

1 **RULES**

2 **2024 Sixth Congressional District Republican Convention**

3 **May 11, 2024**

4 **A. RULES OF ORDER:**

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- 6 1. The Call of the Convention, the State Party Plan, and these rules adopted by the
7 Convention shall take precedence in governing the Convention in that order of reference.
8 Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, a (12th Edition) shall govern in all areas not
9 covered by the State Party Plan, the Call of the Convention and these rules set forth
10 herein.
- 11 2. These rules, once adopted by the Convention, shall not be subject to suspension.
- 12 3. Any person may attend the convention, but only delegates and Chairmen of the
13 Convention committees may have the floor unless specially recognized by the Convention
14 Chair. Only delegates may vote.
- 15 4. All delegates shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Convention. Any
16 unit delegates or delegations NOT meeting those requirements shall be offered guest
17 passes but will not be seated as delegates. Delegations whose credentials were not
18 presented in a timely manner MAY be seated by a two-thirds (2/3rd) vote of those delegates
19 who have been properly credentialed.

20 **B. PURPOSE:** To elect a Republican Candidate for each of the following offices:

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- 22 1. Electing a Chairman for the Sixth Congressional District of the Republican Party of
23 Virginia,
- 24 2. Electing three (3) Regional Vice Chairmen for the Sixth Congressional District of the
25 Republican Party of Virginia,
- 26 3. Electing three representatives to the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of
27 Virginia,
- 28 4. Nominating an elector to vote for the Republican candidate for President, and
- 29 5. The transaction of such other business that may properly come before the Sixth
30 Congressional District Republican Convention.

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1 **C. ORDER OF BUSINESS:** The order of business shall be as set forth below:
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- 3 1. Drawing of lots to determine order of speaking amongst candidates: 8:00 a.m.
- 4 2. Registration begins: 8:30 a.m.
- 5 3. Committees meet: 8:30 a.m.
- 6 4. Registration closed: 10:00 a.m. (any delegate in line to register by 10:00 AM shall be
7 allowed to register.)
- 8 5. Call to Order: 10:00 a.m.
- 9 6. Invocation
- 10 7. Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the National Anthem.
- 11 8. Welcoming Remarks and Introductions by Current Sixth District Chairman.
- 12 9. Preliminary report of the Credentials Committee
- 13 10. Reading of Call to the Convention
- 14 11. Election of Temporary Chairman
- 15 12. Election of Temporary Secretary
- 16 13. Appointment of Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Timekeeper.
- 17 14. Appointment of Committees
- 18 15. Report of the Credentials Committee and vote regarding adoption
- 19 16. Report of the Rules Committee and vote regarding adoption (upon adoption of these rules
20 the temporary officers become the permanent officers.)
- 21 17. Report of the Nominations Committee and vote regarding adoption.
- 22 18. Candidate Speeches
- 23 19. Balloting
- 24 20. Report of Resolutions Committee (while ballots are being counted)
- 25 21. Guest Speakers (at the discretion of the Chair)
- 26 22. Report of Election Results
- 27 23. Remarks by the newly elected Sixth District Chairman
- 28 24. Adjournment

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1 **D. CALL TO ORDER AND ELECTIONS OF TEMPORARY OFFICERS:**
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- 3 1. The current Chairman of the Sixth District Committee, Mr. John Massoud, shall call the
4 Convention to order and preside until temporary officers are elected. Nominations and
5 seconding for the offices of Temporary Chairman and Temporary Secretary shall be made
6 from the floor and shall be approved by voice vote, unless the Chairman deems otherwise.
- 7 2. A Temporary Chairman shall serve as Convention Chairman immediately upon election
8 until such time as these Rules are adopted. The Chairman of the Sixth District Committee
9 may also serve as Temporary Chairman of the Convention only in the instance where he
10 or she is not in a contested race at this Convention.

11 **E. TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION OF THE CONVENTION AND FACILITY RULES:**
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- 13 1. The Chairman of the Rules Committee shall present these rules for adoption by the
14 Convention.
- 15 2. Immediately upon adoption of these rules and without any further action by the
16 Convention, the temporary organization of the Convention (to include officers, committees
17 and reports as appointed by the Convention Chairman , shall become the permanent
18 officers and committees of the Convention.
- 19 3. No signs, banners, handbills, flyers, posters, etc. shall be affixed on the inside walls of the
20 Convention location.

21 **F. CREDENTIALS:**
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- 23 1. Any person may attend the Convention but only delegates and the chairman of an official
24 convention committee may have the floor, unless specifically recognized by the Convention
25 Chairman.
- 26 2. All voting delegates and delegations to the 6th District Convention shall meet the
27 requirements as specified in the Call to participate in the Convention. The Credentials
28 Committee shall report on the proper certification of each delegation as specified in the
29 Call.
- 30 3. The Credentials Committee shall decide any question that may arise concerning such
31 certification, except that they shall not require the certification of delegates by the Unit
32 Secretary if the Unit Chairman made such certification consistent with the Party Plan.
- 33 4. Upon presentment of the Credentials Committee report, the Chairman of the Credentials
34 Committee shall be recognized by the Convention Chairman to present a motion for
35 approval of the Credentials Committee report.
- 36 5. Challenges from the floor from any delegate/delegation may amend the Credentials
37 Committee report with a majority vote of the delegates assembled.
- 38 6. No person may be on the convention floor without displaying proper credentials.
- 39 7. Special floor passes will be provided by the Convention Chairman to candidates for office
40 and their supporters who are not delegates but there shall not be more than a total of two
41 (2) such passes issued to any one candidate and his supporters at any one time.
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1 **G. RESOLUTIONS:**
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- 3 1. Resolutions proposed for consideration by the Sixth Congressional District Committee of
4 the Republican Party of Virginia Convention shall be typed and submitted in their
5 entirety to the Sixth Congressional District Committee Secretary Jocelyn Hinegardner
6 prior to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024. Resolutions after this deadline will not be
7 accepted. No resolutions will be accepted from the floor.
- 8 2. The reviewed resolutions from the Resolutions Committee shall be posted on the Sixth
9 Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee website
10 (www.sixthdistrictgop.org) no later than Saturday, April 27, 2024.
- 11 3. The Resolutions Committee Chairman or designee shall email all Unit Chairs the
12 reviewed resolutions no later than Saturday, April 27, 2024. The Unit Chairs are
13 encouraged to disseminate resolutions to their unit's Delegates and Alternate Delegates
14 prior to the district convention.
- 15 4. All resolutions and the accompanying business of each resolution shall be conducted after
16 the candidate speeches and before the reporting of the balloting totals. Resolutions or
17 amendments from the floor are not permitted and any motion to propose any resolution is
18 out of order.
- 19 5. Only resolutions that have been properly submitted to the Chairman of the Resolutions
20 Committee and presented in the Resolutions Committee report may be discussed.
- 21 6. Each resolution shall be considered separately in the order contained in the committee
22 report.

23 **H. DEBATE:**

- 24 1. Debate on any motion or question that may come before the Convention is limited to a
25 total of five (5) minutes for and five (5) minutes against any such motion, resolution or
26 question. Each speaker shall be limited to one (1) minute with no person permitted to
27 speak twice, until all participants wishing to speak have had an opportunity to speak.
- 28 2. The time allocation may be extended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates assembled.
- 29 3. When the allotted time for a speaker has expired, the Convention Chairman shall ask the
30 speaker to yield and disable the speaker's microphone.

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1 **I. NOMINATIONS:**

- 2 1. The Nominations Committee shall report to the Convention the names of all candidates
3 who have properly filed and are qualified for the office according to the Call. This report
4 shall be provided to the Convention before balloting may take place.
- 5 2. Time shall be afforded to each candidate who is qualified for the office and is in a
6 contested race, according to the Call to address the Convention in the following order and
7 maximum durations:
- 8 a) Candidates for Sixth District Chairman – Five (5) minutes
 - 9 b) Candidates for Regional Vice Chairman – Three (3) minutes
 - 10 c) Candidates for State Central Committee – Three (3) minutes
 - 11 d) Candidates for Presidential Elector – Three (3) minutes
- 12 3. Candidates may allocate their allotted time as they see fit for a nominating speech,
13 seconding speech, and the candidate’s own personal address by providing the Convention
14 Chairman with their desired allocation of time in advance of the Convention. Candidates
15 for Presidential Elector are urged to use their allotted time solely for a personal address
16 and not as an effort to promote any national candidate for President. At the conclusion of
17 each candidate’s allotted time, the Convention Chairman shall ask the speaker to stand
18 down from the podium and the timekeeper shall turn off the speaker’s microphone. A
19 person specified by a candidate for office to provide the candidate’s nominating speech or
20 seconding speech need not be a delegate. The speaking order of candidates for each office
21 shall be determined by drawing of lots in advance of the Convention and shall be
22 announced by the Convention Chairman immediately after acceptance of the Nominations
23 Committee report. At the conclusion of the final candidate’s personal address, the
24 Convention shall begin balloting immediately as directed by the Convention Chairman.
- 25 4. No candidates other than those reported by the Nominations Committee to the
26 Convention as qualified (See paragraph I1, above) may be nominated. Any such
27 nominations from the floor shall be deemed out of order.
- 28 5. All candidates unopposed shall be deemed elected and the names of those candidates will
29 therefore not appear on the ballot.
- 30 6. Any qualified Republican candidate for Congressional office whose name will appear on
31 the Sixth District of Virginia June 2024 Primary Election ballot or the November 2024
32 General Election ballot shall be afforded the opportunity to address the Convention in the
33 order determined by the Convention Chairman for a maximum period of three (3) minutes
34 at a time during the Convention determined by the Convention Chairman

1 **J. VOTING:**

- 2 1. Each county and city delegation shall have the number of weighted votes specified in the
3 Call and as certified by the Credentials Committee .
- 4 2. Delegations shall vote the full vote rule unless otherwise designated by their electing
5 body.
- 6 3. Voting shall be on a proportionate basis within the delegation and reported to the nearest
7 hundredth (0.01). No delegate shall have less than one-fifth of a vote.
- 8 4. A roll call vote of the delegations may be allowed by the Convention Chairman at the
9 request of a majority of the delegates of any unit attending the convention provided the
10 request is seconded by a majority of the delegates from any other unit attending the
11 convention. A request for a roll call vote may be deemed out of order by the Convention
12 Chairman if, in the discretion of the Convention Chairman, the motion for a roll call vote
13 is presented for a dilatory or vexatious purpose.
- 14 5. In the case of roll call votes allowed by the Convention Chairman, the raw total of the
15 votes of a delegation shall be reported by the chairman of each county or city delegation or
16 his or her designee. The raw totals will be converted to weighted totals for determining
17 the results of the vote.
- 18 6. No delegate may change his or her vote after it has been reported to the Convention
19 Chairman.
- 20 7. No person may address the Convention while balloting is underway, except at the
21 discretion of the Convention Chairman.
- 22 8. No demonstrations shall be permitted on the floor of the Convention. The use of bullhorns
23 or any other device designed to amplify sound is prohibited, unless otherwise authorized
24 by the Convention Chairman. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the use of
25 medical devices so designed to meet a medical condition or disability.
- 26 9. Until adoption of the Credentials Committee Report, all votes, if any, shall be taken by
27 voice vote or show of hands and weighted by unit.
- 28 10. Where only one candidate for an office has been reported to the Convention as qualified,
29 as specified in paragraph J4, above, then that candidate shall be deemed elected,
30 consistent with paragraph J4.
- 31 11. Successful candidates shall assume their offices at the adjournment of the convention.

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1 **K. TELLERS:**

- 2 1. A Tellers Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman. The Chairman of the Tellers
3 Committee shall report the balloting results to the Convention.
- 4 2. Each candidate may have one observer in the room during the time that the balloting is
5 conducted and the votes are counted. A candidate whose name appears on the ballot for
6 multiple offices is allowed only one observer. Observers are required to provide to the
7 Teller Committee Chairman an authorization form, provided by the Credentials
8 Committee Chairman and signed by the candidate. Observers may not interfere with the
9 balloting or counting processes . A special pass will be issued to each observer in the
10 balloting room.
- 11 3. The candidate receiving the largest number of weighted votes for each office, even if less
12 than a majority, shall be declared the winner. In the case of candidates for RPV State
13 Central Committee, the top three (3) with the highest number of weighted votes shall be
14 elected.
- 15 4. In the event there is a tie vote for any of the offices submitted for balloting, the winner
16 will be determined by the drawing of lots.
- 17 5. A Motion for the Previous Question (a “call for the question”) shall not be allowed. The full
18 time for debate shall be allowed unless the Chair determines that there are no additional
19 speakers to a question.
- 20 6. All best efforts shall be exercised so that balloting may commence not later than 11:30 am.
21 The Convention Chairman is empowered to take such actions as may be appropriate to
22 achieve conformance with this rule but shall in no event reduce the amount of time
23 allotted to each candidate for office to speak (See: paragraph J2, above).

24 **L. ADJOURNMENT:**

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- 26 1. Adjournment of the Convention shall be by motion from the floor following conclusion of
27 all business.

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29 Submitted on this 27th day of April 2024.

30 Rules Committee:

31 Ted Lesley, Chairman