



# SPOKANE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

## Champions and Defenders of Faith, Family and Freedom

### Candidates Committee Recommendation/Endorsing Assembly Meeting Rules

The Candidates Committee Recommendation/Endorsing Assembly Meeting will be conducted under these rules as published unless otherwise stated.

- Credentialed, PCO only Event. (All PCOs must show ID to receive a candidate summary packet and ballot)
- Precinct Captains and Guests may be invited by the Candidates Committee to assist with check-in, ballot distribution, vote counting, candidate presentations, and other administrative tasks.
- At check-in, each PCO will receive a candidate summary organized by race and includes the candidate's name, and Vetting Committee score.
- Candidates Committee Chair shall Chair the event or designate a Candidates Committee member to chair the event in his or her absence.
- The SCRCC Secretary will record key events including PCOs recognized to speak and the PCO's position for said candidate (Support or Oppose) i.e. "Jane Doe, PCO 1234, Candidate, Support or Oppose."
- Vetting Committee Chairs will present the candidates for their respective race(s).
- Each PCO will have the opportunity to speak in support of or in opposition to the candidate as he or she is presented. Once recognized by the Chair, the PCO will announce his or her Name and Precinct Number.
- PCOs are limited to one 30 second comment per candidate unless in the judgement of the Chair, the PCO needs to be recognized a second or subsequent time to address a specific issue or question.
  - o PCOs are encouraged to submit written remarks to their Subdistrict Leader prior to the scheduled meeting. The remarks will be included in the official Meeting Record.
- Comment period for each candidate is limited to 10 minutes. The Chair may extend the comment period for an additional if in his or her judgment, the extension is warranted based on fairness to the candidate and the process.
- Once all races and candidates have been presented, each credentialed PCO who wants to vote will receive a ballot.
  - o Ballots will be serialized to ensure control of the process but no PCO's name will be associated with a serial number.
- Each PCO will vote for his or her Recommended candidate, one vote per race.
  - o Vote shall be a check or X next to the candidate's name or next to "none of the above."
- A candidate must receive 50% + 1 vote based on the count of PCO ballots distributed and cast.
  - o If two (2) or fewer candidates are on the ballot for a particular race then one (1) ballot will be distributed and cast.
  - o If three (3) or more candidates are on the ballot for a particular race and one candidate does not receive 50% +1 of the vote based on the count of PCO ballots distributed and cast, then a 2nd ballot with the top two (2) based on the percentage of vote will be distributed and cast. If a candidate receives 50% +1 on the second ballot, that candidate will be recommended/endorsed. If neither candidate receives 50% + 1 on the second ballot no candidate will receive a recommendation/endorsement.

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- **If any PCO in attendance wishes to reconsider the vote at a later date, a motion to reconsider may be offered and if there is a second, the motion shall be processed per Robert's Rules of Order chapter 37 (see explanation and example on page 3).**
- Completed ballots shall be placed in a box and counted once all votes have been cast.
- Two (2) person teams (number of teams TBD and based on number of ballots issued) shall count the votes and report the results to the Candidates Committee Chair.
- The Candidates Committee Chair will announce the Recommended and or Endorsed Candidate Results.
- A motion to adjourn from a Candidates Committee member will close the meeting.
- Immediately following the Candidates Committee Recommendation/Endorsing Assembly meeting the SCRCC Chair shall convene a meeting of the Board for the sole purpose of approving (or not approving) the results of the Recommendation/Endorsing Assembly. A 50% quorum is required for this meeting.
  - A majority vote is required to pass the motion to approve the results.
- No photographs, video or voice recordings will be permitted. Anyone who violates this rule may be asked by the Chair to leave the meeting and exit the building.
- This is a Candidates Committee event; all PCOs are invited by the Committee to attend and participate; **Proxies for PCOs are not allowed.**

## Motion to Reconsider Explained and Example

In Robert's Rules of Order, a motion to reconsider allows a member to request that a previously decided matter be brought back to the assembly for further consideration. Here's how you can make a motion to reconsider at a later date:

1. **Wait for the Proper Time:**
  - Ensure that you're bringing up the motion at a time when it's appropriate according to the agenda or the flow of the meeting.
2. **Recognition by the Chair:**
  - Seek recognition from the chair (the presiding officer) by raising your hand or addressing them directly.
3. **State Your Motion:**
  - Once recognized, you can make your motion. You might say something like: "Mr./Madam Chair, I move to reconsider the vote on [state the matter] taken at [specify the previous meeting or session]."
4. **Obtain a Second:**
  - Another member of the assembly must second your motion. They can do this by saying: "Second."
5. **Chair's Clarification:**
  - The chair will clarify the motion, repeating it for the assembly's understanding.
6. **Debate (Optional):**
  - The assembly may debate the motion to reconsider. Each member who wishes to speak should seek recognition from the chair.
7. **Vote on the Motion:**
  - Once debate, if any, is concluded, the assembly will vote on the motion to reconsider. A majority vote is usually required to pass the motion.
8. **Determining When to Reconsider:**
  - If the motion to reconsider is adopted, you can specify when you want the matter to be reconsidered. You might say: "I move that the reconsideration of this matter be postponed until [specify date, time, or event]."
9. **Adjournment:**
  - If the assembly agrees on a later date for reconsideration, the meeting can proceed with other business or adjourn.