

Augusta County Republican Committee (ACRC)

OFFICIAL CALL for 2024 PARTY CANVASS

A Party Canvass of the Augusta County Republican Committee (ACRC) of the Republican Party of VA will be held at the Augusta County Government Center, Smith Room, OR in an alternate location, on March 23, 2024, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

As Chairman of the Augusta County Republican Committee, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I David Bourne, do hereby issue this call for a Party Canvass to be held at 18 Government Center Drive, Verona Virginia, 24482, on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM **for the sole purpose of electing the unit Chairman of the Augusta County Republican Committee.**

NOTE: Although the Party Canvass will only include voting for a Chairman of the Augusta County Republican Committee, there will be a simultaneous process of pre-filing and certifying those seeking:

- 1. Membership in the Augusta County Republican Committee**
- 2. Being a Delegate or Alternate representing the Augusta County Republican Committee at the 6th Congressional District Convention.** Being one of up to one thousand one hundred forty (1,140) Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to represent the Augusta County Republican Committee at the Republican Party of Virginia's 6th Congressional District Convention to be held on May 11, 2024, at Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, (or its alternate location, date, or time), beginning at 10:00 A.M. For the District Convention, each unit is entitled to one (1) Delegate Vote per two hundred and fifty (250) Republican votes cast or major portion thereof for the Republican candidate in the most recent elections for President and Governor, so that Augusta County is entitled to two hundred twenty-eight (228) Delegate votes. At the 6th Congressional District Convention Delegates will:
 - a. Elect the Chairman for the 6th Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia
 - b. Elect three (3) Regional Vice Chairmen for the 6th Congressional District of the Republican Party of Virginia.
 - c. Elect three (3) representatives to the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia,
 - d. Nominate an elector to vote for the Republican candidate for President, and

e. Transact such other business that may properly come before the 6th Congressional District Convention.

3. **Being a Delegate or Alternate representing the Augusta County Republican Committee at the Republican Party of Virginia 2024 Quadrennial State Convention.** Being one of up to one thousand one hundred forty (1,140) Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the Republican Party of Virginia 2024 Quadrennial State Convention to be held on Friday and Saturday, May 31, and June 1, 2024, at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA, 23666, (or it's alternate site), convening on May 31 at 2:30 PM and June 1 at 10:00 AM. For the State Convention, each unit is entitled to one (1) Delegate Vote per two hundred fifty (250) Republican votes cast or major portion thereof for the Republican candidate in the most recent elections for President and Governor, so that Augusta County is entitled to two hundred twenty-eight (228) Delegate votes. At the State Convention Delegates will be:

- a. Electing a State Chairman for a term of four (4) years
- b. Selecting two (2) Electors At-Large to be voted for in the Presidential election on November 5, 2024
- c. Nominating a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman for a term of four (4) years, and
- d. Transacting of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

Qualifications for Participation

All legal and qualified voters of Augusta County 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 its nominees for public office in the ensuing election, may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions or primaries encompassing their respective election districts.

In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party in the last five years. A single exception to the above shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends, at the time of the writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. A voter that utilizes the foregoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a Party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of the exception as identified in this paragraph thereafter.

In order to be eligible for election as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to any convention, an individual must be registered to vote no later than the pre-filing deadline established by the Official Committee. A person who has made application for registration and meets all other requirements herein, but whose name does not appear on the local registration books solely because of the books having been closed in connection with a local election, will nevertheless be deemed a legal and qualified voter.

Voters will be required to present a validly issued photographic identification and sign a written certification that they are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party as expressed in the Virginia Republican Creed and confirming their intent to support all its nominees for public office in future elections. Any voter who refuses to present such photo identification or sign such certification will **NOT** be permitted to vote.

FILING REQUIREMENTS

To Run for CHAIRMAN of the ACRC

Candidates for election to the office of Chairman of the Augusta County Republican Committee MUST submit a completed and signed pre-file form, which is a written statement of intention, along with a registration fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) (non-refundable and payable to the Augusta County Republican Committee) by **Friday, March 1, 2024, at 1:00 PM, Postmarks Do Not Govern** to:

Dave Grembi, ACRC Secretary, P.O. Box 430, Verona, VA 24482.

OR

Applicants may contact Dave Grembi at 540-280-0690 to arrange in-person delivery of the Pre-file form and registration fee.

*The **Pre-file form for Chairman** is attached to this Call Notification and posted on the websites of the Augusta County Republican Committee www.augustavagop.com, Congressional District Committee www.sixthdistrictgop.com, and the Republican Party of Virginia www.rpv.org.*

If only one candidate properly files, then said candidate shall be declared the Chairman by acclamation.

FILING REQUIREMENTS

To Vote in this Party Canvass

All qualified voters (as defined above) may vote in this Party Canvass. There are NO filing requirements to vote in this Party Canvass. In addition, there are NO ACRC Membership pre-filing requirements to vote in this Party Canvass.

Individuals interested in becoming a member of the Augusta County Republican Committee, however, are **ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT A MEMBERSHIP PRE-FILING FORM**, but this is not required to vote in this Party Canvass. Submitting a Membership Pre-Filing Form by the March 1, 2024, deadline as noted on this notification will help ensure a smoother and more efficient membership process.

Individuals who have not submitted a completed Membership Pre-Filing Form by March 1, 2024, may complete, and submit a Membership form at the Party Canvass on March 23, 2024, by 2:00 PM. If the Party Canvass is cancelled, Membership Pre-file forms must be received by March 23, 2024, by 2:00 PM. If a qualified person does not submit a Membership Pre-Filing form by March 23, 2024, by 2:00 PM they will not be qualified to be a member of the Augusta County Republican Committee until they attend two (2) consecutive Committee meetings before being voted on by the Committee to be a member.

Qualified individuals interested in Membership in the Augusta County Republican Committee **ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT A MEMBERSHIP PRE-FILE FORM BY MARCH 1, 2024, and NO later than March 23, 2024**, along with the required annual membership fee of twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) (**payable to the Augusta County Republican Committee**) to be a voting member of the Augusta County Republican Committee:

Dave Grembi, ACRC Secretary, P.O. Box 430, Verona, VA 24482 (**Postmarks Do NOT Govern**)

OR

Contact Dave Grembi at 540-280-0690 to arrange in-person delivery of the Membership Pre-file form and membership fee.

If the Party Canvass is cancelled, Membership Pre-file forms may be delivered to Dave Grembi or his assigned at the Verona Post Office, 485 Lee Hwy, Verona, VA 24482 between 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 23, 2024.

*The **ACRC Membership Pre-file form** is attached to this Call Notification and posted on the websites of the Augusta County Republican Committee www.augustavagop.com, Congressional District Committee www.sixthdistrictgop.com, and the Republican Party of Virginia www.rpv.org.*

FILING REQUIREMENTS

To be selected as a Delegate or Alternate to the May 11, 2024, 6th District Convention, and/or Delegate or Alternate to the May 31-June 1, 2024, State Republican Party Convention

Qualified individuals seeking to become a Delegate or Alternate to the May 11, 2024, 6th District Convention, and/or Delegate or Alternate to the May 31 - June 1, 2024, State Republican Party Convention, **MUST SUBMIT A PRE-FILE FORM** along with any required fees **payable to the Augusta County Republican Committee by March 1, 2024, no later than 1:00 PM** to:

Dave Grembi, ACRC Secretary, P.O. Box 430, Verona, VA 24482 (**Postmarks Do Not Govern**)

OR

Qualified individuals may contact Dave Grembi at 540-280-0690 to arrange in-person delivery of the Pre-file form and fees, **OR** meet Dave Grembi, Secretary, and/or his proxy at the Verona Post Office from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM on FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024, with the required Pre-File form and fees.

*The **Pre-file form for Delegates or Alternates** is attached to this Call Notification and posted on the websites of the Augusta County Republican Committee www.augustavagop.com, Congressional District Committee www.sixthdistrictgop.com, and the Republican Party of Virginia www.rpv.org.*

Attendance at the Party Canvass.

If not more than one (1) qualified person files for the office of Augusta County Republican Committee Chair, then the person who filed shall be automatically elected **and the Party Canvass shall be cancelled.**

Party Canvass Date, Time, Proper Identification and Active Military

The Party Canvass shall be from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM on March 23, 2024. Persons not in line to vote by 2:00 PM will not be allowed to participate in the Party Canvass. Those who seek to participate in the Party Canvass shall be required to present valid photo identification to the Credentials Committee at the time of registration.

Any Military Member who is otherwise qualified under Article I to participate in Republican Party actions and who complies with the procedures to become a delegate, 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 at the Party Canvass.

Certification Committee

A Certification Committee shall review the Pre-file forms and checks submitted by all candidates for nomination to the position of Chairman of the Augusta County Republican Committee, and all those seeking to be Delegates or Alternates to the 6th District Convention and the RPV Quadrennial State Convention. The Candidate Certification Committee shall certify only those who:

1. Have properly and timely filed a Pre-file statement and check;
2. Are qualified to be elected pursuant to Va. Code § 24.2-500;
3. Are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party;
4. Are in good standing with the ACRC, and
5. Credibly pledge to support the Republican nominees in the November 5, 2024, Presidential election

Only those individuals certified by the Certification Committee may appear on the Party Canvass ballot for Chairman of the Augusta County Republican Committee, be selected as Delegates or Alternatives for the 6th District Convention or be selected as Delegates or Alternates for the RPV Quadrennial State Convention. Write-in votes will not be counted.

The Certification Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, those being an equal number of members selected by each candidate and the remainder, up to a total of seven (7), "at large" members selected by the Executive Board, minus any member of the Executive Board who is running for the position of Chairman of the ACRC.

The Certification Committee shall review all pre-filed forms between March 2 and March 15, 2024. The Committee will release its final list of certified Candidates and Delegates or Alternates **no later than March 15, 2024, at 5:00 PM**. The Certification Committee shall publish its final list of certified candidates for Chairman and Delegates or Alternates on the websites of the Augusta County Republican Committee www.augustavagop.com, the 6th Congressional District Committee www.sixthdistrictgop.com and the Republican Party of Virginia www.rpv.org.

In addition, the Certification Committee will forward the lists of approved Delegates and Alternatives to the 6th District and State RPV for their respective Conventions. The Certification Committee shall also certify Augusta County Republican Committee Membership Pre-File forms per the RPV State Party Plan and the ACRC Bylaws. All approved Members will be permitted to vote in the April meeting. Those not approved will be notified.

Filing Fee for the 6th District and State Conventions

To assist the operations of the Republican Party of Virginia in supporting Unit Party Canvass and Conventions, and the administration of the District and State Conventions, a **MANDATORY filing fee of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) EACH** is required of each person standing for election as a delegate or alternate to the 6th District Convention and/or the State Convention.

Augusta County Republican Committee Membership Fee

To assist the operations of our local Republican party, and to identify those members that have been approved as committee members to ensure voting rights according to the committee bylaws, a twenty-four dollars (**\$24.00**) fee is required to file for voting membership in the Augusta County Republican Committee.

Registration Fee

There shall be no registration fee to participate in the Party Canvass.

Proper Notice

The Call for this Party Canvass is herewith published on the websites of the Republican Party of Virginia www.virginia.gop/events/category/official-call, the 6th Congressional District Committee www.sixthdistrictgop.org/official-calls, and the Augusta County Republican Committee at www.augustavagop.com, and the ACRC Facebook site. Copies of the Call were also sent via email to all members of the Augusta County Republican Committee and the Chair of the 6th Congressional District Committee.

Authorization

This Party Canvass is authorized and paid for by the Augusta County Republican Committee.

Inquiries or questions may be addressed to Dave Grembi, ACRC Secretary, at dgrembi777@gmail.com.

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