

2016 TULSA COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Rules of Procedure March 5, 2016

A. VOTING

1. Voting shall be by the duly accredited delegates to this Convention as certified by the Credentials Committee. In accordance with the State Republican Party Rules, proxies will not be allowed at this convention.
2. Delegates
 - a. Closed Delegation (delegate/alternate): Each delegate casts one vote. If no alternate is present to replace a delegate who leaves the convention, the precinct's certified number of votes is reduced by one.
 - b. Open Delegation: Each member of the delegation casts an equal proportion of the certified number of votes. On roll call votes, the vote totals will be rounded to the nearest half (1/2) vote. If members of the delegation leave the Convention, the certified number of votes is distributed evenly among those members remaining. No member shall be entitled to have more than two (2) whole votes per ballot.

In either type of delegation, no delegate shall enter the Convention with more than one (1) vote.

3. Voting may be by voice, by standing, or by roll call, at the discretion of the Convention Chair.
 - a. A delegate may call for a roll call vote if supported by seconds equal to forty percent (40%) of the certified delegates present. The determination of sufficient seconds shall be by standing vote.
 - b. Roll call votes shall be by written ballot. The ballots shall be counted by the Precinct Chair, if present, and one other member of the delegation. The precinct's vote shall be announced by a designated delegate when called upon by the Convention Chair.
 - c. Any delegate may challenge a precinct's vote only at the time the vote is announced. When a challenge occurs, the delegates of the precinct shall be polled by the Convention Secretary, who shall then announce the challenged precinct's vote to the Convention.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Each committee's majority report shall be presented by the Committee Chair at the appropriate time on the agenda.
2. Minority Report
 - a. A minority report shall be read in full immediately following a committee's majority report only if twenty percent (20%) of the originating committee members, who attended at least one committee meeting, concur in writing prior to the presentation of the minority report.
 - b. Debate will begin following the presentation of all minority reports.
 - c. Minority reports will be voted upon first. Then the committee's majority report will be considered and voted upon.

3. Platform Committee Report

- a. No resolution may be presented to the convention which has not been first presented in writing to the Platform Committee for consideration, except as herein provided.
- b. Platform resolutions not presented by either the Platform Committee majority or minority reports must be endorsed by twenty percent (20%) of the delegates in writing, certified by the Credentials Committee Chairman as correct, and presented to the Convention Secretary prior to the presentation.
- c. In the case of debate on a resolution, whether recommended by the Platform Committee or submitted from the floor, only five (5) minutes shall be allowed to each side, with speakers alternating for each side of the question.
- d. Consideration of the Platform, minority report and any resolutions shall not continue beyond fifteen (15) minutes prior to the Convention's scheduled adjournment. If not completed by that time, debate will cease and a voice vote will be taken on each outstanding matter, in proper order.

C. AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

1. A motion to amend or suspend the rules must be seconded by a least forty percent (40%) of the certified delegates. The determination of sufficient seconds shall be by standing vote.
2. The rules of this Convention may be amended or suspended only by the affirmative vote by standing, or by roll call, of two-thirds (2/3) of the certified delegates to the Convention.

D. ONLY DULY ELECTED Republican officials and delegates, a member of the Convention Committees and specially invited guests of the Committee Chairman or County Chairman shall be allowed to address the Convention.

E. DEBATE ON A QUESTION or motion (other than the Platform Committee Report) shall be limited to three (3) minutes per side, in such manner as the Convention Chairman decides.

F. PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM, DISPLAYS AND DECORUM

1. Only the public address system provided shall be used by a speaker to address the Convention.
2. To allow a proper count of the vote, during voting no signs shall be displayed on the Convention floor.
3. . Any delegate who attempts to shout down, disrupt, or hinder a delegate recognized to speak will be warned by the Chair to cease. The second breach of this rule shall result in expulsion and forfeiture of the delegate's right to participate in the Convention.

G. VOTING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to the Rules of the Oklahoma Republican Party (when applicable).

Proposed amendments to the Rules of the Oklahoma State Republican Party (where applicable) must be endorsed by twenty percent (20%) of the delegates in writing, certified by the Credentials Committee

Chairman as correct, and presented to the Convention Secretary prior to the presentation. The proposed rule change must be in digital form or with sufficient printed copies for all of the Convention delegates.

Delegates who support the proposed amendment(s) and wish to debate shall be limited to a total of five (5) minutes for each proposed amendment.

Voting on each proposed amendment shall be in accordance with Section A.e of these rules.

- H. NEITHER A QUORUM CALL nor a motion to adjourn shall be recognized by the Chair, until a vote has been taken on the Platform.
- I. ONLY VOTING DELEGATES shall be seated in the area designated as the Convention floor. All others, including alternates, shall be seated in designated visitor sections. This rule shall be enforced by the Sergeant-at-Arms.
- J. ANY MATTER NOT DEALT WITH in these Rules shall be determined by the current Rules of the Oklahoma Republican Party, or Robert's Rules of Order. If necessary, the Chair may refer the matter to the Parliamentarian and/or the Rules Committee Chairman for determination.
- K. SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE District and State Conventions is to be an agenda item that is presented separately at the Tulsa County Republican Convention.

Mike Kelly, Chairman

Buck Willis
Charlotte Harer
Daniel Hodges
*Don Crall
Donna Bekman
Elaine Leone
J. Michael McCarty
Joshua Moon
Lawrence Berg
*Mike Ford
Stephanie Ford
Sue Wonderlee

Carrie Torres
*Cheryl Baber
*Darlene Sharpe
Don Richard Thompson
Edmond Lawrence
Erin S. Raasch
*Jacqueline Black
Justin Davis
Leah Phillips
*Mike McCutchin
Ronda Vuillemont-Smith
Teresa Sparks