

2024 County/SD Convention Process



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**Nat'l.
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**State
Leaders**
Governor
Statewide Offices

**State
Republican
Executive
Committee**

**Texas
Republican
State
Convention**

District Leaders
State Senators
State Representatives
District Judges

**County
Executive
Committee**

**County or
Senatorial Dist.
Conventions**

Local Leaders
County Officials
City Council, School Board

**Precinct
Organization**

**Precinct
Conventions**

Grass Roots Volunteers

Conventions



- ★ A MAJOR function within the Party
- ★ Precinct Convention
 - Each County determines when and where to be held
 - Must be AFTER polls close on March 5, 2024
- ★ County/Senate District Convention – **March 23, 2024**
 - County Convention – if the County is entirely in ONE State Senate District
 - Senate District Convention – if the County has more than one State Senate District
- ★ State Convention – **May 23 – 25 2024** San Antonio, TX
- ★ National Convention – **July 13 – 18** Milwaukee, WI

Delegate & Alternate Qualifications



- ★ Registered voter in represented area

- ★ Affiliated with the Republican Party
 - Voting in the 2024 Primary Election
 - Take Oath of Affiliation
 - Cannot have voted in another party's Primary Election or participate in another party's convention process

- ★ And has been elected to serve at a previous convention
 - Excluding Precinct Conventions

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Date, Time and Location



- ★ Local County GOP (CEC) should vote on location and start time of the County/SD Convention
 - **County** - the *whole county* is in one senate district.
 - **SD** - each SD within the county has their own meeting.

- ★ County/SD Conventions must be held the 3rd Saturday after the Primary Election - **March 23, 2024**

Appoint Temporary Officers



★ Temporary Convention Chairman

- **County Convention** - County Chairman is automatically the Temporary Chair of a COUNTY Convention
- **SD Convention** – Precinct Chairs who live in that SD elect the Temporary SD Convention Chair from amongst themselves

★ Other Officers (may appoint assistants if necessary)

- Temporary Convention Secretary
- Temporary Sergeant-at-Arms
- Temporary Parliamentarian

★ Committees

- Chair & Members (Must be an odd number to avoid ties)
- If your County/SD Convention has more than 25 delegates
 - Each committee shall be composed of at least 5 members but not more than 15

Temporary Committees & Function



- ★ **Temporary Credentials** – shall hear any contest concerning delegates and shall recommend the permanent roll of the convention
 - This committee checks to ensure that all delegates whose names are submitted did vote in the Republican Primary Election or have taken the Oath of Affiliation

- ★ **Temporary Rules** – shall recommend supplementary rules for the convention
 - Set additional rules concerning time limits, as long as they do not conflict with State Law or Republican Party of Texas Rules

- ★ **Party Organization** – shall recommend permanent officers for the County/SD Convention from among the delegates
 - Often the committee will simply recommend the temporary officers to be permanent officers

Temporary Resolutions



- ★ Temporary Resolutions – shall conduct preliminary deliberations for the purpose of making recommendations to the Permanent Resolutions Committee
 - With all the precincts submitting resolutions for consideration the committee combines and organizes these down to be put before the body for debate and possible adoption
 - The resolutions submitted through this process help form the State Party Platform
 - It is not necessary to pass planks of the current RPT platform
 - Some counties do use it to help organize the submitted resolutions and show delegates how those resolutions would impact the current State Platform

Resolutions Dos & Don'ts



WHEREAS M&Ms are delicious; and

WHEREAS the candy is in your mouth and not in your hand;

WHEREAS they come in an assortment of varieties that everyone can enjoy; and

WHEREAS they can be personalized for any occasion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT M&Ms be the official state candy of Texas, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that every Texan should carry a package at all times.

M&Ms should be the official state candy of Texas & all Texans must carry a package.



Temporary Nominations



- ★ **Temporary Nominations** – shall conduct preliminary deliberations for the purpose of making recommendations to the Permanent Nominations Committee
 - This committee compiles a list of eligible Delegates and Alternates to represent the County/SD at the State Convention
 - Eligibility Requirements
 - Must have voted in the 2024 Republican Primary Election
 - Depending on size some counties ask interested individuals to fill out an application and may even offer opportunities to vet individuals in face-to-face interviews

The Process



★ How many spots? RPT **Rule 23a**

- Each County Chair will receive a list from RPT
 - Same number of alternates slots as there are delegate slots

★ Two Opportunities

- Nominations Committee
 - Serve as a Nominations Committee Member
 - You **MUST** be a delegate at the County/SD Convention to serve on any committee
 - Submit an application
 - Interview
- Nomination from the Floor
 - The Permanent County/SD Convention Chair of the Nominations Committee gives a report to the whole listing all the delegates & alternates.
 - The list/report can be amended from the floor

Temporary Nominations



- ★ Individuals to consider
 - County Chair & County Party Officers
 - Precinct Chairs
 - Party Volunteers
 - Elected Republican Officials

- ★ Make sure the convention states ***how alternates will be seated as delegates*** at the State Convention.

- ★ If both a Husband and Wife want to attend the State Convention, many counties ask one spouse to be a Delegate and ask the other spouse to be an Alternate to allow for more overall involvement

NOTE: If you are holding a Senatorial District Convention, there are additional guidelines regarding selection of Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention

Convention Process



- ★ **Step 1: Temporary Chair calls the convention to order**
 - Pray & Pledge

- ★ **Step 2: Appoint Temporary Officers & Cmts**
 - Secretary, Sgt at Arms, Parliamentarian

- ★ **Step 3: Roll Call**
 - Ensure everyone has signed in (credentialed) all attendees voted in the primary or signed the Oath of Affiliation

- ★ **Step 4: Announce the agenda**

- ★ **Step 5: Credential Committee Report**

- ★ **Step 6: Rules Committee Report**

Convention Process



★ Step 7: Party Organization Cmt Report

- Puts forward a list of all officers for the convention.
- PRECINCT Conventions
 - A Permanent Convention Chairman is elected by those present at the meeting
 - The Precinct Chair is elected by voters in the Primary Election
 - The Precinct Chair can be elected as the Permanent Convention Chair

★ Step 8: Permanent Officers elected

★ Step 9: Permanent Appointments

- Parliamentarian
- Nominations & Resolutions - Chairs & Members

Precinct Convention Process



★ **Step 10: Nominations Committee Report**

- Can vote as a slate or one by one
- May be nominated from the floor

★ **Step 11: Resolutions Committee Report**

- Debate

★ **Step 12: Other business**

★ **Step 13: Adjourn**

Voting



★ Voting Strength

- Each Precinct is allotted a certain percentage of delegates depending on the turnout in the 2022 election
 - Based on the turnout for Governor in your area.
 - **FYI this is also what dictates Presiding Election Judges
- Unless all delegates are present each delegate's vote will be a percentage.
 - 20 delegates allowed with 10 in attendance = 2 votes per delegate

Follow Through



★ **Submit your paperwork to RPT**

- Exhibit E – Delegates elected to the State Convention
- Exhibit F – Alternates elected to the State Convention
- Exhibit G – Resolutions ADOPTED

Use Your Time Wisely



★ County Executive Committee

- Precinct Chair Vacancies
- Meeting times and other events

★ Promote Party Candidates and Elected Officials

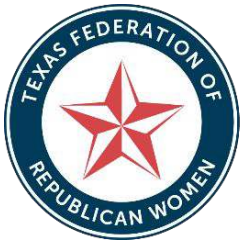
- Speak to the convention
- Sponsor portions of the convention

★ Candidate Literature

- May be freely distributed in delegate and alternate seating areas as long as the items display name and address of the person or group (RPT Rule 15A)

★ Promote Clubs

Need to Know: Delegates & Alternates



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Delegate vs Alternate



- ★ A delegate may vote – an unseated alternate cannot vote
- ★ A delegate may serve on a temporary or permanent convention committee – an alternate cannot
- ★ A delegate may serve as a temporary or permanent convention officer – an alternate cannot
- ★ A delegate may serve as a CD or SD Caucus temporary or permanent officer – an alternate cannot
- ★ A delegate is included for purposes of a quorum – an unseated alternate is not

Delegate & Alternate Qualifications



- ★ Registered voter in represented area
- ★ Affiliated with the Republican Party
 - Voting in the 2024 Primary Election
 - Take Oath of Affiliation
 - Cannot have voted in another party's Primary Election or participate in another party's convention process
- ★ And has been elected to serve at the previous convention level
 - Excluding Precinct Conventions
- ★ Judges are prohibited from being a delegate to a political party convention
 - Canons of Judicial Conduct

Guidelines: Alternates becoming Delegates



- ★ Determined by either the Rules Committee or the Nominations Committee at your County/SD Convention
 - Pairing of Delegates to Alternates
 - Alternate 1 can only serve as a delegate if Delegate 1 is not present
 - Replace by Alternate order
 - Alternate 1 serves as a delegate when the first delegate vacancy occurs
 - Alternate 2 serves either
 - When the second delegate vacancy occurs after Alternate 1 has been placed as a delegate
 - If Alternate 1 is not present then Alternate 2 takes the first open delegate spot
- ★ The County Chair or their designee is charged with ensuring that alternates are seated properly & timely throughout the various meetings during the State Convention
 - If not you can raise a Point of Order

Parliamentary Procedure



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Debate



- ❖ Discussion or debate is how the convention decides whether a proposed course of action should be followed
- ❖ Maker of the motion has right to speak first
- ❖ All remarks must be addressed to the chair
 - Do not address other members
- ❖ Debate must be confined to the merits of the pending question

Debate



- ❖ Debate may not exceed five minutes for a Main Motion nor more than three minutes on Amendment or debatable motion subsequently made without general consent of the convention.
 - RPT Rule 17
- ❖ Debate should alternate between those favoring and those opposing a measure
- ❖ Debate can be closed by majority vote, or by the Chair if no one seeks the floor for further debate.
 - RPT Rule 16a

Basic Motions



- ❖ Main Motion
- ❖ Amend
- ❖ Limit Debate
- ❖ Previous Question
- ❖ Parliamentary Inquiry
- ❖ Requests Information
- ❖ Point of Order
- ❖ Appeal



Main Motion



- ❖ If a delegate wants to bring business before the assembly, state:
 - “I move to (that)...”



Amend



❖ If a delegate wants to change a motion, move to Amend by:

- **Inserting** or **adding** words or a paragraph
- **Striking out** words or a paragraph
- **Striking out and inserting** words or **substituting** a paragraph



Rules of Debate



❖ If a delegate wants to change the rules of debate, move to:

➤ **Limit or Extend** the limits of debate RPT
Rule 17d – Majority Vote



Previous Question



❖ If a delegate wants to close and end debate, move the: **Previous Question**

➤ Rule 16a – Majority Vote



Parliamentary Inquiry



- ❖ To obtain information about parliamentary law or rules of the Party, make a **Parliamentary Inquiry**



Request for Information



- ❖ To request information relevant to the business at hand, make a: **Request For Information**



Point of Order



- ❖ When inappropriate action has been taken by the convention/caucus or one of its delegates that substantially effects the convention/caucus, a delegate may enforce the rules by making a: **Point of Order**



State Convention Process



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Function of State Convention



★ Election of Party Officers

- State Chair, Vice Chair, SREC Members (every 2 yrs)

★ Adopt

- State Party Rules
- State Party Platform
- State Party Legislative Priorities

★ Presidential Years

- Selection of National Convention Delegates & Alternates
- National Committee Man & Woman
- Presidential Elector

State Convention Committees



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Temporary Committees



- ★ Each SREC Member recommends ONE delegate for each committee & SD Caucus Chair.
 - If both SREC Members agree on the same committee appointment that is who the State Chair must appoint to the committee.
 - If they members disagree the State Chair must choose between the two recommendations.
 - The State Chair may appoint any delegate from a SD that:
 - Does not submit any names for consideration
 - Submits names that are ineligible or unwilling to serve
- ★ Appointments must be made within 20 days of the County/SD Conventions.
- ★ Committee Chairs are appointed by the State Chair

Appointment Process



- ★ State Chairman Appoints a Temporary Chair for each Senate District (SD) Caucus.
- ★ Rules concerning appointments
 - All individuals submitted must be delegates at the state convention.
 - Alternates are not allowed to sit on committees.
 - The individual must be willing to serve
 - Ensure the appointee is aware of the additional time and financial commitments that serving as a committee member will incur.
 - Their name and contact information will be posted on the RPT website
- ★ Committee Chairs are appointed by the State Chair
- ★ ***CD Caucus Chairs appointed by State Chair

State Nominations



- ★ Elected at the 1st SD Caucus
- ★ First Meeting: After the second SD Caucus
- ★ Nominates the State Chair & Vice Chair to the Convention Body

Convention Committee Advocacy



- ★ Begin meeting on Mon, May 20th
- ★ Testify and Inform
 - Be respectful
 - Be prepared
- ★ Engage and Prepare
 - Committee meetings are livestreamed
- ★ Delegates will elect Permanent Committee Representatives in SD Caucus
- ★ Permanent Committees will meet Thursday afternoon.

Convention Committee Advocacy



★ Contact Information on RPT website

- Reach out IN ADVANCE of the committee meetings
 - Contact your SD representative
 - Contact other board members

★ Opportunities to communicate with Committees

- By email
- In Person
 - The temporary committees meet in person three days before convention starts.
 - Most meetings are livestreamed.

General Sessions



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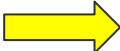
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Thursday



Thursday, May 23rd

7:00 AM	7:00 PM	Convention Registration Hours
7:00 AM	7:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Hours
 9:00 AM		First General Meeting
 2:30 PM		First Senatorial Caucus District Meetings
 4:45 PM		First Congressional Caucus District Meetings
6:30 PM		National Nominations Committee Meeting
7:00 PM		Permanent Rules Committee
7:00 PM		Permanent Platform Committee
7:00 PM		Permanent Legislative Priorities Committee
7:00 PM		Permanent Credentials Committee

Friday




Friday, May 24th

7:00 AM 7:00 PM Convention Registration Hours

7:00 AM 7:00 PM Exhibit Hall Hours

7:00 AM
Grassroots Club Members
Only Breakfast

 8:00 AM
Second Senatorial Caucus
District Meetings

9:00 AM
State Nominations
Committee Meeting

 10:00 AM
Second General Meeting

 1:30 PM
Third General Meeting

7:00 PM
Republican Party of Texas Gala

Saturday

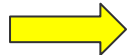


Saturday, May 25th

7:00 AM 3:00 PM Convention Registration Hours

7:00 AM 3:00 PM Exhibit Hall Hours

7:00 AM Faith & Fellowship Breakfast



8:00 AM

Second Congressional

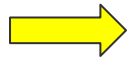
Caucus District Meetings

10:00 AM

National Nomination Committee

12:00 PM

Congressional Luncheon



1:30 PM

Fourth General Meeting

4:30 PM

SREC Meeting

(After GM Adjournment)

TBD

National Delegate Meeting

(After SREC Adjournment)

State Convention Caucuses



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Caucuses



★ Senatorial District (SD)

- Elects Permanent SD Caucus Chairman
- Elects one delegate to Permanent Committees
 - Platform & Resolutions, Rules & Order of Business, Credentials, State Nominations Committee
- Each SD elects their State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) Members
- Each SD selects their picks for State Chairman and Vice Chairman
 - Requires support from 16 of the 31 SD Caucuses to win
- Vote by delegation strength

★ Congressional District (CD) (every 4 yrs)

- Elects Permanent CD Caucus Chairman
- Elects one delegate to the National Nominations Committee
- Selects their picks for National Committee Man & Woman
 - Requires support from 19 of the 36 CD Caucuses to win
- Elects their National Convention Delegates (3) & Alternates (3)
- Elects their Presidential Elector
- Vote - one person, one vote

Senatorial District (SD) Caucuses



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Senatorial District (SD) Caucus



The SD you voted in this Primary!

- ★ 1st SD Caucus - 2:30pm Thu, May 23rd
 - Elect Permanent SD Caucus Chairman
 - Elect one delegate to Permanent Committees

- ★ 2nd SD Caucus - 8am, Fri, May 24th
 - Elect State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) Members
 - Select State Chair and Vice Chair

Congressional District (CD) Caucuses



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Congressional District (CD) Caucus



*****One Person, One Vote*****

★ 1st CD Caucus - 4:45pm Thu, May 23rd

- Elect Permanent CD Caucus Chair
- Elect one delegate to National Nominations Committee

★ 2nd CD Caucus - 8am Sat, May 25th

- Elect Republican National Committee Man & Woman
- Elect 3 National Convention Delegates
- Elect 3 National Convention Alternates
- Elect Presidential Elector



Zoom Convention Prep

Feb 12 and 16
How to become a State Delegate
and Precinct Convention

March 12 and 15
The Ins and Outs of
County/Senate Convention

April 8 and 23
The Ins and Outs of
State Convention

**LOOKING
AHEAD**

Watch your
email for
more
info

Helpful Hints



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General Dress Code



★ Patriotic & Comfortable

- You may want to take pictures with candidates or elected officials
 - Pro Tip: Take off your name tag for photos

★ Comfortable walking shoes

- Cannot say it enough!

★ Dress in layers

- Sometimes hot, sometimes cold

Helpful Hints



- ★ Comfortable walking shoes
- ★ Phone Accessories
 - Cord, wall plug, & back up battery pack
- ★ Snacks
- ★ Cash
- ★ Bag to carry your items and program etc.
- ★ Light jacket
- ★ Band-Aids
- ★ Bottle of water
- ★ Pen & Notepad



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La Quinta \$179/night



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Fiesta at the **Alamo**

Thursday May23

Time TBA

Members and Patrons are free

Guests are \$25



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Champion of Freedom



Champion of Freedom Dinner

May 24

Time TBA

\$95/person

Westin Riverwalk

Giving Back to Our Members



→ Travel Reimbursement to the Clubs

- ◆ 1-4 delegates: \$200
- ◆ 5-9 delegates: \$400
- ◆ 10+ delegates: \$600
- ◆ Must be a member by **March 1**

→ Club Bonus!

- ◆ \$1000 to the club that sends the most delegates in each category small, medium, large, and jumbo
- ◆ Club size determined on **March 1**



Giving Back to Our Members



- Ask for Time off Now
- Attend your precinct conventions
- Find out what the nominating committee process is for your Senate or County Convention and apply
- Attend your Senate or County Convention
- Read the TFRW Newsletter for further details and links to events
- This is A LOT of information – we will have zooms in February, March, and April to guide you. In addition, there are videos on our website now with this information.



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