



T LIBERTARIAN Party of Texas

Credentials Committee Report

2026 STATE CONVENTION



INTRODUCTION

Our Fellow Delegates:

The Credentials Committee presents this report of credentialed delegates and alternates to the 2026 State Convention of the Libertarian Party of Texas.

Since May 2025, this committee's elected members endeavored toward three goals:

- 1) Equip LPTexas Affiliates and Members with tools and information to facilitate successful Precinct, County, and District Conventions,
- 2) Credential all eligible delegates and alternates elected to State Convention with confidence and speed,
- 3) Coordinate delegate badges, voter buttons, and other materials needed to clearly identify participants' credentials and voting status.

For the first goal, we updated convention form templates with 2026 dates and also made an improvement allowing those PDFs to be fillable (ability to type in information). These convention materials, including training slides, were actively shared with LPTexas Affiliates and made publicly available.

To credential elected delegates and alternates, we verified availability of records to prove that each elected individual meets all qualifications per LPTexas Bylaws, including: a) Residence in the County elected from, b) Valid Texas voter registration, and c) Affiliation with LPTexas.

Lastly, vigilant efforts are being made to supply accurate badges and counts of voter buttons.

A sincere thank you is extended to the County Chairs and Affiliate leadership who navigated the logistics and constrictive Texas Election Code requirements to hold Precinct and County Conventions. Additionally, every individual who participated in their local conventions deserves appreciation and recognition for strengthening the foundation of LPTexas.

From your fellow delegates and Credentials Committee Members:

Jessi Cowart (*Chair*)
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REPORT COMMENTS

On the following pages, we provide a list of all successfully credentialed delegates and alternates, grouped by County and ordered as reported in the County Conventions records. Underneath each County name, we provide the County's maximum **Allotted** seats followed by their total seats filled with credentialed delegates/alternates as **Voters**. The number of Voters (which will be the number of "Voter" buttons provided to the County's Delegation Leader) is the smaller number of Allotted seats or credentialed delegates plus alternates.

*One asterisk (Pending Delegation): A single asterisk next to a County's name indicates a county held Precinct and County Convention but their notices and/or records were not submitted properly. The body will have the opportunity to vote to fully credential these counties at the State Convention. For your convenience, we've listed them below.

The Credentials Committee is unanimous in our desire to credential these affiliates and intends to make a motion to the body to that effect. We recognize that these affiliates made a good faith effort to provide timely and accurate information.

County	What's the Problem?	# of Elected Delegates	# of Elected Alternates
Burnet	Multiple issues *The Credentials Committee wishes to point out that this is a brand new affiliate going through this process for the very first time. The affiliate did attempt corrections.	3	0
Smith	Precinct rosters and minutes were combined rather than broken out by voting precinct.	3 *Note: 1 ineligible; to be considered separately	0
Total Pending Delegations: 2		TOTAL 6 (1 delegate ineligible)	TOTAL 0

Two asterisks (Pending Delegate/Alternate) - Two asterisks next to delegate/alternate name indicate a seat tentatively filled by an elected individual whose credentials are **pending at the time of this report's publishing. If the Credentials Committee receives the needed information or voter registration suspense is cleared prior to the State Convention, the seat may be filled by the elected individual. If not, the body may make a motion to credential them.

*****Three asterisks (Ineligible Delegate/Alternate)** - Three asterisks next to delegate/alternate name indicates that Credentials Committee deemed these individuals as ineligible because there was no Oath of Affiliation on file at the time of election. County chairs are encouraged to reach out to credentials@lptexas.org with any questions about ineligible delegates/alternates.

Note: While training and communications indicated that Oaths of Affiliation are required prior to county convention for election as a delegate or alternate (as indicated in LPTexas Bylaws), the Credentials Committee acknowledges that the verbiage in the 'Elected Delegates/Alternates to State Convention' forms inaccurately indicated that these could be received prior to state convention. The Credentials Committee acknowledges this oversight and will correct these forms for 2028.

The Senate District "SD" of each credentialed individual indicates which District Caucus they may participate in according to LPTexas Bylaws.

For alternates, the order # determines the precedence for who fills any vacancies up to the maximum allotment for their County, beginning with the lowest # first, per LPTexas Bylaw V.d.3.iii.

All Credentials Committee members contributed to the credentialing process and were able to independently verify each other's work at any time. To avoid potential conflicts of interest, Credentials Committee members did not process the credentials for their own county affiliate, but all members supported each other's efforts upon request.

Credentialing Statistics

The following table summarizes results of received convention records from County Affiliates. Please note that there were **60** counties that were affiliated prior to precinct conventions for a max total of **279** allotted seats. After precinct conventions, the affiliate count dropped to **44** for a total of **230** max allotted seats.

Measure	Count	Percent
County Conventions	44	73% of Affiliated
Total Allotted Seats	230	82% of Possible
Elected Delegates	168	73% of Allotted
Elected Alternates	21	9% of Allotted
Total Elected	189	41% of Allotted
✓ Credentialed	177	93.7% of Elected
* Pending	7	3.7% of Elected
□ Ineligible	5	2.6% of Elected
Total Voters	161	70% of Allotted

Corrections and Final Counts

While we successfully resolved many credentialing issues and chased down missing records when needed, a small number of elected individuals remain uncredentialed, and some counties did not provide any records nor information about local conventions.

If you have documentation to correct or add to the listed delegation, please contact the Credentials Committee no later than 4/8/2026 so that credentials can be revised prior to State Convention: Credentials@LPTexas.org

This report reflects the status of the credentials State Convention delegation at the time of publication. The Credentials Committee maintains a “living” credentials list that may be updated at any time in response to new information. Counts and status become official only once reported on the floor of the State Convention and approved by the body. The Credentials Committee will notify the convention body of issues or challenges to credentials requiring their consideration.

Convention Check-in & Check-out

At the State Convention, the Credentials Committee will have a table where credentialed delegates and alternates can check-in to receive their badge identifying their name, County, Senate District, and their status as a delegate or alternate. Check-in is required in order to be seated as a voting participant of the convention.

If you need to leave the State Convention and will not be returning, you must **check out** with the Credentials Committee. We will keep track of who is checked in as active participants to determine the number of Voters in the convention body and quorum needed for conducting business.

Online Resources

The most current version of this document and other Convention Reports are publicly posted at the following link: <https://2026.lptexas.org/documents>. Additional convention materials, including training and forms provided by the Credentials Committee, may be obtained here as well.

Revised versions of this report may be published at the above link, as indicated by the “version” number in this document’s header and the “Published” date in the footer.

Requirements for conventions and delegate credentialing are determined from LPTexas Bylaws and applicable Texas Election Codes:

- [LPTexas Bylaws](#)
- Texas Election Code, Chapter 181 (political parties nominating by convention with state organization): <<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/EL/htm/EL.181.htm>>

LIST OF CREDENTIALIAED DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

COUNTY	DELEGATES			ALTERNATES		
Aransas	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: -	DISAFFILIATED					
Austin						
Allotted: 3 Voters: 1	1	Candice Landry	18			
Bastrop	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: -	DISAFFILIATED					
Bell	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: 2	1	David Fite	24			
	2	Eric Nellis	24			
Bexar	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 13 Voters: 13	1	Chris Baecker	26	1	Edgar Coyle	26
	2	Pamela (PJ) Carlton	26	2	AJ Fanning	26
	3	Paul Darr	19	3	Logan Martinez	19
	4	Sarah Darr	19	4	Kathryn Robles	19
	5	Carter Fanning	26	5	Heidi Sobotik	19
	6	John E. Foddrill Sr.	19			
	7	JR Haseloff	25			
	8	Austen Hoogen	26			
	9	John-Henry Liberty	25			
	10	Eric Litaker	26			
	11	Rachel Taylor	26			
Blanco	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: 3	1	Susan Barney	25			
	2	Ken Welch	25			
	3	D'Anne Welch	25			
Brazoria	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: 2	1	Brandon Ruhmann	17			
	2	Michelle Xie	11			
Brazos	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 6 Voters: 6	1	Jeff Miller	5	1	Clyde Garland	5
	2	Robert Halton	5	2	Nick Hearn	5
	3	Sherry Garland	5	3	Sophie Grace Dawson	5

COUNTY	DELEGATES			ALTERNATES		
	4	Les Mauldin	5	4	Jim Vanbeek	5
	5	Sean Baker	5			
	6	Britney Baker	5			
*Burnet	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3	1	Mary Ruwart	24			
Voters: 3	2	Daniel Sims	24			
	3	Kathryn Sims	24			
Cameron	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3	DISAFFILIATED					
Voters: -						
Chambers	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3	DISAFFILIATED					
Voters: -						
Collin	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 9	1	Kenneth Feagins	8			
Voters: 2	2	Rich Moore	8			
Colorado	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3	DISAFFILIATED					
Voters: -						
Comal	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3	1	Randy Simbro	25	1	Vanessa Jackson	25
Voters: 3	2	Ivan Foster	25			
	3	Bob King	25			
Dallas	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 15	1	Atticus Hornsby	16			
Voters: 15	2	Gary Doan	2			
	3	Rachael Doan	2			
	4	Mike Dooling	12			
	5	Silvia Grossi	23			
	6	Nicholas Zurfluh	12			
	7	Jason Cortez	2			
	8	Kyle Russell	16			
	9	Eddie Allen	16			
	10	Desiree Jacobsen	23			
	11	Joe Roberts	23			
	12	Michelle Wigington	2			

COUNTY	DELEGATES			ALTERNATES		
	13	Irma Acosta	12			
	14	Marshall Beerwinkle	23			
	15	Kenny Martens	23			
Denton	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 8	1	John Wilford	12	1	***Calvin Gholston	30
Voters: 8	2	Jonah Pierce	12	2	***Joseph McGregor	30
	3	Paul Thompson	12			
	4	Teairra Gholston	30			
	5	Phil Gray	30			
	6	Darren Hamilton	30			
	7	Lee Hamilton	30			
	8	Anastasia Wilford	12			
Ector	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3	DISAFFILIATED					
Voters: -						
El Paso	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 9	1	Dave Marino	29	1	Lourdes Marino	29
Voters: 9	2	Ryan Woodcraft	29	2	Sebastion Olmedo	29
	3	Jennifer Woodcraft	29	3	Jaime Badillo	29
	4	Carlos Pimentel	29			
	5	Bill Collins	29			
	6	Tony Gregoire	29			
	7	Sean Orr	29			
	8	Alexia Orr	29			
Ellis	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3	DISAFFILIATED					
Voters: -						
Fayette	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3	1	Judi Lehman	18			
Voters: 3	2	Andy Behlen	18			
	3	Janessa Sample	18			
Fort Bend	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 6	1	Robert Radford	17			
Voters: 2	2	Jeffrey Ames	17			
Galveston	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3	Affiliated - No Elected Delegates					

COUNTY	DELEGATES				ALTERNATES	
Voters: 0						
Gillespie	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3						
Voters: -						
DISAFFILIATED						
Guadalupe	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3	1	Darren Pollok	25	1	Chad Hale	19
Voters: 3	2	Nolan Schmidt	21			
	3	Anthony Cristo	25			
Hansford	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3	1	Dave Richmond	31			
Voters: 1						
Harris	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 27	1	Mark Ash	15			
Voters: 12	2	Carol Unsicker	6			
	3	Nathan Kinman	7			
	4	Amanda Gibbs	11			
	5	Lilly Gibbs	11			
	6	James Riley	17			
	7	Cory Calvin	15			
	8	Mike Coogan	7			
	9	Aaron Ramos	6			
	10	Christy Ford	4			
	11	***Neal Dikeman	17			
	12	Neal Carlson	17			
	13	Matthew Gibbs	11			
Harrison	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3	1	Jay Shoesmith	1			
Voters: 2	2	Sharla Shoesmith	1			
Hays	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3	1	Michael Chastain	25	1	Rob Stolle	25
Voters: 3	2	Jennifer Chinworth	25			
	3	Steve Ravet	25			
Hidalgo	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 4						
Voters: -						
DISAFFILIATED						

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	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Hood						
Allotted: 3 Voters: -	DISAFFILIATED					
Hopkins	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: 2	1	Kate Prather	1			
	2	Joseph Duncan	1			
Houston	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: 2	1	Bob Townsend	3			
	2	Carolyn Townsend	3			
Howard	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: -	DISAFFILIATED					
Jefferson	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: -	DISAFFILIATED					
Johnson	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: 2	1	Anita Goodale	10			
	2	Christopher Owens	10			
Lamar	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: 2	1	Nathan Polsky	1			
	2	Miriam Polsky	1			
Leon						
Allotted: 3 Voters: 1	1	Zant Tatum	10			
Liberty	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: 2	1	**OPS Steele	3			
	2	**Shanna Steele	3			
Llano	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: -	DISAFFILIATED					
Lubbock	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: 2	1	Brad Clardy	28			
	2	Janice Sims	28			

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	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
McLennan						
Allotted: 3	1	RJ Pase	22	1	Kinsey Pase	22
Voters: 3	2	Will Knight	22	2	Bob Davis	22
	3	Neill Snyder	22			
Midland						
Allotted: 3	1	Katherine Landoll	31			
Voters: 2	2	***Stefan Parsley	31			
	3	Kenneth Burgess III	31			
Montgomery						
Allotted: 5	1	Jessi Cowart	4			
Voters: 5	2	Bobby Cowart	4			
	3	Tyler Reitenbach	4			
	4	Jacque Reitenbach	4			
	5	Eric Tanner	4			
Navarro						
Allotted: 3						
Voters: -						
Nueces						
Allotted: 3						
Voters: -						
Orange						
Allotted: 3	1	David Constant	3			
Voters: 2	2	David Burns	3			
Parker						
Allotted: 3						
Voters: 0						
Polk						
Allotted: 3	1	Robert Appelbaum	3			
Randall						
Allotted: 3	1	Jack Westbrook	31			
Voters: 3	2	Anthony Ralston	31			
	3	Alyssa Hightower	31			
*Smith						
Allotted: 3	1	***Kevin Hutchison	1			

COUNTY		DELEGATES			ALTERNATES		
Voters: 2	2	Rudy Wright	1				
	3	Maurine Davis	1				
Tarrant	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D	
Allotted: 15	1	Sean "NOTA" Sparkman	23				
Voters: 11	2	Trey Holcomb	10				
	3	Jocelyn Pantke	10				
	4	Teresa Rushing	10				
	5	Anna Sparkman	23				
	6	Duane Hamman	10				
	7	Daniel Bledsoe	9				
	8	Rene Perez	22				
	9	Kevin Carney	10				
	10	Jonathan Lochridge	9				
	11	Manda Holcomb	10				
Taylor	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D	
Allotted: 3	1	Bernard Johnson	28				
Voters: 3	2	Gus Stuart	28				
	3	Erin Stuart	28				
Tom Green	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D	
Allotted: 3	1	Alex Hawley	28				
Voters: 3	2	HS Whiting II	28				
	3	Austin Hobbs	28				
Travis	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D	
Allotted: 12	1	Austin Whaley	14				
Voters: 12	2	Geoffrey Neale	25				
	3	Girish Altekar	14				
	4	Mark Tippetts	25				
	5	Nancy Neale	25				
	6	Patrick Dixon	25				
	7	Ted Brown	14				
	8	Arthur DiBianca	21				
	9	Diane Engel	14				
	10	Bill Kelsey	14				
	11	Laura Brown	14				
	12	Lisa Schlinkert	25				
Victoria	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D	
Allotted: 3	1	Patrick Mitchell	18				

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Voters: 3	2	Kevin Alstrom	18			
	3	Caitlin Alstrom	18			
Waller	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: 1	1	Jacob Bradley	17			
Washington	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3	1	Fred Zimmerman	18	1	Ann Winston	18
Voters: 3	2	John Amelang	18	2	Cheryl Amelang	18
	3	Ginny Moore	18			
Wharton	#		S D	#		S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: -	DISAFFILIATED					
Willacy	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 3 Voters: 1	1	Nicky Brashear	27			
Williamson	#	Delegate Name	S D	#	Alternate Name	S D
Allotted: 9	1	Scott Talley	5			
Voters: 7	2	Nathan Simms	5			
	3	Jason Kute	5			
	4	Tom Cunningham	8			
	5	Bo Zimmerman	5			
	6	Wes Benedict	24			
	7	Scott Horton	5			

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND ACCOLADES

The work of the Credentials Committee was made possible by the contributions of many unsung heroes volunteering their time and talents for LPTexas. While any list acknowledging contributions of others will inevitably fail to provide comprehensive thanks, we wish to highlight the efforts of the following individuals and County Affiliates whose efforts made our task easier!

RECORDS PROCESSING

All convention documents delivered to LPTexas by email to Records@LPTexas.org were received, organized, stored, and initially reviewed by **Christy Ford** of Harris County in her capacity as Secretary of LPTexas. This enormous task took untold hours of effort, often performed late at night to help last-minute submissions meet deadlines, and it all took place outside the spotlight. Without her support, this report likely would have not been available until mere days before the convention.

ADDITIONAL STAFF/COMMITTEE SUPPORT

Special thanks goes to the LPTexas Affiliate Support Department, particularly **Jacob Bradley**, who also spent several hours reaching out to affiliates to ensure notices and records were received timely and accurately. Jacob's efforts were key to affiliate retention, and we are grateful for his partnership.

Additionally, **Kyle Russell** and **Nathan Polsky** deserve special thanks for speedily implementing requested updates to the LPTexas and State Convention websites, including calendar events, FAQ pages, and convention resources. This enabled the Credentials Committee to deliver timely information and materials to LPTexas members, contributing to the many successful conventions.

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END OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Report prepared by Jessi Cowart, with significant input, feedback, and support from all committee members.

Thank you to all LPTexas members and convention delegates for supporting the cause of Liberty. Please contact any Credentials Committee members prior to and at convention with any questions.



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