

**PROPOSED RULES OF THE
2019 WAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION
MARCH 18, 2019**

RULE ONE — STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of these rules is to provide for a fair and open convention in a manner that facilitates the business of the convention, respects the rights of the majority and minority, and encourages full participation by all Republicans.

RULE TWO — CONVENTION OFFICERS

(A) The officers of the Convention, in addition to the officers of the Wake County Republican Party, shall be the Convention Chair, the Secretary, and the Sergeant-at-Arms.

(B) The Convention Chair shall appoint a Parliamentarian and such Deputy Sergeants-at-Arms as he/she deems necessary.

RULE THREE — REGISTRATION

All registered delegates must pick up their credentials at the McKimmon Center (1101 Gorman St, Raleigh, NC 27606) between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2019. All delegates and alternates must have been elected in their respective precinct meetings, certified as Wake County Republican voters resident in their precincts on January 31, 2019 (or certified to have moved since January 31, 2019), and pre-registered for the Convention.

RULE FOUR — QUORUM

A quorum for all business transactions and the election of officers shall be one-half plus one of the accredited and registered delegates present as certified by the Credentials Committee.

RULE FIVE — CONVENTION GUESTS

The convention Sergeant-At-Arms shall admit to the Convention floor only those delegates and alternates certified and registered to the Convention. Upon approval of the County Chair, Observers may register, pay the convention fee, as applicable, and attend the Convention. All Observers, the media and special guests shall remain in designated seating sections, as available, within the convention hall and may not participate in the official business of the convention.

RULE SIX — DISCLOSURE AND CLOSURE

(A) No motion whatsoever shall be in order unless the maker and seconder state their name(s) and precinct(s).

(B) Debate on any substantive issue shall consist of a maximum of two rounds of debate. Each round shall be a maximum of eight minutes evenly divided between speakers for and against, with each speaker allowed to speak for no more than two minutes.

(C) Debate on any procedural issue shall consist of a maximum of two rounds of debate. Each round shall be a maximum of two minutes evenly divided between speakers for and against.

(D) Motions for calling the previous question shall not be in order until the conclusion of the second round of debate of any issue.

(E) The Chair shall recognize the maker of a motion for the first round of affirmative debate.

RULE SEVEN — PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Roberts' Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern this convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these rules and the County and State Plans of Organization.

RULE EIGHT — ADOPTION OF RULES

These rules shall be adopted by a majority vote of the Delegates and Alternates sitting as Delegates at the Convention.

RULE NINE — RESOLUTIONS

At least one copy of all resolutions to be submitted to the Convention should be provided to the County Chair by midnight five days prior to the Convention (March 13, 2019) by electronic mail at Chair@wakegop.org. In addition to providing a copy of an resolution to the County Chair at least five days prior to the Convention, at least 700 (700) additional copies of all resolutions must be presented to the County Chair for review and use by the delegates of the Convention by delivering such copies to the McKimmon Center between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on March 18, 2019. A suggested format for all resolutions is attached hereto as Form A. The maker of any resolution must be present at the Convention, clearly identified at the top of each resolution, and is responsible for distributing copies of the resolution to all convention delegates prior to the start of the Convention at 7 p.m.

RULE TEN — ELECTION OF COUNTY OFFICERS

A. Election of County Officers: Official nominating forms will be available at the Convention, and must be filed with the Secretary no later than 7:45pm on March 18th, 2019 in order for a person to be nominated.

The forms will contain the following: (1) name and precinct of person making the nomination; (2) name and precinct of person being nominated; and (3) office for which person is being nominated.

1. When all persons so wishing have turned in the forms to the Secretary, the Secretary shall examine the papers submitted and read out the nominations for all offices. The Convention Chair shall then call for a motion to elect by acclamation all those offices for which only one person has been nominated. Upon the passage of such motion, those persons will be declared elected.

2. The Convention Chair will ask for the nominating and seconding speeches for each contested office in the following order. The following time limits will be observed:

- (A) Chair: Each candidate for Chair shall be entitled to one three-minute nominating speech, one one-minute seconding speech, and a four-minute acceptance speech.
- (B) 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, 3rd Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer: Each candidate for each of these positions shall be entitled to one one-minute nominating speech, a second without a speech, and, if the election for the office the candidate seeks is contested, a one-minute acceptance speech.
- (C) Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and five at-large members of the Executive Committee: Each candidate for each of these positions shall be entitled to a nomination and a second without a speech, and, if the election for the office the candidate seeks is contested, a thirty-second acceptance speech.

3. Following the nominating and seconding speeches for contested offices, the Convention will proceed to vote by secret ballot. If one candidate shall have a majority of the votes cast for an office, that candidate shall be declared elected. If no candidate shall have a majority, a second vote by secret ballot will be held between the top two vote getters. The candidate with a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.

4. The at-large seats shall be elected in the following manner: Each delegate eligible to vote may vote for up to five candidates. No candidate shall receive more than one vote per voting delegate. The five candidates with the most votes shall be elected to at-large seats. If no more than five candidates are nominated for at-large positions, then the at-large positions shall be deemed to be unopposed and may be elected by acclamation pursuant to paragraph 1 above.

RULE ELEVEN — SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Delegates/Alternates from Wake County to the Second and Fourth Congressional District and State Republican Conventions shall be elected in the following order:

- (A) Those persons elected delegates to the Wake County Convention who were certified, registered, and attended the county convention and who requested election as a delegate or alternate on their county convention registration form.
- (B) Those persons elected alternates to the Wake County Convention who were certified, registered, and attended the county convention and who requested election as delegates on their county convention registration form.
- (C) Those persons currently holding elected public office on the federal and state level who are registered Republicans and who have requested election as delegates prior to the start of the Wake County Convention.
- (D) Those persons currently holding elected public office on the county and municipal level who are registered Republicans and who have requested election as delegates prior to the start of the Wake County Convention, and who were not otherwise included in their precinct delegation to the county convention.
- (E) Those persons elected delegates to the Wake County Convention who were certified, registered, and were unable to attend the county convention and who requested election as delegates on their county convention registration form.
- (F) Those persons elected alternates to the Wake County Convention who were certified, registered, and were unable to attend the county convention and who requested election as delegates on their county convention registration form.
- (G) Those persons elected delegates to the Wake County Convention at their precinct meetings who were properly certified to the county convention and who requested election as delegates, but did not register. Each must pay the county convention registration fee within seven days of the Wake County Convention.
- (H) Those persons elected alternates to the Wake County Convention at their precinct meetings who were properly certified to the County Convention and who requested election as delegates, but did not register. Each must pay the county convention registration fee within seven days of the Wake County Convention.
- (I) Other registered Wake County Republicans, including but not limited to Convention Observers, as elected by the County Convention. Each must pay the county convention registration fee within seven days of the Wake County Convention.

NOTE: ALTERNATES WHO VOTE AS DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY CONVENTION BY VIRTUE OF A DELEGATE NOT ATTENDING SHALL BE TREATED AS AN ALTERNATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTION TO THE STATE/DISTRICT CONVENTIONS PURSUANT TO ITEM B.

FORM A- SAMPLE RESOLUTION FORMAT

**[TITLE OF RESOLUTION]
SUBMITTED BY [NAME OF MAKER]**

- (I) WHEREAS, [LIST FIRST REASON IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION]**
- (II) WHEREAS, [LIST SECOND REASON IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION]**
- (III) WHEREAS, [LIST THIRD REASON IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION]**
- (IV) NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY THAT:**
- (V) [LIST WHAT RESOLUTION SEEKS TO ACCOMPLISH]**