without nomination speeches. After all nominations are made, nominating speeches may be made in the order determined by lot. Nominating speeches, if any, shall be made for each candidate followed by seconding speeches, if any, followed by the candidate speaking on their own behalf, if any.

Nominating speeches, seconding speeches, and time for the candidate to speak on his/her behalf shall not exceed an aggregate time of three (3) minutes to be used as the candidate so desires, except those candidates for State Chairman and State Vice Chairman and candidates for the State Republican Executive Committee shall be provided not more than five (5) minutes to be used as the candidate so desires in the second Senatorial Caucus.

Candidates and nominees may distribute written material to delegates and alternates in the caucus describing their qualifications.

Rule No. 15 – Voting

In non-contested elections, voting may be by voice or by general consent. Voting on issues or other matters shall occur as the caucus chooses. However, a roll call shall be taken when a request for a roll call vote meets the requirements of General Rule No 7.

If no candidate receives a majority of votes on the first ballot, a runoff election shall be required among all candidates, except that the candidate who received the fewest number of votes shall be eliminated. No additional candidate or endorsement speeches shall be permitted for a runoff election. Until one candidate receives a majority vote, runoff elections shall continue, each time eliminating the candidate who received the fewest number of votes.

In multi-county caucuses, each county shall vote their full voting strength after seating qualified alternates. Tellers shall be appointed by the Caucus Chairman to count the votes and to report the results to the Caucus Chair. Each candidate may select a vote watcher to represent them and observe the vote tabulation. The Caucus Chairman shall clarify the allocation of votes by districts, pursuant to General Rule No. Rule 23A.

Rule No. 16 – First Senatorial District Caucus

Each Senatorial District Caucus shall meet twice during the Convention. The first meeting shall be Thursday following the first general session for the purpose of electing a Permanent Caucus Chairman, and one member to each of the permanent committees (as defined in General Rule No. 34). Under the supervision of the Temporary Caucus Chairman, the voting body of this caucus shall be established prior to the conduct of any business. The Temporary Caucus Chairman shall appoint a Temporary

Caucus Secretary and other temporary officers and assistants as needed. The first business in order shall be as follows:

AGENDA FOR CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT CAUCUS
Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order by Temporary Chairman
- II. Appointment of Temporary Secretary (by Temporary Chairman)
- III. Roll Call – Seating of Delegates, and Alternates for Absent Delegates
- IV. Announcement of Order of Business
- V. Candidate Resource Committee Collection
- VI. Election of Permanent Chairman (if contested, voting shall be by secret ballot)
- VII. Appointment of Permanent Secretary and other permanent officers (by Permanent Chairman)
- VIII. Reports of Temporary Convention Committee Members, each report to be limited to five (5) minutes.
- IX. Election of One Member to Each Permanent Convention Committee (if contested, voting shall be by ballot)
 - a. Credentials
 - b. Rules
 - c. Legislative Priorities
 - d. Platform and Resolutions
 - e. State Nominations
- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjourn to Meet Again Friday, May 24, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

Rule No. 17 – Second Senatorial District Caucus

The second meeting of the Senatorial District Caucus shall be on Friday at 8:00 a.m., for the purpose of electing a District Committeeman and District Committeewoman to the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) and recommending one candidate for State Chairman and one candidate for State Vice Chairman, in that order. Under the supervision of the Permanent Caucus Chairman, the voting body of this caucus shall be re-established prior to the conduct of any business.

AGENDA FOR CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT CAUCUS
Friday, May 24, 2024 - 8:00 a.m.

- I. Call to Order by Permanent Chairman
- II. Roll Call – Seating of Delegates, and Alternates for Absent Delegates
- III. Reading of Minutes of Thursday’s Caucus Session
- IV. Announcement of Order of Business
- V. Election of State Committeeman (if contested, voting shall be by secret ballot)
- VI. Election of State Committeewoman (if contested, voting shall be by secret ballot)
- VII. Recommendation of Nominee for State Chairman (if contested, voting will be by secret ballot)
- VIII. Recommendation of Nominee for State Vice Chairman (if contested, voting will be by secret ballot)

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- IX. Canvass of election results and final approval of the caucus report to the State Nominations Committee
- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjournment of Caucus

Rule No. 18 – Caucus Off-Agenda Items

Non-caucus agenda business and speeches may occur during the counting of ballots, during announcements, or other times at the discretion of the Permanent Caucus Chair, but may not occur during the casting of ballots and may not impede the business of the caucus.

Rule No. 19 – No Caucus Amendments or Suspensions

These supplemental rules herein above may not be amended or suspended by action of the caucus.

END OF SENATORIAL DISTRICT CAUCUS SPECIFIC SECTION

IN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CAUCUS

Rule No. 20 – Seating of Delegates and Alternates

All delegates (and alternates seated for absent delegates) must be registered prior to assuming their status as voting members.

An alternate seated for an absent delegate must be certified as such by the delegation chairman of the convention from which the alternate was elected, or in the absence of the chairman, verified by the reference to the roll of the alternates as submitted to the State Chairman and approved by this convention. An alternate must be from the same county and must have been elected by the same convention and from the same congressional district as the delegate who the alternate replaces.

Delegates and alternates may be seated during debate, motions, speeches, or any action other than during the time a vote is being taken.

There will be no seating of delegates or alternates while a vote is being taken. Following completion of a vote in progress and prior to the commencement of a subsequent vote, late arrivals to the caucus must be seated in accordance with the official roll as submitted to the State Chairman, approved by the State Republican Executive Committee, and adopted by the convention.

Rule No. 21 – Voting

In non-contested elections, voting may be by voice or by general consent. Voting on issues or other matters shall occur as the caucus so chooses. However, a roll call shall be taken when the request meets the requirements of General Rule No. 7.

In all contested elections voting shall be by secret ballot. If no candidate receives a majority of votes on the first ballot, a runoff election shall be required among all candidates, except that the candidate who received the fewest number of votes shall be eliminated. No additional candidate or endorsement speeches shall be permitted for a runoff election. Until one candidate receives a majority vote, runoff elections shall continue, each time eliminating the candidate who received the fewest number of votes.

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Tellers for each vote shall be appointed by the Caucus Chairman. All candidates shall be permitted to appoint an equal number of vote watchers. Blank ballots shall be set aside and not counted when the caucus calculates weighted votes.

The caucus shall vote the actual number of delegates in attendance.

Each Delegate or seated alternate shall have the right to cast their individual vote during a Congressional District Caucus.

Rule No. 22 – First Congressional District Caucus

Each Congressional District Caucus shall meet twice during the Convention. The first meeting shall be Thursday following the first Senate District Caucus meeting for the purpose of electing a Permanent Caucus Chairman, appointment of a Permanent Secretary and other officers by the Permanent Caucus Chair, and election of a National Nominations Committee member. The first business in order shall be as follows:

AGENDA FOR CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CAUCUS
Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 4:45 pm

- I. Call to order by Temporary Chairman
- II. Appointment of Temporary Secretary and sergeant-at arms (by Temporary Chairman)
- III. Roll call – Seating of delegates and alternates for absent delegates
- IV. Announcement of order of business
- V. Election of Permanent Chairman (if contested, voting shall be by secret ballot)
- VI. Appointment of Permanent Secretary and other permanent officers (by Permanent Chairman)
- VII. Election of National Nominations Committee member (if contested, voting shall be by secret ballot)
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjourn to meet again, Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

Rule No. 23 – Second Congressional District Caucus

The second meeting of the congressional district caucus shall be for the purpose of selecting national delegates and alternate delegates, nominating Presidential Electors, recommending one candidate for National Committeewoman, and recommending one candidate for National Committeeman. Under the supervision of the permanent caucus chairman, the delegates qualified to vote in the caucus shall be identified and their number determined prior to the conduct of any business.

AGENDA FOR CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CAUCUS
Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

- I. Call to order by Permanent Chairman
- II. Roll call – Seating of delegates and alternates for absent delegates
- III. Reading of minutes of the First Congressional District Caucus
- IV. Announcement of order of business

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- V. Election of three (3) national delegates and three (3) alternate delegates (if contested, voting shall be by secret ballot)
- VI. Recommendation of an at-large delegate and/or at-large alternate to be considered by the National Nominations Committee (Optional)
- VII. Nomination of one (1) Presidential Elector for the congressional district (if contested, voting shall be by secret ballot)
- VIII. Recommendation of nominee for National Committeeman (if contested, voting shall be by secret ballot)
- IX. Recommendation of nominee for National Committeewoman (if contested, voting shall be by secret ballot)
- X. Canvass of election results and final approval of the caucus report to the National Nominations Committee.
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjournment of caucus

Rule No. 24 – Nominations

At the time announced for nominations for any given position, nominations shall first be made without nominating speeches. After all nominations are made by and for delegates, order of nominating speeches will be determined by lot. Nominating speeches may be made for each candidate, followed by seconding speeches, followed by each candidate speaking on his or her own behalf, if the nominee desires to do so.

Nominating speeches, seconding speeches and a speech by the candidate shall not exceed an aggregate time of three (3) minutes, to be used as the candidate determines. In the elections for national delegate and national alternate delegate, any candidate for any of the six (6) positions will have three (3) minutes maximum in the aggregate for all delegate and alternate delegate positions sought.

Candidates and nominees may distribute written material (conforming to General Rule 15A), to delegates and alternates in the caucus describing their qualifications.

Rule No. 25 – Election of National Delegates and National Alternate Delegates

Elections for each national delegate and national alternate delegate shall be conducted one at a time, with elections for national delegate positions held first, followed by elections for national alternate delegate positions, as outlined in General Rule No. 38, Section 6(b).

Pursuant to General Rule No 38, Section 12, a prerequisite to be elected as a national delegate or national alternate delegate is that one has voted in the most recent Republican Primary. Participation in the state convention is not a prerequisite for election as a national delegate or national alternate delegate.

Pursuant to General Rule No. 38, Section 8, each national delegate and national alternate delegate shall be pledged to a presidential candidate. Delegates and alternates shall be elected in the order of the primary vote received by each presidential candidate who is entitled to pledges in descending vote order beginning with the presidential candidate who received the most votes and continuing until all delegates and alternates are elected.

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Rule No. 26 – Credentialing

All national delegates and national alternate delegates and all presidential electors must provide the accurate spelling of their name, their current mailing address, their current telephone number and their current email address to the Chairman of the National Nominations Committee. This information will become a part of the official minutes of the committee meeting and will be submitted to the Republican National Committee for credentialing as a delegate or alternate delegate to the national convention.

Rule No. 27 – No Caucus Amendments or Suspensions

These supplemental rules hereinabove may not be amended or suspended by action of the caucus.