

Rules Governing the 2020 Congressional District 5 Convention of the Connecticut Republican Party

- I. This convention shall be governed by the rules of parliamentary practice contained in the 2010 edition of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure whenever they are applicable, except insofar as the following shall include, conflict with, or in any way change said Rules.

The order of business shall be as follows

May 14, 2020

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Temporary Roll
3. Adoption of Permanent Roll
4. Report of the Rules Committee
5. Adoption of the Rules
6. Report of the Permanent Organization Committee
7. Election of Permanent Officers
8. Nomination for the Congressional Candidate
9. Voting & switches for Congressional Candidate
 - a. Acceptance of Congressional Candidate
10. Any other business entitled to come before this convention
11. Closing Ceremonies

The Chair of the Convention shall have the power to make changes to the schedule of the convention as needed to effect only uncontested races.

- II. In the event that more than one person is to be placed in nomination for Congressional office, the order in which candidates are nominated for each office shall be determined by random selection. Any candidate for United States Congress must file a request to be nominated and the names of the persons who will be nominating and seconding with the Connecticut Republican Party Office at the Convention no later than 5pm on the day of the convention.

In the event that only one person is nominated for any officer, there shall be in order a single written or oral motion for the unanimous endorsement of that candidate. Only a delegate who has made a nominating or seconding speech on behalf of that candidate shall be recognized for such motion.

- III. In the event that more than one candidate is placed in nomination delegates will receive a poll in the RingCentral Meetings app. When nominations are closed, the chairman shall launch the

polling and leave the polling open for ten [10] minutes. The vote totals will be displayed to all delegates but will not include the vote switches.

- a. Delegates sharing a device will need to cast their vote and log-out so the other delegate can log-in to cast their vote
 - b. Vote switches will only be recognized if they are sent via the Q&A feature on the RingCentral Meetings application. Only one vote switch per delegate will be allowed and must be sent via the Q&A feature during the 10 minutes of voting.
 - c. Immediately following the closing of the votes, the secretary will read all the vote switches. After all the vote switches, the chairman will announce the vote total.
- IV. The eligibility of any person to act as a delegate and cast a vote shall be determined by the Temporary Roll until the adoption of the permanent roll, after which adoption, the permanent roll shall govern. Any dispute as to the credentials of any person to act as a delegate shall be presented to the Credentials Committee prior to the adoption of the Permanent Roll.

- V. An alternate shall be eligible to vote when his or her delegate cannot attend the Convention. Any such alternate must present a written appointment from said delegate to the Credentials Committee prior to the adoption of the permanent roll.

The Credentials Committee shall meet prior to the opening of the convention.

- VI. Switching votes shall be permitted and limited to one switch per delegate per ballot – see section III (b)

- VII. At the end of the balloting the Chairman shall announce the results. The nominee who obtains fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the votes cast shall be declared the winner. In the event no nominee obtains fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the votes cast, balloting shall continue in the same manner prescribed by these rules until a nominee obtains fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the votes cast. If more than two ballots are required, the person with the lowest vote total for the second ballot and for each ballot thereafter shall not be included on any subsequent ballot.

- VIII. Speeches on behalf of any candidate for nomination for any office shall be limited to one (1) nominating speech per candidate, lasting not more than two (2) minutes in length and one (1) seconding speech per candidate, not lasting more than one (1) minute in length.

There shall be no demonstrations.

Nominations and seconds from the floor shall be made with no speeches.

- IX. No candidate may place his or her name in nomination, nor may any candidate second his or her own nomination. No other person shall have the right to nominate or second, floor speeches on behalf of any candidate or upon any motion or proposition unless such person is a delegate or

alternate acting in place of a delegate.

- X. All Resolutions shall be in writing and shall be referred to the Resolutions Committee for its report prior to the State Convention. The Convention shall entertain no resolution not previously considered by the Resolutions Committee. No resolution may be in order unless it has been approved and recommended by a majority of the entire membership of the Resolutions Committee.

- XI. No speaker, for or against any motion or proposition, shall be allowed to speak more than one time or for more than three minutes in total upon such motion or proposition. Notwithstanding Rule VIII of these rules, the following persons may be recognized by the Chairman of the Convention for brief remarks from the podium or through electronic means at various times during the convention: Candidates endorsed by this convention; Republican National Party Chairman; Republican State Party Chairman endorsed Congressional Candidate.

Report of the Rules Committee

Pursuant to Article III, Section 10 (b)(4) of the Republican State Central Committee Rules and Bylaws, the committee on rules has drafted the following Rules Governing the 2020 Republican Congressional Convention for the Fifth Congressional District. These shall be the temporary rules of that convention and shall remain in force until the permanent rules are adopted by the 2020 convention.

By majority vote the committee on rules recommends that these temporary rules be adopted as the permanent rules of this convention.

Respectfully submitted, The Rules Committee of the 2020 Republican Congressional Convention

Dennis Cleary, Chairman