



## OFFICIAL CALL

### **Sixth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia Convention**

I, John Massoud, as Chairman of the Sixth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization, and as recommended and directed by the District Committee, do hereby issue this Call for a District Convention to be held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds, 4808 S. Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA, or its alternate site, starting at 10:00 A.M. local time on May 11, 2024, or alternate date, for the following purposes:

- A. Electing a Chairman for the Sixth Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia,
- B. Electing three (3) Regional Vice Chairmen for the Sixth Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia,
- C. Electing three representatives to the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia,
- D. Nominating an elector to vote for the Republican candidate for President, and
- E. The transaction of such other business that may properly come before the Sixth Congressional District Republican Convention.

#### **I. Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters registered to vote within the Sixth Congressional District under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required their intent to support all of the Republican Party's nominees for public office in the ensuing election may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in this convention.

#### **II. Registration**

Convention registration shall begin at 8:00 A.M. and shall close at 10:00 A.M. Any delegate who is in the registration line at 10:00 A.M. will be allowed to register for the convention. When the last delegate has registered, the Credentials Committee Chairman shall provide a preliminary report to the Convention as to the number of Delegates eligible to vote. [Those volunteers who have assigned responsibilities at the convention that prevent them from registering during the normal registration time will be allowed to register prior to the start of normal registration.]

The Convention shall be called to order at 10:00 A.M. Delegates who are present shall constitute the convention body. No quorum call or point of order regarding the quorum of the Convention or of any committee thereof shall be in order. No vote shall take place prior to 10:30 A.M.

#### **III. Composition of Convention**

- A. The Convention shall be composed of Delegates and Alternate Delegates of the respective units they represent. Representation shall be based on a percentage of the total number of Republican votes cast in each county and city in the last gubernatorial and presidential election combined. Each unit delegation's voting strength shall equal one (1) Delegate Vote for each two hundred fifty (250) votes or major portion thereof cast for the Republican candidate in the most recent elections for President and Governor. Each unit shall be entitled to at least one (1) Delegate Vote. Each unit's maximum number of Delegates is a number five (5) times its respective Delegate Vote.

Each locality's Delegate Vote is set forth below:

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Voting Strength</b>	<b>Max # Delegates</b>
ALLEGHANY COUNTY	42	210
AUGUSTA COUNTY	228	1140
BATH COUNTY	13	65
BOTETOURT COUNTY	113	565
BUENA VISTA CITY	13	65
CLARKE COUNTY	39	195
COVINGTON CITY	11	55
FREDERICK COUNTY	222	1110
HARRISONBURG CITY	40	200
HIGHLAND COUNTY	8	40
LEXINGTON CITY	7	35
PAGE COUNTY	68	340
ROANOKE CITY	111	555
ROANOKE COUNTY (part)	158	790
ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY	60	300
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	228	1140
SALEM CITY	55	275
SHENANDOAH COUNTY	121	605
STAUNTON CITY	41	205
WARREN COUNTY	101	505
WAYNESBORO CITY	40	200
WINCHESTER CITY	37	185

- B. The Delegates present in a given Unit delegation shall designate which Alternate Delegate(s) shall vote in the place of an absent Delegate(s), except where the body electing the Delegates has determined another method of Alternate Delegate selection.

The Delegates present and voting at the Convention shall cast the full vote of the Unit delegation with proportionate weight given to majority and minority vote. In no event shall any person cast less than one-fifth (1/5) of a Delegate vote.

- C. The Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be elected in Unit Mass Meetings, Party Canvasses, or Conventions that shall be called for this purpose in conformity with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia by each Unit committee.
- D. The calls for the Unit Mass Meetings, Conventions, or Party Canvass to elect Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the District Convention must be submitted to the Republican Party of Virginia for publication on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia ([www.virginia.gov](http://www.virginia.gov)) and published on the website of the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee ( [www.sixthdistrictgop.org](http://www.sixthdistrictgop.org) ) in accordance with the Party Plan [VIII, A, 2], at least fifteen (15) but no more than sixty (60) days in advance of the Unit Mass Meetings, Conventions, or Party Canvass or prefile deadlines. The election of Delegates and Alternates to the District Convention shall take place no earlier than February 5, 2024, and no later than April 15, 2024, (with any pre-filing deadline for district convention delegate no earlier than February 1, 2024).
- E. **Cancellation.** A unit may include in the Official Call for its Mass Meeting, Canvass, or Convention to elect Convention Delegates a provision deeming all qualified pre-filed Delegate candidates to be elected in the event those persons are fewer in number than the total number of allowable Delegates from such unit.
- F. **Military Provision.**

Any Military Member who is otherwise qualified under Article I of the State Party Plan to participate in Republican Party actions and who complies with the procedures to become a delegate to any Convention as set forth in the Official Call of the Convention, Mass Meeting, or Party Canvass called for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to that Convention (other than a national Republican Convention), and who produces valid military identification or other proof of active-duty status shall be certified as a delegate and shall not be required to be elected as a delegate. The number of delegates certified in this manner shall count toward each unit's maximum allowable number of convention delegates.

Military Members who are certified as delegates pursuant to Article VIII, H, 6 of the State Party Plan [see previous paragraph] that are unable to attend the convention in person due to obligations of their official military orders, and who provide valid military orders to that effect, shall have their votes cast within their unit delegation according to candidate preference ballots. Candidate preference ballots shall list the Military Member's rank order preference among candidates (i.e., first choice, second choice, third choice, etc.). Their votes shall be cast for the highest ranked choice who remains eligible to receive a vote in a particular round of voting. Candidate preference ballots shall be made available by the District Committee no later than April 22, 2024, and shall be returned to the Secretary of the District Committee no later than May 8, 2024.

Subsequent to the receipt of the Military Member's Declaration of inability to attend and

by the later of seven (7) days of (i) receipt of the Member's Declaration or (ii) April 22, 2024, the Chairman or his designee shall email Qualifying Military Members a Candidate Preference Ballot, which shall also be available on the Sixth District Committee website ([www.sixthdistrictgop.org](http://www.sixthdistrictgop.org)). The Candidate Preference Ballot must be returned to District Secretary Jocelyn Hinegardner at [JocelynWhite1739@gmail.com](mailto:JocelynWhite1739@gmail.com) or 1739 Massanetta Springs Road, Rockingham, VA 22801. The Secretary or her designee shall respond by email to each Military Member to confirm the receipt of that Member's returned ballot. The Chairman or his designee shall be responsible for ensuring the complete set of returned Candidate Preference Ballots are delivered to the permanent chairman of the Convention, once elected, for tallying the ballots in a manner designed to cast a vote in each round of balloting (as determined by the Rules adopted by the Convention) for the then-eligible candidate with the highest preference expressed on each Candidate Preference Ballot.

#### **G. Delegate Registration Fee.**

A fee of \$20.00 is required of each person elected as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the District Convention. Each registration fee shall be paid to the Unit Committee represented, and the Unit Committee will pay the entire registration fee collected to the "Sixth Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee." Unit Chairs are directed to collect and transmit all registration fees and an Excel spreadsheet of all Delegates and Alternate Delegates and their fees to District Treasurer Sheila Lilly at 649 Walnut Avenue, Waynesboro, VA 22980 ([curtlilly@ntelos.net](mailto:curtlilly@ntelos.net)), no later than April 22, 2024. Failure of a Unit Committee to submit their portion of the registration fee will result in forfeiture of seating of their delegates at the convention, unless waived by a majority vote of certified convention delegates.

#### **IV. Certification of Delegates**

- A. All persons seeking to become delegates shall use the delegate registration form attached to this call.
- B. The said Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the District Convention shall be certified in writing with their respective names and addresses (including zip codes), and, if provided, phone numbers and email addresses, over the signatures of the permanent Chairman and permanent Secretary of the Unit Mass Meeting or Convention, or of the Chairman of the Unit Committee which may have conducted a Party Canvass to select the Delegates and Alternate Delegates. Units are required to submit all information provided on the registration form.
- C. All certifications, regardless of the date of the Unit Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention must be received by the District Committee Secretary no later than fourteen (14) days [or if more than 250 delegates are elected, twenty-one (21) days] after the adjournment of the Unit Mass Meeting, Party Canvass, or Convention, but in no case later than April 22, 2024.
- D. Certification packets from each Unit should include the following:
  - a) A copy of the Unit Call of the Mass Meeting, Canvass, or Convention called for the purpose of selecting Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Sixth District Convention.
  - b) Printed copy of the unit's official Excel spreadsheet listing Delegates and Alternates.

- c) For each delegate who filed with the Unit, a scanned .pdf copy of the Sixth District Delegate application of each elected Delegate or Alternate.
  - d) For each delegate who was disqualified by the Unit, documentation of the reason(s) for the disqualification.
  - e) An electronic copy of the Excel spreadsheet shall be emailed separately
- E. After the deadline for the certification, no change may be made, except a certified Alternate Delegate may be made a Delegate, or in the case where a correction of a Delegate filing is required (e.g., improperly certified to the incorrect district).

**V. Calls and Certifications should be mailed or delivered as follows:**

Original to: District Vice Chair Charlie Nave

[Charlie@Nave-Law.com](mailto:Charlie@Nave-Law.com)

316 Mountain Avenue, S.W.

Roanoke, VA 24016

Second Copy to: District Secretary Jocelyn Hinegardner

[JocelynWhite1739@gmail.com](mailto:JocelynWhite1739@gmail.com)

1739 Massanetta Springs Road

Rockingham, VA 22801

Third Copy: Individual Unit Committees' permanent records

[Unit Committees are required to hold all delegate forms for 12 months from the date of the district convention,]

**VI. Candidate Filing Requirements**

**A. Filing for Chairman of the Sixth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia**

Any person who desires to seek election as Chairman of the Sixth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia must complete and submit the Official Filing Form, along with a nonrefundable filing fee of \$1250.00 via money order or personal check, and return it by mail or in person to the Sixth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia Secretary, Jocelyn Hinegardner, or her designee accepting applications, no later than 6:00 PM on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Postmark does not govern.

**B. Filing for Regional Vice Chairman of the Sixth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia**

Any person who desires to seek election as Regional Vice Chairman of the Sixth Congressional District Committee of Republican Party of Virginia must complete and submit the Official Filing Form, along with a nonrefundable filing fee of \$250.00 via money order or personal check, and return it by mail or in person to the Sixth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia Secretary, Jocelyn Hinegardner, or her designee accepting applications, by 6:00 PM on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Postmark does not govern.

**C. Filing for District Representative to the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia**

Any person who desires to seek election as a representative of the Sixth Congressional District Committee to the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia must complete and submit the Official Filing Form, along with a nonrefundable filing fee of \$250.00 via money order or personal check, and return it by mail or in person to the Sixth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia Secretary, Jocelyn Hinegardner, or her designee accepting applications, by 6:00 PM on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Postmark does not govern.

**D. Filing for Presidential Elector representing the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia**

Any person who desires to be named the Republican Nominee for the Virginia Electoral College representing the Sixth Congressional District must complete and submit the Official Filing Form, along with a nonrefundable filing fee of \$250.00 via money order or personal check, and return it by mail or in person to the Sixth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia Secretary, Jocelyn Hinegardner, or her designee accepting applications, by 6:00 PM on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Postmark does not govern.

**E. No Nominations from the floor of the convention**

No nominations for offices to be filled by the Convention may be made from the Floor except upon the vote of two-thirds of those Delegates present.

**VII. Balloting**

- A. The winner of the election for District Chair, Regional Vice Chair, and Presidential Elector shall be the first candidate who reaches a majority of the Delegate Votes cast for that office. [See Section III, A above.] If no candidate for a given office receives a majority of the votes during a round of election, the candidate with the lowest number of votes will be dropped from consideration, and a new round of voting will be held. This procedure will continue for any office for which no candidate has yet received a majority of the Delegate Votes cast in that round. Delegates may vote for only one candidate for each of these offices during each round of voting.
- B. Only those delegates from the Northern Region may vote for the candidates running for Northern Region Vice Chair. This region includes Clarke County, Frederick County, Page County, Shenandoah County, Warren County, and Winchester City.
- C. Only those delegates from the Central Region may vote for the candidates running for Central Region Vice Chair. This region includes Augusta County, Highland County, Rockingham County, and the Cities of Harrisonburg, Staunton, and Waynesboro.
- D. Only those delegates from the Southern Region may vote for the candidates running for Southern Region Vice Chair. This region includes Alleghany County, Bath County, Botetourt County, a portion of Roanoke County, Rockbridge County, and the Cities of Buena Vista, Covington, Lexington, Roanoke, and Salem.
- E. Delegates may vote for up to three candidates during the first round of voting for the three members of the State Central Committee. The winners shall be the three

candidates who receive the highest number of votes during the first round. Should two candidates each receive the third highest total of votes, the winner shall be determined by the drawing of lots.

## **VIII. Resolutions**

- A. Resolutions proposed for consideration by the Sixth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia Convention shall be typed and submitted to the Sixth Congressional District Committee Secretary Jocelyn Hinegardner prior to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024. Resolutions after this deadline will not be accepted.
- B. The reviewed resolutions from the Resolutions Committee shall be posted on the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee website ([www.sixthdistrictgop.org](http://www.sixthdistrictgop.org)) no later than Saturday, April 27, 2024.
- C. The Resolutions Committee Chairman or designee shall email all Unit Chairs the reviewed resolutions no later than Saturday, April 27, 2024. The Unit Chairs are encouraged to disseminate resolutions to their unit's Delegates and Alternate Delegates prior to the district convention.

## **IX. Committees**

Members of the Temporary Convention Arrangements, Credentials, Nominations, Elections, Resolutions, and Rules Committees shall be appointed by the District Chair or his designee no later than February 2, 2024, and shall meet in advance of the Convention to perform their duties subject to ratification by the Delegates present and voting at the Convention. The Convention shall be conducted in accordance with this Call, the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 12th Edition, in that order.

## **X. Revisions**

The Executive Committee of the Sixth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia is authorized to revise the Call to make any necessary technical or conforming changes. The District Chairman must promptly notify the District Committee of any such conforming changes proposed by the Executive Committee.

## **XI. Information Provided to Candidates**

Within five (5) days of receipt of each unit's official electronic Excel spreadsheet listing Delegates, the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee's Secretary shall email the official spreadsheet of the credentialed and alternate delegates to the following individuals:

- 1) All candidates for State Central Committee member
- 2) All candidates for Sixth District Chairman
- 3) All candidates for Presidential Elector

The official spreadsheets for each unit in a given region of the District shall be emailed to each candidate for Vice Chair of that region within that same timeframe.

## **XII. Information Provided to Delegates**

On or before April 27, 2024, the following information will be emailed to each Unit Chairman for subsequent distribution to each Delegate and Alternate certified by that Unit:

- 1) All candidates for Sixth District Chairman
- 2) All candidates for State Central Committee member
- 3) All candidates for Presidential Elector
- 4) Properly Filed Resolutions
- 5) Proposed Convention Rules
- 6) All candidates for Regional Vice-Chair of the region of which the unit is a part.

### **XIII. Publication of Call**

A full copy of this Call for Convention shall be posted, and available on the Sixth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia website ([www.sixthdistrictgop.org](http://www.sixthdistrictgop.org)) and the Republican Party of Virginia website ([www.virginia.gop](http://www.virginia.gop)) within 48 hours of its adoption. It will also be made available via written request to the Sixth District Secretary. In accordance with Article 8, Section A.2 of the Republican Plan of Organization the required publication in a newspaper is waived.

### **XIV. Official Documents**

- A. Filing Form and Statement of Qualifications for Candidates for Sixth District Chairman
- B. Filing Form and Statement of Qualifications for Candidates for Sixth District Regional Vice-Chair
- C. Filing Form and Statement of Qualifications for Candidates for State Central Committee
- D. Filing Form and Statement of Qualifications for Candidates for Presidential Elector
- E. Application and Statement of Qualifications for persons wishing to be elected as Delegates to this convention.

*Paid for and authorized by the Sixth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia.*

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*Directions to Rockingham County Fairgrounds  
4808 South Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801*

*From the North:*

*Take I-81 Exit 243 and exit onto Rt. 11 South. Go south on Rt. 11 for 1 mile. The entrance to the Fairgrounds will be on the right.*

*From the South:*

*Take I-81 Exit 240. Go west on Frieden's Church Road for half a mile until it intersects with Rt. 11. Turn right onto Rt. 11 going north. Go north on Rt. 11 for 1.5 miles and the Fairgrounds entrance will be on the left.*