

## **WEBER COUNTY CONVENTION RULES • 2018**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** The order of business shall be set forth in the agenda presented by the Weber County Republican Executive Committee and approved by the Convention.

**TIME AND PLACE:** TBD

**ANY DELEGATE NOT REGISTERED BY THE FINALIZED CREDENTIALS REPORT WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE DURING THE CONVENTION.**

**RULES AND ORDER:** All parliamentary procedures, other than those specifically adopted by the Convention, shall be in accordance with the latest edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised.

**MOTIONS:** Only duly elected delegates, convention officers, and members of the executive committee shall be eligible to make or second motions. Any Weber County Republican in attendance shall be qualified to speak to a motion, but only duly certified delegates shall be eligible to vote. A person shall be eligible to speak once to a particular motion and the time shall not exceed two (2) minutes in making, seconding, or speaking to a motion. The timekeeper will ask speakers exceeding the allotted time to relinquish the floor.

**RESOLUTIONS:** The time limit for each resolution shall be 5 minutes.

**CANDIDATE RULES:** Only Republican candidates who have properly filed to run for public office as required by law shall be considered by the Convention.

**PLATFORM:** The Convention shall adopt the tenets set forth in the Platform of the Utah Republican Party. Each convention candidate shall submit a form to the county party secretary indicating their support of the Platform, including which planks they disagree with.

**NOMINATIONS:** Any Republican attending the Convention shall be considered eligible to nominate or second the nomination of a candidate for elected office. A nominating and seconding speech is the candidate's option but shall be considered part of the candidate's allotted time.

**CANDIDATES ALLOTTED TIME:** Time allotments shall be as follows: First round speeches (5) minutes each. Second round speeches (1) minute each. Where there is more than one candidate for an individual office candidates the order in which they will speak will be determined by the Master Ballot Position List that is generated by the Lieutenant Governor's office. Only candidates will be allowed to speak. A representative is not an eligible replacement and will not be allowed to speak.

**BALLOTS:** Where there is more than one candidate for an individual office candidates the order in which they will appear on the ballot will be determined by the Master Ballot Position List that is generated by the Lieutenant Governor's office. The ballots shall also clearly indicate which candidates are Convention-Only Candidates and which are Signature Candidates.

VOTING: Voting procedures shall be as follows:

1. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Unopposed candidates shall be elected by acclamation.
2. Only duly-elected, authorized, and certified delegates shall be eligible to vote. The vote of a non-attending delegate is forfeited and cannot be cast by a proxy. An alternate may be substituted if the delegate change was properly made by the deadline by the precinct chair.
3. Delegates shall present their credentials, obtain a ballot, vote, and deposit their ballot in the ballot box.
4. The Convention shall use multiple round voting, if needed, as described below.

A. If all candidates for the same office are \*Convention-only candidates: any candidate receiving 60% or more of the votes cast in any round shall be declared the winner of the election. If no candidates receive 60% in the first round of voting, the lowest vote getters are dropped so that three candidates remain (or two candidates if only three candidates were on the first ballot). The second round of voting shall drop the lowest vote getter until two candidates remain. In the final round of voting, if neither candidate receives 60% or more of the votes cast, both candidates shall be placed on the party's primary ballot.

B. If there are two candidates for the same office, and one of them is a Convention-only candidate: If the Convention-only candidate receives 50% or more of the votes cast, he or she shall be declared the winner of the election. If the Convention-only candidate does not receive more than 50%, but receives at least 30% or more, he/she will advance to the party's primary ballot.

C. If there are three or more candidates for the same office, and one or more is a Convention-only candidate:

If only one Convention-only candidate receives 30% or more of votes cast, that candidate will advance to the primary ballot.

If two or more Convention-only candidates each receive 30% or more of votes cast, only they advance to the next round of voting, which will resume as described in paragraph (A) above.

If no Convention-only candidate receives 30% or more of the votes cast, the Convention-only candidate with the highest number of votes will advance to the second round, along with the two highest vote getters. Voting will continue as described in paragraph (C) above.

5. If any two candidates for the same office receive the same number of votes and a winner is required, the Convention-only candidate shall be declared the winner. If both candidates are Convention-only candidates, the tie shall be broken by a flip of a coin by the Convention Chair.

**PRINTED MATERIAL:** Printed material, other than those materials made available by filed convention candidates or their representatives, must be approved for distribution by the Convention Chair prior to the Convention, and the material must have the author's name and address on the material.

Posters, banners, or displays must comply with the regulations required for use of the building. Any person or candidate distributing material or erecting displays shall remove their material and displays from the building at the conclusion of the Convention, leaving the area as they found it. Candidates will be given additional instructions on the use of Buildings/grounds by the facilities chair. Access to school property begins at \_\_\_\_\_. Booths are assigned on a first come-first served basis. Contact the facilities chair for more information and for booth pricing.

**STATE DELEGATES:** Weber County has been allocated \_\_\_ Delegates to the State Convention. All State Delegate positions were allocated for election at the precinct caucuses. Any State Delegate positions not filled at their associated precinct caucus will be reallocated to the appropriate House and Senate district and may be filled during the legislative district caucuses at the convention using the following rules:

1. Only registered Republicans who reside in the same House and Senate district of the unfilled position are eligible to run for State Delegate. Credentials will be certified prior to the beginning of the convention.
2. Each Candidate shall be allotted 60 seconds to express qualifications to the caucus.
3. Each Candidate may nominate himself/herself.
4. A nomination does not require a second.
5. Voting is by secret ballot.
6. Only certified county delegates from the same House and Senate district may vote, but any Republican of voting age by the General Election may be nominated.
7. Each delegate shall be allowed votes equal to the total number to be elected.
8. Any ballot with more votes than the total number allotted shall be invalid.
9. The Candidate(s) receiving the most votes shall be duly elected State Delegates.
10. All ties will be decided by a flip of a coin by the District Chairman.
11. If there are several Candidates, the legislative caucus may vote to use multiple rounds or instant runoff voting to achieve a simple majority, rather than plurality.

\*"Convention-only candidate" means any candidate who

- a. has been a registered Republican for at least the immediate nine months preceding the Party Convention, and
- b. has not sought qualification for inclusion on the general election ballot by any means other than the Republican caucus/convention.