



Durham County Republican Party 2026 County Convention

RULE 1. OFFICERS:

The Officers of the Convention shall be the Chairman, the Secretary, the Parliamentarian, the Tellers, the Sergeant-at-Arms, and such other officers deemed necessary by the Convention Chair. The 2026 Durham County Republican Party Convention shall be held in person at **Durham GOP Headquarters, 4615 Hillsborough Rd, Suite 400 Durham, NC 27705**. The Convention will be held on March 28, 2026, and will begin at 9am and adjourn by noon. Registration available at [Support 2026 Convention](https://durham.nc.gop/2026_county_convention) (https://durham.nc.gop/2026_county_convention) or via paper form up to 5pm 3 days prior to convention.

RULE 2. COVENTION COMMITTEES:

Committees of the Convention shall be as follows: The Committee on Credentials, the Committee on Rules, the Committee on Resolutions, and the Committee on the Plan of Organization. The Chairman and members of these committees shall be appointed by the District Chairman.

RULE 3. DELEGATE RULES AND PARTICIPATION:

Micheal Magnanti (Granville) will be the 2026 Convention Chair. Secretary will be Beth Patrick; Parliamentarian will be Mike Phillips (Wake); Sergeant-at-Arms will be Will Antico.

The delegates shall be those registered pursuant to the registration procedures set forth. During the Convention, delegates shall remain silent until called upon by the Convention Chair. Alternates, observers, media, and guests will be seated in a designated section and should also remain silent throughout the Convention unless called upon by the Convention Chair. Only certified delegates to the County Convention shall participate in the official business of the Convention.

1. **Agenda.** The primary items on the agenda of the Convention are to review the goals for the county party for 2026-2027, amend the Plan of Organization, and elect delegates to the District and State Conventions. The agenda will be distributed electronically to all delegates prior to the convention. If the Plan of Organization assigns mandatory positions that are vacant, then the agenda will include the election of those vacant positions. Candidates must be submitted in writing to the County Chair by 5:00 pm on March 25, 2026.
2. **Rules of the Convention:** *Roberts Rule of Order*, 12th edition, shall govern this convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these rules and the Durham County Republican Party and North Carolina Republican Party Plans of Organization. These Convention rules will be adopted by a simple majority vote of the Delegates present before any other issues come before the convention. These Rules may be suspended or amended by a two-third vote of the Delegates present at the commencement of the Convention.
3. **Registration and Call to Order.** Check-in is prior to the precinct meetings immediately prior to the County Convention, which shall be called to order at the earlier of 10:00 am March 28, 2026, or the conclusion of the Precinct Meetings. Doors will be locked once the County Convention begins, only allowing visiting speakers to enter once Convention begins.



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4. **Credentials Report:** Motions to amend the Credentials Report may occur only following the Credentials Committee Report delivered on the day of the Convention.
5. **Quorum:** A quorum shall be one-half plus one of the combined voting strength of all delegates counted and approved in the Credentials Report.
6. **Delegates:** Eligible delegates who attend the County precinct meeting are eligible to attend the County and District and State Conventions as delegates. Durham County is allowed to a maximum of 92 delegates at the State Convention.
7. **Convention Guests:** Upon approval of the Convention Chair, Observers may register and attend the Convention. Observers, the media and special guests may **not** participate in the official business of the Convention.
8. **Speaking:** In order to address the Convention, a delegate must raise his or her hand in the meeting, be recognized by the Convention Chair, address the Chair as Mister Chair, state name, precinct number, and make the statement. The issue must relate to the agenda item at hand. No delegate may speak for longer than two (2) minutes at any one time, nor more than twice on any one issue, except as provided for in the order of the day, or by a vote of the Convention. If any contest should develop over the matter in issue, the Convention Chair, at his discretion, can allow each side an allotted time, not to exceed five (5) minutes each to present its position. Unless the issue pertains to the Election of Officers, any issue will be tabled until that part of the agenda is accomplished. With regards to rules for speaking on Resolutions presented before the Convention, the rules outlined in 14 “Resolutions from the Floor” will apply.
9. **Election of Officers:** The election of officers will be conducted in accordance with the rules set out below. The rules will be suspended automatically for any uncontested positions.
10. **Voting:** The Delegates must be present to vote. Proxy or absentee ballots are prohibited. In addition to ballot and show of hands voting, other voting methods may be employed as directed by the Chair such as voice votes or unanimous consent.
11. **Resolutions from the Floor:** No proposed resolution from the floor shall be in order unless it shall first be reduced to writing, with at least 50 paper copies available for distribution to the delegates prior to the report of the Committee on Resolutions. The motion shall require a second.

The maker of the motion will have the opportunity to speak first for one (1) minute and will have the opportunity to speak last for one (1) minute. Debate will be limited to one (1) minute per speaker, alternating with affirmative and opposing speakers. Each resolution will allow for up to two (2) affirmative and two (2) opposing speakers. The proposed resolution requires a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting to be considered, and a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting to adopt the motion.



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12. **Adopting Committee Reports:** The convention Committees shall be the Credentials, Rules, Resolutions, and Plan of Organization. Adoption of Committee reports shall be by a simple majority of the delegates present and voting Committee reports do not require a second.

No proposed amendments to Committee reports will be considered from the floor unless they have first been reduced to writing with 50 copies available for distribution. The motion shall require a second. The proposed amendment requires a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting to be considered. The maker of the motion will have the opportunity to speak first for one (1) minute and will have the opportunity to speak last for one (1) minute. Debate will be limited to one (1) minute per speaker, alternating with affirmative and opposing speakers. Each proposed amendment will allow for up to two (2) affirmative and two (2) opposing speakers. The proposed amendment requires a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting to adopt the motion.

13. **Delegation to the Congressional Districts and State Convention:** Those willing to serve as Delegates at the District and State Conventions submit their names ahead of time for the Credentials report. A person may only serve as a District Convention Delegate within the district which they reside. If the number is less than the number allowed to Durham County, all delegates shall be accepted. The Convention Chair will then entertain nominations for delegates to fill the open seats for the county. These nominees do not need to be present at the County Convention but must have given **prior written consent** to serve as a Delegate to the District and State Conventions. Written consent to serve shall include any signed writing or e-mail or electronic messages, from the person so nominated provided that said written consent to serve shall be received by the chair, secretary or sent to the e-mail address on the Durham County Republican Party website before the beginning of the convention.

14. **Attire:** Please dress comfortably. Each participant and visitor should have their face shown to be identifiable with their registration.