

**Oklahoma Republican State Convention
May 6, 2017
Report of the Committee on
RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The 2017 Oklahoma Republican State Convention shall convene at 9:00 a.m., on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at the First Moore Baptist Church, Moore, Oklahoma. The Convention Order of Business shall be adopted by the State Executive Committee and printed in the program distributed to the delegates. Distribution of copies of the Platform Committee Report to delegates shall precede the election of party officers. The Convention Chairman may temporarily suspend business to recognize special VIP guest speakers. All VIP speakers shall be limited by the Convention Chairman to no more than five (5) minutes each.

II. PERMANENT ROLL

Delegates to the Convention must sign in for the Convention from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2017, or from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2017, at the registration tables. The Credentials Committee report as adopted by the convention shall be conclusive of every such issue, and shall constitute the Permanent Roll of this Convention.

III. TYPES OF CONVENTION DELEGATIONS

Each delegation shall be either a "Delegate-Alternate" delegation, or an "Open" delegation as approved in advance by the delegating body. No one delegate vote shall equal more than two (2) whole votes. Alternates shall not be permitted in open delegations. Voting in either type of delegation may be fractionalized as authorized by the delegating body.

IV. VOTING

A. Only accredited delegates as listed on the Permanent Roll of this Convention and present at the time of a vote shall vote in its deliberations. Voting by proxy, either verbal or written, shall be strictly prohibited. Votes may be cast only by delegates in attendance in person at the time of the vote, and neither ballots nor voting rights shall be transferable. Any delegate permanently departing the Convention prior to adjournment shall return any unused ballots to their delegation chairman. Delegates shall at all times wear the official delegate badges issued by the Credentials Committee.

- B. Voting shall be by unanimous consent, voice vote, standing vote, roll call, or secret ballot. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, a roll call vote shall be taken only at the demand of at least 20% of registered delegates appearing on the Permanent Roll of this Convention, or at the discretion of the Convention Chairman.
- C. Delegates to this Convention shall not be bound by the unit rule (“winner- take-all”).
- D. Roll call votes shall be conducted as follows: The Convention Chairman shall appoint at least three (3) tellers who shall count the ballots. The Convention Secretary shall call the Permanent Roll by delegations, announcing the number of votes to which each delegation is entitled in accordance with that Roll. Voting in open delegations shall be mathematically apportioned by dividing the number of votes allowed to that delegation by the number of delegates voting on that ballot, provided that no one delegate shall be apportioned more than two whole votes. During the roll call, the Chairman of each delegation, or his or her designee, shall announce the new ballot tally of the delegation. The sum of the cumulative decimal vote total of all county delegations shall be the final vote. The total of any delegation vote shall not exceed the total allowed on the Permanent Roll of this Convention.
- E. The determination and establishment of a quorum shall be in accordance with the State Party Rules. (Rule 19.b.)

V. ELECTION OF PARTY OFFICIALS (if applicable)

- A. The names of the candidates for office shall be submitted in writing to the Convention Secretary prior to the start of the Convention. Nominees shall draw lots for the order of nominating speeches. Write-in candidates shall not be permitted. Voting for candidates shall be by roll call ballot vote pursuant to Section IV of these rules, except that unopposed candidates may be elected by voice vote.
- B. Each nominee shall be allowed a total of 5 minutes to be used at the candidate's discretion. Statements in behalf of candidates for party office shall not be made by speakers in their remarks to the Convention other than by the candidates themselves or those nominating or seconding candidates.
- C. No candidate shall be elected unless receiving a majority of the votes cast. If no candidate shall receive a majority on the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken with only the two candidates receiving the highest vote totals on the first ballot remaining eligible.

VI. ELECTION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATION (if applicable)

- A. The nomination of 25 delegates and 25 alternate delegates to the (year) Republican National Convention shall be conducted as follows:
1. The State Executive Committee shall report to the State Convention 25 nominations of candidates for National Convention delegates and 25 alternate delegates for the National Convention.
 2. Once the slate of nominees is moved for approval, the Convention shall vote by roll call vote to elect the slate. If the Convention votes to accept the slate as recommended, those listed will serve as delegates and alternates to the National Convention in (location).
 3. In the event that the slate of delegates and alternate delegates in their entirety is not approved, an alternative slate of 25 delegates and 25 alternate delegates may be nominated from the floor. An alternative slate will be considered eligible if it contains names of individuals who have submitted the required affidavits to the State Republican Party by the 5:00 p.m., (mm/dd/yyyy) deadline. Individuals must give their consent to be included in this slate. Individuals submitting an alternative slate may call the State Republican Party to verify the individuals on the alternative slate have submitted the required affidavits by the (mm/dd/yyyy) deadline. An alternative slate must be submitted to the Convention Secretary by 10:30 a.m., (mm/dd/yyyy), or at the time that the State Executive Committee's National Convention Delegation slate is presented, whichever comes first.
 4. In the event that an alternative slate is offered from the floor, all nominees shall be introduced to the Convention prior to voting. A representative from each slate shall have a total of 2 minutes to be used at the slate's discretion.
- B. Voting for delegates to the Republican National Convention shall be conducted as follows:
1. A vote will be conducted by ballot for the slate of candidates reported by the State Executive Committee. Each delegate to the State Convention shall vote yes or no to approve the slate. If the slate is elected, no further votes will be conducted and those named will serve as delegates and alternates to the National Convention.
 2. In the event that an alternative slate is offered from the floor, the vote for that slate shall follow the procedures prescribed in rule VI.B.1.

3. Voting shall take place on ballots approved by the State Executive Committee.

VII. ELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS (if applicable)

The State Executive Committee shall recommend for approval by the State Convention Delegates a slate, consisting of two (2) Presidential Electors and two (2) Presidential Elector-alternates. The same procedure, as set forth in section VI, shall be followed for nominating and electing the Presidential Electors Slate.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS AND PLATFORM

At the discretion of the Convention Chairman, the Report of the Resolutions and Platform Committee may be read and voted on by categories. No main motion, resolution, or substantial amendment (as determined by the Convention Chairman) shall be considered by the Convention unless submitted to the Convention Secretary in writing prior to the commencement of the Platform Committee Report in the Convention Order of Business, and signed by at least fifty delegates.

IX. GENERAL

- A. This Convention shall be governed by the following order of priority: applicable provisions of law, Rules of the Republican Party, these Convention Rules, and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised Tenth Edition, respectively. Any suspension of these Convention rules shall require a two-thirds vote.
- B. This Convention welcomes all of its visitors and guests. Except for pages, and others designated by the Convention Chairman, visitors and guests shall not have access to the Convention floor and shall be seated only in designated areas. Any visitor, guest or delegate abusing their privileges or interfering with the Convention, may be removed from the Convention floor or hall by the Convention Sergeant-at-Arms, if deemed necessary and so ordered by the Convention Chairman. Each visitor or guest shall at all times wear a name tag issued by the Credentials Committee.
- C. All literature distributed at the Convention shall clearly identify the name of the person or organization responsible for distribution. Delegates shall leave their areas clean prior to departure.
- D. Debate on any motion shall be limited to eight (8) minutes, four (4) minutes being allowed for each side. Any appeal from a ruling of the Chair shall require seconds from twenty (20) delegates. Except in the absence of a quorum, any

motion to adjourn, however qualified, shall be out of order until "Other Business" is before the Convention.

- E. In accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, no delegate shall be allowed to speak on any motion more than twice.
- F. The minutes of this Convention shall be referred to the State Committee for reading and approval.