

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN  
RULES FOR  
SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES  
TO THE  
2022 REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION  
AND STATE ENDORSEMENT CONVENTION

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## 1. DATE AND CALL OF COUNTY CONVENTIONS

County conventions shall be held at 7:00 PM Eastern Time, Monday, April 11, 2022, throughout the state at locations registered with the Michigan Republican Party (“MRP”) by Friday, March 11, 2022

The location, time and date of meeting of all such county conventions shall be designated in the call issued for such convention by the chair of the county executive committee (whose term of office commences January 1, 2021), by Friday, March 11, 2022. For the purposes of these Rules, the term “county committee” shall be read to include the congressional district committees in Wayne County and the congressional district portion committees within the boundaries of Wayne County.

The county executive committee must forward by first class mail a copy of such call to the most recent nominees for state legislative office, county office, and precinct delegate duly elected at the August 3, 2020, primary election, and those precinct delegates elected to permanently fill vacancies at the August 13, 2020, November 2020, or January 21, 2021 county conventions. In addition, such call shall be sent to all Republican incumbent members of the State Legislature and the Michigan Congressional delegation, Statewide Officeholders, the Republican National Committeeman and National Committeewoman from Michigan and Michigan Republican Party Officers (see Rule 5B) where such person resides in the county in question. As an alternative to forwarding the call by first class mail, the chair of the county executive committee may, at the chair’s option, forward the call by email transmission provided that the following conditions are met:

- A. The call is directly emailed to the individuals required to be notified by this Rule no later than March 4, 2022, and shall ask each recipient to confirm receipt of the call by email by no later than March 9, 2022. The call may not be sent by Facebook, Twitter, or using any other social media site.
- B. The chair of the county executive committee shall copy the secretary of the county executive committee on the call emailed to individuals.
- C. The call shall be mailed first class to any individual required by this Rule who does not respond to the call sent by email, by confirming receipt of the call by email by March 9, 2022.

D. A printed copy of each confirmation received by email shall be printed and made available to any delegate at the county convention.

In the call to the county convention, the county executive committee shall make the following request:

PRECINCT DELEGATES AND CERTAIN AT-LARGE DELEGATES GIVEN THE PREFERENCE UNDER RULE 8 OF THE CONVENTION RULES, BUT WHO DO NOT ATTEND THE COUNTY CONVENTION, MUST NOTIFY THE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (\_\_\_\_\_) OR THE FOLLOWING DESIGNEE(S) (\_\_\_\_\_) IN WRITING (THE "NOTIFICATION") OF THE PERSON'S INTENTION TO BECOME A DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE Endorsement Convention. THE NOTIFICATION CAN BE IN ANY WRITTEN FORM, INCLUDING BY LETTER OR EMAIL, AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (OR DESIGNEE) BY NO LATER THAN THE START OF THE COUNTY CONVENTION. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE NOTIFICATION AS PROVIDED HEREIN SHALL MEAN THAT THE PERSON SHALL NOT BE GIVEN THE PREFERENCE UNDER RULE 8 OF THE CONVENTION RULES. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO SEND A NOTIFICATION IF A PERSON ATTENDS THE COUNTY CONVENTION.

The call must indicate that ONLY DULY ELECTED PRECINCT DELEGATES AND THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEES FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE AND COUNTY OFFICE SHALL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE ON MATTERS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COUNTY CONVENTION (IN ADDITION TO REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE MICHIGAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, STATEWIDE OFFICEHOLDERS, THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN AND NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN FROM MICHIGAN AND MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN PARTY OFFICERS WHERE SUCH PERSON RESIDES).

In the event that delegates to the Endorsement Convention to be held on April 23, 2022 (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Endorsement Convention") are to be elected by an apportionment method in a county convention, as set forth in Rule 8A, a

copy of such apportionment specifically listing apportionment districts and the delegates apportioned thereto shall be included in the call issued for such convention.

A copy of the official call for county conventions must be received by MRP Headquarters, 520 Seymour Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48933, by Friday, March 11, 2022.

If the MRP does not receive the official call by March 11, 2022, the State Party Chair is authorized to rescind any call which may have been or will be issued by the chair of the county executive committee. The State Party Chair is further authorized to issue a call to that county convention.

## **2. COUNTY CONVENTIONS**

Except for Wayne County (where conventions are held by congressional district or parts of congressional districts within the boundaries of Wayne County), there shall be no separate congressional district conventions; only county conventions are to be held pursuant to these Rules. For the purposes of these Rules, the term “county convention” shall be read to include those conventions held by congressional districts in Wayne County or parts of congressional districts within the boundaries of Wayne County. Where county conventions are held in counties containing more than one congressional district or parts of more than one congressional district within the boundaries of the county, the county convention shall meet as one body for all business purposes, including the election of a chair of the full convention in accordance with Rule 3, except that the various congressional districts or portions of congressional districts within the county shall caucus separately, in sub-conventions, at that county convention for purposes of selecting delegates and alternates to the Endorsement Convention. The temporary congressional district chair (as selected pursuant to Rule 4) for each such congressional district portion of the county, shall call such congressional district sub-convention within the county to order. In addition to electing delegates and alternates to the Endorsement Convention, each county convention shall discuss (but not necessarily take any action) the issues that will be considered by the Endorsement Convention.

## **3. COUNTY CONVENTION CHAIR**

The county convention shall be called to order by the chair of the county executive

committee. A Permanent chair shall be elected as follows: The county chair shall cause to be read both the list of precinct delegates duly elected at the August 4, 2020 primary as certified by the County Clerk, and the list of at-large delegates. As the name of each delegate is called, the delegate shall state his or her choice for permanent chair. The person receiving the majority of the votes of the delegates present shall become the permanent chair. The convention may waive the reading of the list of delegates and have the option to conduct the vote for permanent chair by any method allowable under Roberts Rules of Order. The county chair shall act as temporary chair until the delegates elect a permanent chair.

#### **4. SELECTING THE TEMPORARY CHAIR OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT PORTIONS OF THE COUNTY**

In accordance with Michigan Election Law and the U.S. Constitution, starting in 2022 Michigan will have thirteen (13) congressional districts after redistricting based on the 2020 census. Endorsement Convention delegates and alternates must vote in those new congressional districts for this convention. The temporary chair of each congressional district portion of a county shall be selected as follows:

If a chair of one of the previous fourteen (14) congressional districts resides in a new congressional district portion of the county, this person shall be the temporary chair of that congressional district portion of the county.

If no chair of one of the previous fourteen (14) congressional districts resides in a new congressional district portion of the county or is unable to attend the county convention, then the vice chair of the congressional district shall be the temporary chair of that congressional district portion of the county.

If no chair or vice chair of one of the previous fourteen (14) congressional districts resides in the new congressional district portion of the county or is unable to attend the county convention, then the chair of the congressional district shall designate the temporary chair of that congressional district portion of the county.

If no chair, vice chair or chair's designee of one of the previous fourteen

(14) congressional districts resides in a new congressional district portion of the county or is unable to attend the county convention, then the county chair (or the State Party Chair, if in Wayne County) shall select the temporary chair of that congressional district portion of the county.

## 5. COUNTY CONVENTION DELEGATES

### A. Delegates

Delegates to county conventions held April 11, 2022, for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to the Endorsement Convention, shall be the precinct delegates as elected at the August 4, 2020, primary election, those precinct delegates elected to permanently fill vacancies at the August 13, 2020, November 2020, or January 21, 2021 county conventions. and the most recent Republican nominees for state senate, state representative, county-wide and county commission positions, all incumbent Republican members of the State Legislature, the Michigan Congressional delegation, Statewide Officeholders, the Republican National Committeeman and National Committeewoman from Michigan and Michigan Republican Party Officers (see Rule 5B) where such person resides in the county in question. These persons will be henceforth referred to as “at-large delegates.”

In the event that a delegate arrives at the county convention following its commencement, that individual shall be immediately seated after reporting to the secretary of the county convention. Such delegate thereafter shall cast his/her vote on all convention business.

### B. Candidates as Delegates

All Republican members of the State Legislature and the Michigan Congressional delegation shall be entitled to attend the county convention as delegates at-large of the county convention where such person resides.

The following Statewide Officeholders shall be entitled to attend the county convention as delegates at-large of the county convention where such person resides:

- (1) The governor, if the Governor is a Republican;

- (2) The lieutenant governor, if the Lieutenant Governor is a Republican;
- (3) The secretary of state, if the Secretary of State is a Republican;
- (4) The attorney general, if the Attorney General is a Republican;
- (5) A United States senator, if the United States Senator is a Republican;
- (6) A Member of the State Board of Education, if the Member of the State Board of Education is a Republican;
- (7) A Member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents, if the Member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents is a Republican;
- (8) A Member of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees, if the Member of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees is a Republican; and
- (9) A Member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors, if the Member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors is a Republican.

The most recent person nominated as a Republican candidate for state legislative or county office shall also be a delegate at-large to the April 11, 2022 county convention in which such person maintains his/her legal residence.

Officers of the Michigan Republican Party, as defined in the Bylaws of the Michigan Republican State Committee (as amended), the current fourteen (14) Congressional District Chairs as elected in February of 2021 and the Republican National Committeeman and National Committeewoman from Michigan shall also be delegates at large to the April 11, 2022 county convention in which such person maintains his/her legal residence.

The number of delegates at-large shall be in addition to the number of delegates specified in the call for the April 11, 2022, county conventions.

C. Filling of Precinct Delegate Vacancies



For purposes of filling a vacancy in precincts where no precinct delegate was elected, a county convention may fill such vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term by a majority vote of the precinct delegates present, provided that the vacancy shall be filled by a person who is a qualified registered elector residing in the precinct in which such vacancy occurs.

For purposes of filling a vacancy in precincts where a vacancy results from a precinct delegate, duly elected, having died, resigned, or changed voter registration out of the precinct from which the precinct delegate was elected, a county convention may fill such vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term by a majority vote of the precinct delegates present, provided that the vacancy shall be filled by a person who is a qualified registered elector residing in the precinct in which such vacancy occurs.

For purposes of filling a vacancy in precincts where a precinct delegate, duly elected, fails to attend this particular county convention or, if the convention wishes, the vacancies described above, such convention may fill such vacancy on a temporary basis for only this convention by a majority vote of the precinct delegates present, provided that the vacancy shall be filled by a person who is a qualified registered elector residing in the precinct in which such vacancy occurs.

Where a precinct delegate vacancy is filled on a permanent basis, the convention chair and secretary shall forward such names and addresses with precincts/wards indicated to the MRP Headquarters by Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM Eastern Time, along with the certified list of delegates and alternates to the Endorsement Convention. Failure to forward such names in this manner, shall mean that the vacancy was filled temporarily.

In a county convention, the convention, acting as one body, shall determine whether to fill precinct delegate vacancies, and shall, if it shall so determine, fill such vacancies. In no event shall a precinct delegate vacancy be filled, either on a permanent or temporary basis, until after all voting for Endorsement Convention delegates or alternates is completely finished.

D. No Restriction on Qualification of Delegates

The individuals who can attend and participate in the April 11, 2022 county

conventions are referenced in these Rules. The county convention may not adopt or enforce any restriction on the qualification of the delegates who can attend and participate in the April 11, 2022 county conventions, including but not limited to, the requirement that a county convention delegate must be a dues-paying member or a contributor to the county party in question.

E. Participation in Other Political Party Conventions and Nominations Prohibited

Persons who have been a delegate or alternate to a convention or a candidate of a political party other than the Republican Party shall be ineligible to be a delegate or alternate to a Republican county convention or the Endorsement Convention during the same 2-year election cycle.

**6. PROXY VOTING PROHIBITED**

No delegate to any convention or caucus governed by these Rules may give a proxy to represent him/her at such convention or caucus.

**7. DELEGATE APPORTIONMENT TO ENDORSEMENT CONVENTION**

The number of delegates elected to the Endorsement Convention shall be apportioned to these several counties in proportion to the number of votes cast for the Republican candidate for President in each of said counties, respectively, at the 2020 November election. This apportionment shall be determined by the Credentials Committee. No delegation may be enlarged by apportioning a fractional vote to each of the delegates. In addition to the proportionate number of delegates allocated to each county, all incumbent Republican members of the State Legislature and the Michigan Congressional delegation, Statewide Officeholders, the Republican National Committeeman and National Committeewoman from Michigan, Michigan Republican Party Officers and the fourteen (14) Congressional District Chairs (see Rule 5B), shall be entitled to attend the Endorsement Convention as delegates at large of the congressional district in which they reside. The authority to approve the final apportionment of delegates to the Endorsement Convention is delegated to the Credentials Committee.

## 8. METHOD OF ELECTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE ENDORSEMENT CONVENTION

The county conventions may exercise one of two options for electing Endorsement Convention delegates and alternates~the apportionment method or the at-large method. The convention must use one or the other system. If the apportionment method is used and there are still vacancies in the Endorsement Convention delegation or alternate slate(s) following such elections, these only may be filled by an at-large vote.

In order to recognize the importance of precinct delegates, a precinct delegate duly elected at the August 4, 2020 primary election shall be given preference (over a non-precinct delegate) to be elected as a delegate or alternate to the Endorsement Convention. Between two or more such precinct delegates, no preference shall be given. In order to recognize hard-working Republicans, who may not be precinct delegates, a county convention, acting as one body, may authorize the election of eligible individuals (notto exceed 15% of the number of Endorsement Convention delegates allocated to that county or congressional district portion or up to two individuals, whichever is greater) not subject to this preference, as though they were, to attend the Endorsement Convention as delegates or alternates. In counties containing more than one congressional district or congressional district portion, the actual selection of individuals to whom this preference shall be granted, if authorized by the full county convention, shall be executed in the respective district caucuses of the county convention. Violation of this preference requirement is subject to challenge pursuant to Rule 8C.

To facilitate this process, before any voting on the delegates or alternates to the Endorsement Convention occurs, the chair of the county convention or the congressional district or congressional district portion sub-convention shall make an announcement seekingthe names of those precinct delegates in attendance who wish to attend the Endorsement Convention as a delegate or alternate.

The precinct delegate preference requirement may not be compromised by use of the apportionment method. Under the precinct delegate preference requirement, a precinct delegate is given preference even if the precinct delegate lives in a different city, township, or district under an apportionment method. Stated differently, a non-precinct delegate who lives in an apportionment district, may not be given preference

from a particular apportionment district over a precinct delegate who lives in another apportionment district.

Any person is eligible to run for delegate or alternate to the Endorsement Convention irrespective of whether they are precinct delegates or in attendance; however, if a precinct delegate does not attend the county convention, only such precinct delegates who have provided a Notification (see Rule 1) shall be entitled to the precinct delegate preference.

The numerical ranking of alternate delegates to the Endorsement Convention is not subject to the precinct delegate preference requirement; however, in a county using the apportionment method or containing more than one congressional district or portions of more than one congressional district, the county convention (as a whole) may choose to apply the precinct delegate preference only to alternate order within the individual caucuses electing alternates and to allow countywide numeral order to be determined in a manner that respects caucus numerical order.

For the purposes of these Rules, certain at-large delegates to the county convention (the most recent Republican nominees for state senate, state representative, county-wide and county commission positions where such person resides in the county in question) shall be given the same preference as precinct delegates to be elected as a delegate or alternate to the Endorsement Convention. Between two or more precinct delegates or such at-large delegates, no preference shall be given.

County conventions shall elect alternates to the Endorsement Convention in the same number and in the same manner as the election of delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be registered electors of their respective counties and districts, and no delegate or alternate will be entitled to a seat in the Endorsement Convention who does not reside in the county and district he or she proposes to represent. In a county containing more than one congressional district or portions of more than one congressional district, the various congressional districts or portions of congressional districts shall caucus separately at that county convention for purposes of Endorsement Convention delegates and alternate selection; delegates from one congressional district may not select Endorsement Convention delegates and alternates with respect to another congressional district.

#### A. Apportionment Method of Electing Endorsement Convention Delegates and

## Alternates

At the time of issuing the call for a county convention, the county executive committee may apportion to the various wards, precincts, townships, cities, or districts, of such county the delegates to the Endorsement Convention to which such county is entitled.

The delegates to the county convention from each ward, precinct, township, city, or district, as the case may be, shall choose the delegates to the Endorsement Convention that have been apportioned to such ward, precinct, township, city, or district. The number of delegates so apportioned to the several wards, precincts, townships, cities and districts shall approximate, as nearly as may be, the number of delegates to which said county may be entitled.

If the apportionment system of delegate selection is employed in accordance with Rule 1, contiguous, townships, cities, or electoral districts, as the case may be, may be joined together for the purpose of creating single or multi-delegate districts for the purpose of state delegate and alternate selection; provided, however: (1) townships, cities, or districts which may be joined together must be contiguous to each other; and (2) only whole townships, cities, or districts may be joined together - no divisions of these jurisdictions within a county's boundaries shall be permitted.

If the apportionment system of delegate and alternate selection is used, the apportionment system must be based on the same formula referenced in Rule 7 to apportion Endorsement Convention delegates (i.e. based on the 2020 vote for the Republican candidate for President).

Under an apportionment system of delegate and alternate selection, when the electing bodies (ward, precinct, township, city, or district, as the case may be) created for delegate and alternate selection have completed their selections, such choices are final and may not be changed by the county convention.

In the event that a delegate and alternate selection district (ward, precinct, township, city, or district, as the case may be) does not elect its full delegation, then such vacancies in the delegation to the Endorsement Convention shall be filled, at-large, by the full county convention.

In the event that an apportionment method of electing delegates to the Endorsement Convention is utilized, all delegates shall be apportioned; there shall not be reservations of certain state delegate positions as at-large positions.

An apportionment plan which satisfies the requirements of these Rules must be precisely followed by the county convention and cannot be changed or ignored by the convention or any sub-unit of the convention. As indicated in Rule 1, any apportionment plan to be used at the county conventions must be devised prior to the issuance of the call to the delegates and must be included with the call to the delegates.

B. At-Large Method of Electing Endorsement Convention Delegates and Alternates

If the at-large method is used, or if the apportionment method is used but is not completed or followed in the selection of delegates, the convention shall choose the delegate or delegates to which such ward, precinct, township, city or district may be entitled.

When selecting delegates and alternates at-large in a county convention, there is no requirement for apportionment of Endorsement Convention delegates or alternates to any areas of the county. All delegates and alternates are selected by the entire county convention; provided, however, that in a county containing more than one congressional district or portions of more than one congressional district, the various congressional districts or portions of congressional districts shall caucus separately at that county convention for purposes of Endorsement Convention delegate and alternate selection.

Conventions may employ any one of several methods of at-large delegate and alternate selection:

(1) Nominations from the floor. If nominations are made individually, then if the number of nominees exceeds the number of Endorsement Convention delegates and alternates, each convention delegate votes for each position on the Endorsement Convention delegate and alternate slate.

(2) A nominating committee may be appointed by the chair. The chair of the county convention or the county portion of a congressional district may appoint a committee to draw up a proposed slate of delegates. This committee may be of any

size. The committee then develops a proposed slate of delegates and alternates, which is presented to the convention for approval.

Chairs often appoint a nominating committee weeks before the actual convention so that the names chosen for the slate are carefully researched and selected. For this to be permissible, the convention chair must reappoint the same committee at the convention.

Whenever nomination is by nominating committee, the rules adopted for that convention should include a clause stating that “the report of the delegate selection committee [or something similar] shall be received.”

Once the slate is received, it may be amended by the convention. A motion may be made to strike one or more names and replace it/them with others. Thus, the slate is amended until it satisfies a majority of the convention, and then it is approved.

(3) Groups may propose their own “slates.” When nominations are by slate, then the choice may be made between opposing slates. If a slate-vs-slate system is used, the procedure must be approved by the convention before the votes are taken.

If nominations are by nominating committee or by slate, the most common technique is to propose a slate and allow it to be amended by the convention. A slate is amended by a motion to strike one or more names and replace it/them with others. Thus, the slate is amended until it satisfies a majority of the convention, and then it is approved. A slate must comply with the precinct delegate preference provisions of this Rule.

### C. Credentials Challenges

All credentials challenges shall be filed with the MRP Headquarters no later than 12:00 PM Eastern Time, Thursday, April 14, 2022; provided, however, that the Credentials Committee may extend this challenge deadline in the event that the chair of the county convention subject to challenge fails to report the delegate/alternate list in accordance with the time frames established by Rule 9. Such challenge must be signed. Since the burden of proof necessary to sustain a challenge is upon the challenger, some tangible evidence of the challenge must be provided to the Credentials Committee as part of the challenge. No challenge raised after 12:00 PM Eastern Time, Thursday, April 14, 2022 (unless extended as provided herein) shall be

considered. Only credentials challenges timely filed, shall be decided by a Credentials Committee comprised of the State Party Chair, the Budget Committee Chair, the Policy Committee Chair, the General Counsel, the National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman, and the State Party Co-Chair. Such Committee shall be chaired by the State Party Chair who shall call a meeting of the Committee by Saturday, April 16, 2022, at a time and location the State Party Chair shall establish. The Credentials Committee may meet, if the Chair so desires, via conference call. Immediately upon receipt of a challenge, the Credentials Committee shall provide notice to the chair of the county convention subject to challenge and, if time permits, the chair of the county convention subject to challenge may offer a response to the challenge. The Credentials Committee's decision shall be communicated to the challenger and the chair of the county convention subject to the challenge within 48 hours after the decision is made. The Credentials Committee's decisions shall be communicated to the Rules Committee of the Endorsement Convention, and shall become part of that Committee's report and shall not be subject to change by the full Endorsement Convention absent a two thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting. The Credentials Committee's decisions shall result in the issuance of credentials by the Convention officers prior to the Endorsement Convention on Saturday, April 23, 2022. All matters relating to delegates and alternates to any convention, shall be determined by the Credentials Committee, whether or not such matters are referenced in these Rules as falling within the jurisdiction of the Credentials Committee.

## **9. PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES**

The chair of each county convention shall send a certified list electronically in Microsoft Excel format of the delegates and alternates chosen by such county convention in a form prescribed by the State Party Chair to the MRP by 6:00 PM Eastern Time of Wednesday, April 13, 2022. Each delegate certification list shall provide the registered voting address of each Endorsement Convention delegate and alternate so that the temporary roll of the Endorsement Convention may be prepared. Any delegate certification list not received electronically in Excel format by the MRP by 6:00 PM Eastern Time of Wednesday, April 13, 2022 will not be received and therefore will have to be presented before the Credentials Committee (see Rule 8C) prior to seating any delegate from the county convention in question.



The State Party Chair shall make available a list of the delegates and alternates for a particular county convention to: (1) any Endorsement Convention candidate, or his or her representative; or (2) any delegate or alternate delegate to the county convention in question.

In addition to the District Chairs, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman who are automatic Convention officers, the State Party Chair shall have the discretion to appoint Convention officers to govern the Endorsement Convention.

#### **10. ISSUANCE OF CREDENTIALS**

All credentials shall be issued by Convention officers at a location or locations convenient to the sites of the Endorsement Convention. Credentials shall only be issued to each delegate, alternate, guest, or VIP personally and individually, and no other person is authorized to pick up credentials on behalf of such person. Prior to being issued credentials, each delegate, alternate, guest, or VIP, shall identify himself or herself by presenting an official state identification card, operator's or driver's license, or other generally recognized government issued picture identification card. All credentials challenges shall be decided by the Credentials Committee.

#### **11. OPTIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CAUCUSES**

The delegates and alternates to the Endorsement Convention may, at the call of the District Chair, caucus in individual district caucuses at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

All optional congressional district caucuses shall follow Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised on matters not covered by these Rules. Before the permanent officers are elected for each optional congressional district caucus, Endorsement Convention delegate vacancies shall be filled as provided in Rule 12. The temporary chair of each optional congressional district caucus shall be selected as follows:

If a chair of one of the previous fourteen (14) congressional districts resides in a new congressional district portion of the county, this person shall be the temporary chair of that congressional district portion of the county.

If no chair of one of the previous fourteen (14) congressional districts resides in a new congressional district portion of the county or is unable to attend the county convention, then the vice chair of the congressional district shall be the temporary chair of that congressional district portion of the county.

If no chair or vice chair of one of the previous fourteen (14) congressional districts resides in the new congressional district portion of the county or is unable to attend the county convention, then the chair of the congressional district shall designate the temporary chair of that congressional district portion of the county.

If no chair, vice chair or chair's designee of one of the previous fourteen (14) congressional districts resides in a new congressional district portion of the county or is unable to attend the county convention, then the county chair (or the State Party Chair, if in Wayne County) shall select the temporary chair of that congressional district portion of the county.

## **12. FILLING ENDORSEMENT CONVENTION DELEGATE VACANCIES**

In order to increase participation at the State Convention, the elevation of alternates to delegates shall be a nondiscretionary, automatic and consistently applied process. At all times during the Endorsement Convention, alternates shall be automatically elevated to delegates. The District Chairs and other Convention officers have the authority to elevate alternates. Any challenges to the elevation of alternates shall be determined by the Credentials Committee.

Endorsement Convention delegate vacancies shall be filled from the alternates within the same county and congressional district as the absent delegate. Thus, if a delegate vacancy is from the 8th congressional district portion of Oakland County, then it must be filled by a duly elected alternate from the 8th district portion of Oakland County. Similarly, if the delegate vacancy is from the Wayne County portion of the district, then the vacancy can only be filled by a duly elected alternate from the Wayne County portion.

In filling vacancies on the floor of the Endorsement Convention, counties must use the numerical elevation system of alternate elevation. Under this system, alternates within the county or county portion of a congressional district are elected on a

numerical basis (first alternate, second alternate, etc.) by the convention or county portion of a congressional district at the time of their election and are elevated to fill delegate vacancies in that order. Thus, the first alternate is given the first vacancy, and so on.

In the event that a delegate arrives or returns to the Endorsement Convention floor after an alternate has taken his or her place, the delegate immediately resumes his or her place and shall cast his or her vote on all business which occurs thereafter.

Where an alternate has been elevated and the delegate whose position he or she has taken returns to claim his or her seat, the alternate shall be returned to the alternate pool in his or her original ranked alternate order.

### **13. MODIFIED UNIT RULE/METHOD OF VOTING**

On all matters other than issues, the “modified unit rule” shall be used to all votes taken on the floor of the Endorsement Convention. Under the “modified unit rule”, the delegates present from any congressional district shall vote the entire voting strength of such congressional district. If a poll of the delegates in any district shall show that less than all accredited delegates from a district are present, the voting of the entire voting strength of such district shall be in substantially equal proportion to the vote of those actually present and voting, including abstentions in such poll. The absence of an at-large delegate (a Republican incumbent member of the State Legislature, the Michigan Congressional Delegation, a Statewide Officeholder, the Republican National Committeeman or National Committeewoman from Michigan, one of the thirteen (13) Congressional District Chairs or a Michigan Republican Party Officer) shall not prevent a congressional district from voting its entire voting strength pursuant to this rule. Except for the “modified unit rule” described herein, the use of a unit rule system of voting, or any modification thereof, at county conventions or at the Endorsement Convention, is prohibited.

### **14. PURPOSES OF ENDORSEMENT CONVENTION**

The Michigan Republican State Committee (“MRSC”) directs that the Endorsement

Convention of the delegated representatives of the Republican Party of Michigan be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 10:00 AM Eastern Time, for the following purposes:

ENDORSE:

- (1) One (1) Secretary of State
- (2) One (1) Attorney General
- (3) Two (2) Justices to the Michigan Supreme Court
- (4) Two (2) members of the State Board of Education
- (5) Two (2) members each for the Wayne State University Board of Governors, the Michigan State University Board of Trustees, and the University of Michigan Board of Regents

Transacting other such business as may properly come before the Endorsement Convention.

#### **15. A REPRESENTATIVE DELEGATION**

Participation in the Republican county and Endorsement Conventions shall in no way be abridged for reasons of sex, race, religion, color, age, or national origin, and the county and Endorsement Conventions shall encourage the broadest possible participation by everyone in party affairs.

The county conventions and Endorsement Convention shall be open meetings, and all citizens who are qualified electors are urged to participate.

#### **16. ENDORSEMENT CONVENTION RULES**

The Rules for the Governance of the April 23, 2022, Michigan Republican

Endorsement Convention, a copy of which are attached to these Rules as Exhibit A, shall govern the April 23, 2022, Michigan Republican Endorsement Convention unless amended. With the exception of Rule 2, Rule 6, Rule 28 and Rule 29, the Rules for the Governance of the April 23, 2022, Michigan Republican Endorsement Convention may be amended by a vote of 17 or more members of the Convention Committee on Rules or a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates of the full Endorsement Convention present and voting. Rule 2, Rule 6, Rule 27, and Rule 28 may not be amended by the Convention Committee on Rules and may only be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates of the full Endorsement Convention present and voting.

#### **17. WAIVER**

In the event that these Rules, or any part thereof, are inconsistent with state law or the Rules of the Republican Party as adopted by the 2020 Republican National Convention (the “RNC Rules”), or any subsequent rule changes as amended by the Republican National Committee, the Credentials Committee is hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to: 1) obtain a waiver from the Republican National Committee to insure that these Rules remain in full force and effect; and/or 2) comply with the RNC Rules.

#### **18. AMENDMENTS TO THESE RULES**

These Rules may not be amended without the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Michigan Republican State Committee elected and serving, and such vote must be in person and not by proxy. Any proposals for amendment to these Rules shall be submitted to the State Party Chair in writing, at least ten (10) days prior to their consideration.

**RULES FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE APRIL 23, 2022 MICHIGAN  
REPUBLICAN ENDORSEMENT CONVENTION**

Number 1:

That the business of this Endorsement Convention is as follows:

Endorsements of:

- (1) One (1) Secretary of State
- (2) One (1) Attorney General
- (3) Two (2) Justices to the Michigan Supreme Court
- (4) Two (2) members of the State Board of Education
- (5) Two (2) members each for the Wayne State University Board of Governors, the Michigan State University Board of Trustees, and the University of Michigan Board of Regents.

Transacting other such business as may properly come before the Endorsement Convention

Number 2:

That the State Party Chair shall appoint the Chair, Secretary, and any other officers the State Party Chair sees fit to govern this Convention. That the State Party Chair shall establish a theme for the Endorsement Convention and make reasonable efforts to obtain a nationally recognized speaker. That the State Party Chair shall determine the order of business of the Endorsement Convention and may add other items of business of the Endorsement Convention not referenced in Rule 27; provided, however, that candidate nominations shall occur in the order established by the Rules Committee, and this order may only be amended by a majority vote of the delegates of the full Endorsement Convention present and voting. Notwithstanding any provision in these Rules to the contrary, the State Party Chair may insert other items of business between candidate nominations.

Number 3:

That Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised be adopted for the procedures of this Convention for all matters not covered by these Rules.

Number 4:

That the Committees of this Convention be a Rules Committee, a Committee on Credentials, and a Committee on Issues.

Number 5:

That the membership of the Convention Rules Committee consist of two members from each congressional district appointed by the Congressional District Chair. These appointments (plus two alternates designated as first alternate and second alternate) must be reported to the State Party Chair by 6:00 PM Eastern Time on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. Should a proper appointment not be made as outlined in this Rule, the State Party Chair shall make the appointment for any such congressional district.

Number 6:

That the membership of the Committee on Credentials be comprised of the State Party Chair, the Budget Committee Chair, the Policy Committee Chair, the General Counsel, the National Committeeman, the National Committeewoman, and the State Party Co-Chair. The Committee on Credentials shall be chaired by the State Party Chair and shall present to the Rules Committee a list of the delegates and alternates to this Convention for each county and district, which list shall be the certified list of delegates and alternates to the Endorsement Convention and shall, without change, be a part of this report. The Credentials Committee's decisions shall be communicated to the Convention Committee on Rules, and shall become part of that Committee's report and shall not be subject to change by the full Endorsement Convention absent a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting. The Committee on Credentials does not have the authority to hear challenges not properly filed under the provisions of Rule 8C of the RULES FOR SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE 2022 REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION AND STATE ENDORSEMENT CONVENTION.

Number 7:

That, in the event a challenge is brought before the full Convention concerning the status of delegate(s) or alternate(s), said challenged delegates or alternates shall be prohibited from voting upon questions of their own certification but shall be recognized as voting delegates on all other matters, subject to a successful challenge.

Number 8:

That no issue or amendment to an issue shall be presented from the floor of the Convention unless the Rules of the Convention are suspended by a vote equal to sixty-six and two-thirds (66.66%) percent of the Convention delegates present and voting. Any Convention delegate who wishes to propose a new issue to the Convention on Saturday, April 23, 2022, must send a written draft to the Issues Committee Chair seven (7) days in advance of the Convention, and gain approval of the wording by majority vote of the Issues Committee on or before Friday, April 22, 2022. Brief pros and cons must be included and at least thirteen (13) copies must be provided. Any new issues approved for submission to the Convention shall be assigned a number and shall be considered at the end of the report of the Issues Committee. No more than five (5) issues may be presented to the Convention.

Number 9:

That an issue having been presented to the Convention shall be open for discussion by the delegates of the Convention. Discussion shall be limited to no more than two (2) minutes per speaker, and not more than three (3) speakers on each side. No more than five (5) issues may be presented to the Convention.

Number 10:

That delegates wishing to be heard on either side of an issue shall register their names and districts with the Issues Committee at the podium of the Convention until the report of the Issues Committee. Speakers shall be chosen on a first come, first served basis, alternating pro and con as available, until the allotted time of discussion is exhausted. A substitution may be made on the signup list if a speaker who registered earlier in the day voluntarily defers to someone else. Only convention delegates, may



speak to the issues from the floor, unless permission is obtained in advance from the State Party Chair.

Number 11:

That debate on issues shall be for a maximum period of one hour (60 minutes) beginning with the report of the Issues Committee. At the expiration of this time limit, the Convention shall move to the next order of business. The Parliamentarians shall act as the official timekeepers.

Number 12:

That at the time scheduled for discussion of issues on the Convention agenda, the Secretary will first read the text of any new issues approved by the Issues Committee on or before Friday, April 22, 2022, and inform the delegates that a vote equal to 66.66% to suspend the rules is required for consideration of each new issue. Voting on suspension of the rules motion(s) may be by voice vote or a show of hands, but if a roll call vote appears necessary, that vote shall be taken by the District Chairs during the time that the Issues Report is being considered. If a motion to suspend the rules is approved, debate and voting on those issues will take place at the conclusion of debate on the issues proposed in advance by the Committee.

Number 13:

The Chair of the Convention shall halt debate on issues at an appropriate time so that the votes can be tabulated within the one (1) hour allotted for discussion of the issues. If, at the end of the one (1) hour period, the tabulation of the votes on each issue has not been completed by the Tellers and announced by the Secretary, the Convention shall proceed with its business. The final results of the voting on issues shall be announced later in the Convention.

Number 14:

Votes on issues shall be submitted by the congressional district chairs to the Secretary and Tellers. The congressional district chairs shall tally their votes at the conclusion of the debate on each issue. The Secretary of the Convention shall announce the tabulated results on each issue. Only delegates present on the floor of the Convention may vote on issues. Only the votes of the delegates present and voting will be counted.

Number 15:

That the roll be called by congressional district numerically based on the order of rotation previously established for nominations and for voting on all questions requiring a roll call vote beginning with Congressional District One (1).

Number 16:

That Convention officers shall fill delegate vacancies from the list of alternate delegates to the Convention pursuant to Rule 14 of the RULES FOR SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE 2022 REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION AND STATE ENDORSEMENT CONVENTION.

Number 17:

That as to all matters, other than issues, the delegates present from any congressional district shall vote the entire voting strength of such congressional district; provided, that if a poll of the delegates in any district, shall show that less than all accredited delegates from a district are present, the voting of the entire voting strength of such district shall be in substantially equal proportion to the vote of those actually present and voting, including abstentions in such poll. The absence of an at large delegate (a Republican incumbent member of the State Legislature or the Michigan Congressional delegation, a Statewide Officeholder, the Republican National Committeeman or Committeewoman from Michigan, one of the thirteen (13) Congressional District Chairs or a Michigan Republican Party Officer) shall not prevent a congressional district from voting its entire voting strength pursuant to this Rule. No unit rule, other than provided herein, shall be permitted.

Number 18:

That a delegate who desires to be recognized by the Chair shall identify himself or herself by name and by congressional district or county. In the event of a question of the credentials of the person seeking to address the Convention, to be recognized by the Chair or to cast a vote or votes of a delegation, the Chair shall accept the ruling of the Credentials Committee.

Number 19:

That in an effort to offer speed, convenience, consistency, and confidence in the nomination and election process at the Endorsement Convention, the State Party Chair shall obtain tabulating equipment for the purpose of registering each delegate's vote in contested candidate elections or nominations. As to all contested candidate elections or nominations, all voting shall be conducted on a congressional district basis for the purpose of registering each delegate's vote. To preserve the privacy of each delegate, all voting for contested candidate nominations or elections shall be done by paper ballot. Each District Chair shall appoint no less than two tellers for the purpose of tabulating the ballots and reporting the results to the District Chair. Tellers shall attend a training session on use of the tabulation equipment prior to their appointment being authorized by the Convention Chair. In the event of a malfunction of this tabulation equipment, paper ballots shall be used by each delegate, and each delegate shall personally hand his or her paper ballot to the Secretary of the District Caucus, who shall preserve the privacy of each delegate's vote. Any candidate shall have the authority to appoint a representative to observe the voting process, including but not limited to, the ballots themselves, the tabulation of the ballots, and the reading of the voting results. All voting shall be conducted within a reasonable amount of time and pursuant to such procedures as determined by the Chair, and no voting shall be allowed after such time has expired. The Chair shall authorize the sergeants-at-arms to take necessary action to ensure a smooth voting process.

Number 20:

(a) Notwithstanding any provision in these Rules to the contrary, the following balloting procedures will apply to contested candidate nominations for members of the State Board of Education, the Wayne State University Board of Governors, the Michigan State University Board of Trustees, and the University of Michigan Board of Regents:

- (1) There will be no slotting of nominee positions.
- (2) All candidates for a particular nomination shall appear on a single ballot, and the two (2) candidates receiving the largest vote shall be declared the two (2) nominees for a particular office.

(a) On the first ballot, a candidate must receive at least a forty (40%) percent threshold vote to become a nominee for a particular office.

(b) If only one candidate receives at least a forty (40%) percent threshold vote to become a nominee on the first ballot, then a runoff second ballot shall be held between the candidates receiving the second and third highest number of votes from the first ballot.

(c) If no candidate receives at least a forty (40%) percent threshold vote to become a nominee on the first ballot, then a runoff second ballot shall be held among the among the four (4) candidates receiving the highest number of votes from the first ballot with the two (2) candidates receiving the largest vote on thesecond ballot declared the two (2) nominees for a particular office.

(d) In no event shall there be more than a first and second ballot for a particular office.

(3) Each delegate shall be allowed to vote for not more than two (2) candidates for a particular office.

(b) That a Convention candidate receiving a majority of the total votes cast on any ballot shall be declared elected by this Convention. If there are more than two (2) candidates nominated for a single position and no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, the two (2) candidates receiving the largest vote shall be voted upon in a runoff on the second ballot.

#### Number 21:

A recount of the votes cast in contested candidate elections or nominations shall be allowed at the request of the losing candidate or candidates prior to the adjournment of the Endorsement Convention pursuant to such reasonable procedures as established by the Chair, but in no event shall a recount be allowed if the Convention vote differential is greater than fifty (50) votes.

#### Number 22:

- (a) That any person seeking nomination at the Endorsement Convention for any office which will appear on the general election ballot (“ballot office”) shall first file an affidavit of candidacy (the “Affidavit of Candidacy”) and the written permission of the congressional district chairs (see subsection (b) of this Rule) with the State Party Chair or his designee by Friday, March 11, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Affidavit of Candidacy forms shall be prepared by the State Party Chair, subject to Policy Committee approval. In the event that any of the information set forth in the Affidavit of Candidacy is untrue for any reason, the Michigan Republican State Committee (by a seventy-five percent (75%) vote of those present and voting, including proxies) shall have the authority to rescind the nomination of any candidate nominated at the Endorsement Convention, and to select a replacement. The State Party Chair shall then communicate to the county conventions the names of the candidates that have properly filed Affidavits of Candidacy and the written permission of the congressional district chairs (see subsection (b) of this Rule) and the office that such candidates shall be seeking within 24 hours of Policy Committee approval. Any person who does not properly file an Affidavit of Candidacy (either pursuant to this subsection (a) or subsection (c) of this Rule) may not seek nomination at the Endorsement Convention for a ballot office.
- (b) That upon approval by the Policy Committee, each candidate shall have one week to submit the candidate filing fee to the Michigan Republican Party to be eligible to be considered for that office by the convention body. Candidates who submit Affidavits of Candidacy for the positions of Secretary of State and Attorney General shall pay a filing fee equal to three percent of the annual salary of the corresponding office. Candidates who submit an Affidavit of Candidacy for State Board of Education, Michigan State University Board of Trustees, University of Michigan Board of Regents, Wayne State University Board of Governors or Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court shall pay a filing fee equal to \$500.
- (c) That, after properly filing the Affidavit of Candidacy and the written permission of the congressional district chairs pursuant to this subsection, any person seeking nomination at the Endorsement Convention for a ballot office, shall next seek the approval of the Policy Committee of the Michigan Republican State Committee (the “Policy Committee”) at any regular or special meeting of the Policy Committee which, as either a regular or special meeting, must be held no later than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Endorsement

Convention. Approval by the Policy Committee to such nomination for a ballot office shall only be granted if a candidate obtains and submits the written permission of a minimum of four (4) congressional district chairs elected and serving. For the purpose of approving/disapproving a nomination for a ballot office according to this Rule, the Policy Committee Chair may call a special meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by which all persons participating in the special meeting may hear each other if all participants are advised of the communication equipment and the names of the participants in the conference are divulged to all participants. Participation in a special meeting held pursuant to this Rule constitutes presence in person at the special meeting. No proxy voting shall be allowed at any regular or special meeting of the Policy Committee where approval of the Policy Committee is being requested pursuant to this Rule.

- (d) That only if, for any reason, a person seeking nomination at the Endorsement Convention for a ballot office does not properly file the Affidavit of Candidacy and the written permission of the congressional district chair (see subsection (c) of this Rule) and/or does not obtain the approval of the Policy Committee pursuant to this Rule, a person seeking nomination for a ballot office must then first: (1) obtain the written approval of at least seven (7) congressional district chairs elected and serving; or (2) obtain the written approval of any three (3) regular members of the Michigan Republican State Committee from at least seven (7) separate congressional districts, before such person's name may be placed in nomination at the Endorsement Convention for a ballot office. By no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Endorsement Convention, a person seeking nomination for a ballot office pursuant to this subsection (d) of this Rule must file the required approvals and complete and file the Affidavit of Candidacy with the State Party Chair or his designee.
- (e) That approval by the Policy Committee, any congressional district chair, or any regular member of the Michigan Republican State Committee to seek nomination for a ballot office pursuant to this Rule, shall not constitute an endorsement, nor shall individual members of the Policy Committee, any congressional district chair, any regular member of the Michigan Republican State Committee, or any congressional district caucus delegate be bound to vote at the Endorsement Convention for that candidate; rather, approval pursuant to this Rule is merely a prerequisite to seek nomination for a ballot office at the Endorsement Convention.

- (f) That, unless a person properly files an Affidavit of Candidacy as required by subsection (a) or (d) of this Rule and further obtains the approval of the Policy Committee, or absent the approval of the Policy Committee, the congressional district chairs, or the regular members of the Michigan Republican State Committee pursuant to this Rule, then a person may not seek nomination at the Endorsement Convention for a ballot office.

Number 23:

That the number of nominating speeches not exceed one (1), which shall be limited to three (3) minutes each. Only delegates to the Endorsement Convention (or elevated alternates) may deliver a nominating speech to the Endorsement Convention.

Number 24:

That the number of seconding speeches not exceed one (1), which shall be limited to one (1) minute each, except that uncontested races shall be seconded from the floor by any delegate to the Endorsement Convention. Only delegates to the Endorsement Convention (or elevated alternates) may deliver a seconding speech to the Endorsement Convention.

Number 25:

That during the given demonstration period, the candidate may choose to:

1. Speak directly to the convention body for not longer than two minutes and thirty seconds (2:30). Only the candidate is permitted to speak, no proxies.

OR

2. Present a video to the convention body that can last no longer than two minutes and thirty seconds (2:30). During the video, candidates and their families may be on stage, but will not be permitted to speak.

Each candidate will choose to speak OR to participate in a demonstration with video. Microphones and videos will be cut as soon as the allotted time has run out.

Number 26:

That an endorsed Convention candidate receiving an affirmative vote from the convention floor be declared endorsed by this Convention.

Number 27:

That Convention officers shall not commence the voting process until after the conclusion of all nominating speeches, seconding speeches, and demonstrations for all persons seeking nomination and endorsement at the Endorsement Convention.

Number 28:

That the Business of this Convention shall be as follows:

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

Call to Convention

Appointment of Temporary Chair

Appointment of Temporary Officers

Rules Committee Report

Oath of Office to Officers

Issues Committee Report

Endorsement of Candidates

- Secretary of State
- Attorney General
- Michigan Supreme Court
- State Board of Education
- Wayne State University Board of Governors
- Michigan State University Board of Trustees
- University of Michigan Board of Regents

Announcements

Adjournment

Number 29:



That except for Rule 2, Rule 6, Rule 28 and Rule 29, these Rules shall be the Rules of the Convention unless changed by a vote of at least seventeen (17) members of the Rules Committee which committee shall meet on or before Friday, April 22, 2022 as determined by the State Party Chair, or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates to this Convention present and voting. Rule 2, Rule 6, Rule 28 and Rule 29 may only be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates of the full Endorsement Convention present and voting.