

ATLANTIC COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE 2016 CONVENTION RULES¹

1. Order of nominations for offices shall be by alphabetical roll call of delegations.
2. The Chairperson shall only recognize the delegation chairperson or his/her designee. The Chairperson of a delegation may yield the floor to another delegation chairperson of another municipality who may in turn yield to a nominator.
3. Nominations may be made from the front podium microphone and shall be in substantially the following form: (Mr./Madam) Chairperson, I nominate (Name of Candidate) as a candidate for nomination by this Convention for the Office of (Office). Nominations should be completed in less than one minute.
4. A bare second (no speech) from the floor will be required. The bare second must be from a delegate from a different municipality, if there be a second municipality, than the nominating delegate.
5. Floor demonstrations shall be limited at the discretion of the chairperson. Any floor demonstration that continues beyond the Chairperson's call to order shall count against the candidate's speaking time.
6. After all nominations for an office are made, the Chair of the Convention will ask the candidate, in the order that the nominations were made, to come forward and address the convention. Candidate speeches shall not exceed five minutes.
7. Voting:
 - A. Voting shall be recorded by roll call vote of municipalities in alphabetical order.
 - B. Each municipal delegation shall decide whether it shall cast its votes as a unit (a total vote cast in favor of the majority decision of the delegation) or by the number of individual votes for each candidate (the number each candidate receives within the delegation being reported as the vote of the delegation). The vote of each municipal delegation shall be reported during the roll call vote of each municipality.
 - C. There shall be no individual roll call vote of each individual delegate reported to the convention.
 - D. The vote of a delegation is not dependent upon the number of people on the floor in the delegation.
 - E. Each municipal delegation will be allowed only one pass per vote during each nomination process.

¹ The Rules are not final until favorably released by the Rules Committee and approved by the Convention. Rules are subject to possible further amendment.

8. If an office being sought for nomination concerns a representative district which includes a portion of a municipality, then only those delegates who reside in the representative district shall be permitted to vote for the office, in accordance with Section 7 above.

9. Nomination by the Convention requires a majority vote of the delegates cast (50% +1). In the event there are three or more candidates for nomination, the candidate receiving the fewest delegates will be dropped until one candidate receives a majority of the delegates cast.

10. If there is more than one seat available for a particular elected office for which nominations are sought (e.g. General Assembly), then there shall be a separate nomination process for each individual seat. Although there will be separate nomination processes for each individual seat, nominations shall be taken only once prior to the selection process for both seats.

11. The successful candidate will be asked if he or she would like to address the Convention for an acceptance or thank you speech not to exceed two minutes.

12. No candidate signs shall be placed behind the podium or the head tables.

13. Candidates may place signs in the convention forum, although they may not be attached to the interior structure of the building in any manner that is not in compliance with the contract of the venue in which the Convention is held.

14. Candidates shall have a minimum of 20 square feet and a maximum of 80 square feet of space along the rear and side walls against which they may place signs. Signs shall be placed no more than two hours prior to official start of the Convention as marked by the scheduled time when the Chairperson will call the Convention to order.

15. Signs may not obscure, distract, impede, or otherwise pose a safety risk to the delegates.

16. Candidates may distribute paraphernalia and literature as long as those items and the distributions process are not disruptive to the convention proceedings.

17. Candidates shall be responsible for circulating their own petitions.

18. Any disputes over these convention procedures and rules shall be referred by the chairperson to the Atlantic County Republican Committee Legal Counsel and, in the discretion of the chairperson, the Committee on Procedures, for resolution.

19. All candidates for all offices to be considered at the County Convention shall submit a letter of intent to the County Chairman no later than seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the Convention. However, should an individual fail to submit a letter of intent as set forth above, that individual may submit his or her letter of intent on the date of the Convention bearing the signature of at least 25 delegates in attendance.

20. Whenever a nomination(s) involves a representative district comprised of ten (10) or less municipalities within the County, the Chairman may, in his/her discretion, convene the delegates of those affected municipalities at an earlier time or at some time other than the General Convention in order to vote upon those nominations.

21. All nominees seeking endorsement at the Convention represent that, by participating in that process and by seeking such endorsement, they will abide by the selection of the Convention.

Adopted by Committee on Procedures on March ____, 2016

Approved by Atlantic County Republican Convention on March ____, 2016

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Chairman

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