

2025 DISTRICT 11 CONVENTION

RULES OF THE DAY

RULE 1. Chair. The District Party Chair (Chair) shall have general direction of the meeting and shall be authorized to take such action as necessary to maintain order. The Chair, with the guidance of the appointed Parliamentarian, shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any delegate. Order of priority of Rules shall be (1) the North Carolina Democratic Party Plan of Organization, (2) the Rules adopted by the delegates of the Convention, and (3) Robert's Rules of Order (12th Edition). Courteous respect for one another will be the standing order of the day.

RULE 2. Obtaining Recognition. Except in the case of physical challenge, when any delegate wants to speak in debate, that delegate shall rise, approach a microphone, and await recognition by the Chair. The Chair shall inquire of the delegate the purpose for which the delegate rises. If the delegate's purpose in seeking recognition is in order, the Chair will recognize the delegate, and the delegate shall state their name and precinct name or number.

RULE 3. Limitations on Speaking and Debate. No delegate shall speak in debate more than once on the same question, or longer than one (1) minute, without permission of the assembly, granted by a majority vote without debate. Ad hominem arguments will not be tolerated by the Chair who may curtail the remaining time of the speaker. The Chair will attempt to alternate between members in favor or opposed to a motion. A "Point of Order" should be made only if the Party Plan of Organization, Rules of the Day, or Robert's Rules of Order are being violated by the Chair or another member. A "Question or Point of Personal Privilege" should be made only if it concerns the rights of the assembly or the individual's ability to fully understand. The election shall be conducted in accordance with

the weighted vote requirements in Section 6.01 of the Plan of Organization.

RULE 4. Credentialed Voting. Credentialed delegates are those whose names appear on the official delegates' list submitted by the county's and who have registered prior to the Convention call to order. The Chair may take voice votes, standing votes, or ballots for any and all votes. If a voice vote is used, any call for division must be sanctioned by delegates from twenty-five (25) percent of the precincts present.

RULE 5. Quorum. A quorum shall exist any time there is at least one official delegate from a majority of the counties entitled to be at said convention. If the presence of a quorum is questioned, the Party Secretary, and/or assistants shall call the roll of counties to determine if a quorum exists. Once a quorum has been established, no further quorum call needs to be recognized for one (1) hour. If a quorum exists when the body begins debate on a subject, it is presumed to exist until that item is completed.

RULE 6. Nominations for Congressional District Executive Committee Officers. Nominations for office shall be conducted by a nomination committee or taken from the body with nominating speeches limited to two (2) minutes. Nominations do not require a second. In response to the nomination, each candidate may have up to three (2) minutes to respond to the nomination. Only nominations for Chair, Vice Chairs, and Secretary made in accordance with section 3.05 of the Plan of Organization shall be in order.

RULE 7. Election of District Executive Committee Officers. If only one nomination has been made, a motion to elect by acclamation will be in order. If two or more nominations have been made for an office, an electronic ballot will be used with votes going directly into the weighted voting spreadsheet.

RULE 8. Resolutions. Resolutions will be presented as a group for approval. Credentialed delegates may remove individual resolutions from a group for amendments by obtaining recognition, stating a resolution they would like to have removed, and providing a reason. Credentialed delegates may make motions to approve or deny groups of resolutions. In debate, a delegate having removed a resolution from the group of considered resolutions may be recognized for one (1) minute to speak to the reason the resolution was pulled or to make motions. A delegate from the precinct or group of precincts submitting the Resolution may be recognized for one (1) minute to speak on behalf of the resolution or explain its intent. Delegates may then be recognized to speak for one (1) minute, alternating on behalf of or in opposition of the proposed Resolution. When debate is finished, a voice vote will be taken to determine whether the resolution will be adopted.

RULE 9. Tellers. If ballots are used in any contested election, votes shall be collected and recorded. Votes will be cast through an electronic system, and all votes will go straight into the weighted voting spreadsheet. In any contested election, each nominee may designate an official observer of this process by indicating to the Chair the name and email address of their designee.