



County Convention Basics

Time and Date

- Saturday after the 2nd Tuesday in March [Election Code (EL) §181.061]
- time is your choice – try to set it to maximize attendance

This year: 2026 March 10, [time of your choice]

Forms you'll need:

Before your convention, download the documents at http://www.txgreens.org/convention_documents under “Convention Forms and Documents”

- Attendance List
- Delegate List – for District and State Delegates
- List of Nominees

You will also need the completed ballots and vote tallies from the precinct conventions for your county.

What do we do at the County Convention?

Main purpose is to nominate candidates whose district boundaries fall completely within one county's boundaries.

Required:

- Fill out an Attendance list with voter registration numbers – one list per County
- Elect Delegates to the District [if applicable] and State Conventions
- Inform attendees about the petition drive [if applicable]
- Entertain Resolutions that came up from the Precinct Conventions
- Certify candidate nominations for candidates whose districts are fully inside your County
- Keep Minutes
- Decide whether to create an additional County Executive Committee

How do we get started?

The County Co-Chairs should have lists of duly elected delegates from the Precinct Conventions in the county from the previous Tuesday. Prepare a new Attendance list containing the name and residence address of each person who is admitted to participate in this convention. Only persons named on the lists from the Precinct Conventions are eligible to participate as voting delegates and are the only people listed on the official Attendance List. Include the Voter Registration number (VUID) from their card. Their card should be marked with “Green Party” on the line

labeled "Voted in the ____ primary.". If they did not have their card at the Precinct convention, then they should have an affiliation certificate. They must have one or the other.

You can have another sign-in sheet for all attendees regardless of delegate status for your county organizing efforts.

Important notes:

- EACH County must have a Convention Chair, an attendance list, and minutes
- IF you are the only one in your County, then you are the Convention chair, the only one on the attendance list and the keeper of the minutes.
- If you have candidates to nominate, ensure you follow the Party Rules below.

How do we nominate candidates?

You should have all the ballots from the Precinct conventions. Those vote results will be used to determine the nominees for all races whose districts are fully inside your county boundaries. In the case of a win by NOTA, no candidate is nominated.

Certify in writing the position, name, and residence address of each candidate who is nominated by the convention. After the convention, deliver the certified list to the County Clerk and the State Chair. [EL §181.068]

Election results for District and State level candidates will be passed on to those conventions, for their review and certification.

Images of the ballots cast shall be publicly available online and the physical ballots shall be available for inspection/recount at the county convention.

Elect Delegates to the District and State Conventions

Using Approval Voting or Acclamation, nominate and elect delegates and alternates to the District and State Conventions. There are no limits on delegates to the District convention, however there are for the State Convention. See table below for reference.

District Delegates do not have to live in the District to serve as Delegates.

How do we handle resolutions?

Resolutions that passed at the Precinct Convention level should be accompanied by the minutes that reflect this. County Delegates will consider all resolutions passed up. Consensus process is used to reach approval. Your county bylaws determine the threshold for voting if you don't have consensus. If you don't have county bylaws yet, use the state bylaws as a guide – generally 2/3 majority and abstentions don't count. If the resolution passes by consensus, or the applicable vote threshold, and are state or national related, then it goes to the State Convention for consensus/vote.

Resolutions passed are good material for Media Releases for post convention coverage.

How many delegates do we get to the State Convention?

It is based on your county population (Contact the State Party for pop. figures if needed.):
From GPTX Bylaws, Article IX, Section 9

F) Thus, delegates shall be apportioned according to county population as follows:

- 1 to 35,000 = 1 delegate
- 35,001 to 100,000 = 2 delegates
- 100,001 to 200,000 = 3 delegates
- 200,001 to 300,000 = 4 delegates
- 300,001 to 400,000 = 5 delegates
- 400,001 to 500,000 = 6 delegates
- 500,001 to 750,000 = 7 delegates
- 750,001 to 1,000,000 = 8 delegates
- 1,000,001 to 1,250,000 = 9 delegates
- 1,250,001 to 1,500,000 = 10 delegates
- 1,500,001 to 1,750,000 = 11 delegates
- 1,750,001 to 2,000,000 = 12 delegates
- 2,000,001 to 2,250,000 = 13 delegates
- 2,250,001 to 2,500,000 = 14 delegates
- 2,500,001 to 2,750,000 = 15 delegates
- 2,750,001 to 3,000,000 = 16 delegates
- 3,000,001 to 3,250,000 = 17 delegates
- 3,250,001 to 3,500,000 = 18 delegates

G) In determining the number of delegates allotted to each affiliated county, the State Executive Committee shall use the most recently published census data from the U.S. Census Bureau as of January 1st of the election year.

Creating a County Executive Committee pursuant to the Election Code

“The County Executive Committee (CEC) shall be selected at the County Convention. The manner of selection and duties of the County Executive Committee shall be decided by each County Convention, as each deems appropriate.” (Election Code § 181.004) [from GPTX Bylaws and Electoral Rules (BER) Section 6]

Most Counties create their own organization per Article II, Section 2: “County Organization A) Counties may organize in any way they choose that includes Consensus-Seeking Facilitation and horizontal organizing and is not in violation of the State Constitution, State Election Code, and the Ten Key Values.”

Counties do not have to create a CEC in addition to their already existing county leadership structure.

What goes in the minutes?

Who the functionaries were (temp. chair, perm. chair, etc.); what you did, e.g. voted on district and state delegates, reviewed precinct ballot results, certified nominees, filled out attendance list, voted on resolutions, etc.

MEGAIMPORTANT: What happens with all this paperwork?

From Green Party Bylaws and Electoral Rules Article VII, Section 5:
Each County Chairperson shall certify in writing the name, address and office sought of each candidate nominated at the Convention to the authority responsible for having the ballot prepared, no later than the 20th day after the Convention. (Election Code § 184.068) [Sec. 181.068. (b) (1) the authority responsible for having the official general election ballot prepared in the county, for certification of a county or precinct office], i.e. County Elections Office.

Also, provide a copy of the information to the State CoChairs is: Green Party of Texas, PO Box 271080, Houston, TX 77277-1080 or email a photo/scanned copy to cochair@txgreens.org.

If we haven't already, what would be the first steps to officially affiliate as a County Party with the State Party?

From Article II, Section 2

C) County Green Party Affiliation with Green Party of Texas:

- i. To affiliate with the Green Party of Texas, County Green Party organizations shall make an application in writing to the State Executive Committee. The application shall include written democratic bylaws and a list of the County Officers or Executive Committee.
- ii. The State Executive Committee has the authority to accept or reject any application for membership, subject to review by the next convention.
- iii. County Green Party organizations that are accepted must pay a one-time fee of \$100 to the Green Party of Texas. The State Executive Committee is authorized to reduce or waive this fee.

Petition Drive? What?

By now, we are four days into the petition process leaving 70 days to go! Please inform your attendees of the import of obtaining signatures from everyone they know. It is a great party building tool and educational campaign. Most Texans have NO idea how the system is designed to limit choice on the November ballot! See "Petition Drive Basics" publication for details on petitioning.