

2023 POWHATAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
OFFICIAL CALL

Firehouse Primary (Party Canvass) of Powhatan County Republican Committee
Of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the Powhatan County Republican Committee (PCRC) and pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia and as approved by the PCRC, I, Steve Jenkins, do hereby issue this Call for a Firehouse Primary (Party Canvass) to begin at 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 30th, 2023, at Company #1 Firehouse, 3971 Old Buckingham Road, Powhatan, VA 23139, or at an alternate location, if necessary, for the following purposes:

- 1) ~~To elect members of the Powhatan County Republican Committee representing their respective precincts, within the limits prescribed by the By-Laws of the Powhatan County Republican Committee,~~
- 2) ~~Nominating a Republican candidate for the office of Board of Supervisor, District #1, District #2, District #3, District #4 and District #5, Constitutional Officers including Clerk of the Court, Sheriff, Commonwealth Attorney, Commissioner of the Revenue, Treasurer and two members to the Monican Soil and Water Conservation District representing Powhatan County in the General election on November 7, 2023.~~
- 3) To elect as many as 530 delegates and 530 alternate delegates to the Convention of the 10th Senate Legislative District Convention of the Republican Party of Virginia to be held on May 6, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. local time at Buckingham High School, 78 Knights Road, Buckingham, VA 23921, or an alternate site selected pursuant to the Call issued by the 10th Senate Legislative District Committee. Full unit rule will allow Delegates elected to vote the full authorized weighted votes of the Delegation.

Qualifications for Participation: All legal and qualified voters of Powhatan 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 the Firehouse Canvass (Party Canvass) encompassing their respective election districts.

A voter who, subsequent to making a statement of intent, publicly supports a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee, shall not be qualified for participation in party actions as defined in Article I of the State Party Plan for a period of four (4) years.

In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, a voter shall not have participated in the nominating process of a party other than the Republican Party within the last five (5) years. A single exception to this requirement shall be approved for a voter who renounces affiliation with any other party in writing and who expresses in writing that he or 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. Any 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 identified in this paragraph thereafter.

Candidate Filing Requirements: Any person wishing to file as a candidate for Delegate to the District Convention of the 10th Senate Legislative District, listed above, must file a Declaration of Candidacy (Delegate form) by hand delivery to Steve Jenkins or to Carol Bennet or by the U.S. Postal Service to the PCRC Vice Chair, Carol Bennett at 1980 Manakintown Ferry Rd, Midlothian, VA 23113. (Post marks on envelopes will not govern) The required Delegate form must be received no later than 6pm on March 24, 2023, along with the voluntary contribution (if chosen). The 10th Senate Legislative District Committee cites Units will be seated based on the percentage of pre-certified delegates remitting the fee. ~~Anyone pre-filing for membership of the PCRC must also include \$30.00 which equals the one year of dues beginning April 1, 2023.~~

~~The Declaration of Candidacy for Delegate to any Republican Convention listed above and/or membership in the Powhatan County Republican Committee must be made on a form prescribed by the Powhatan County Republican Committee and available from Chairman, Steve Jenkins, and other members of the Powhatan County Republican Committee. The form can also be downloaded from www.rpv.org. A check covering any voluntary or required fees and for dues to the Powhatan County Republican Committee (if seeking membership in the Committee) must accompany this form. Any candidate filing for Board of Supervisors or Constitutional officer and running in the Firehouse Primary (Canvass) must declare their candidacy no later than 5pm on March 17th. There will be no fee assessed for participation in the Firehouse Primary. There will be a \$250 fee for any candidate filing for Board of Supervisors or Constitutional officer which is refundable if there is only one candidate filing for the office.~~

Any Military Member who is otherwise qualified to participate in the Republican Party actions and who has filed the required form and produced at the time of filing valid military identification or other proof active-duty status, shall be certified as a delegate to the convention(s) filed for an shall not be required to be elected as a delegate.

Conduct of the Firehouse Primary (Party Canvass): The Canvass will be conducted on March 30, 2023 to begin at 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Company #1 Firehouse, 3971 Old Buckingham Road, Powhatan, VA 23139 or a location to be determined. Rules for the conduct will be promulgated by the Powhatan County Republican Committee and will be available on the RPV and the [PCRC](http://www.pcrv.org) website .

Voters offering to vote must be properly registered in Powhatan County, must present a government issued photographic identification document. They must also sign a statement of intent to support the Republican Party's candidates in the general election on November 7, 2023. Persons who do not meet these requirements will not be allowed to participate.

Provisions for the filing of fewer candidates than there are positions: *If the number of candidates, qualified under Article I of the State Party Plan, who properly file for any of the offices to be elected by this canvass does not exceed the maximum number who can be elected, than that portion of the canvass will not be held and those candidates who have been certified by*

the Credentials Committee shall be declared elected to the positions for which they have filed. If this applies to all offices to be elected by this canvass, the canvass shall be cancelled.

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~~If the number of qualifying pre-filed for the position of delegate to 10th Senate Legislative District Convention, or for membership on the PCRC do not exceed the total number of positions available for the respective office or offices, those individuals who have properly pre-filed will be deemed elected. If the election to every office and position for which the Party Canvass has been called are concluded in accordance with terms of the preceding sentence, then the Firehouse Primary (Party Canvass) will be cancelled.~~

PUBLICATION:

This Call shall be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia (<https://virginia.gop/events/category/official-call/>) and may be published on the Powhatan County Republican Committee website (<http://www.powhatangop.org/>)

All required fees **MUST** be paid at the time of pre-filing. Checks should be made out to the Powhatan County Republican Committee or PCRC.

Authorized and Paid for by the Powhatan County Republican Committee

Proposed Rules for 2023 Powhatan County Firehouse Primary (Party Canvass)

The Powhatan County Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, hereby adopts these Rules for the conduct of this Firehouse Primary (Party Canvass).

- 1) The Powhatan County Republican Canvass shall be held at Company #1 Firehouse, 3971 Old Buckingham Road, Powhatan, VA 23139, on Thursday, March 30, 2023 from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM. The purpose of the Canvass shall be to elect members of the PCRC, and Delegates to the 10th Senate Legislative District Republican convention as outlined in the Call for the Canvass.
- 2) This party canvass shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following (giving precedence as listed): the State Party Plan, District or Unit Plan or By-Laws, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (11th Edition).
- 3) All voters shall meet the requirement as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass. Each person offering to vote shall present a government issued photographic identification and must sign a statement of intent to support all Republican nominees in the 2023 general election as specified in the Republican Party of Virginias Plan of Organization ("State Party Plan"). No voter refusing to sign the statement of intent shall be allowed to vote in this canvass.
- 4) Any voter who has registered or changed registration on or after February 1, 2023 must bring the most current copy of his or her voter registration card to assist in verification.
- 5) The Chairman of the PCRC shall appoint a Credentials Committee of not more than 25 persons with at least two from each magisterial district, to register those who offer to vote. Members of the Credentials Committee shall remain inside the room in which voting is conducted during the period in which voting takes place.
- 6) The Chairman of the PCRC shall appoint a Chief Teller who shall appoint a Tellers Committee consisting of equal numbers of persons representing each candidate in any contested race. The Chief Teller shall ensure that the ballots and ballot boxes are secure and supervised throughout the voting process.
- 7) The Credentials Committee shall decide any question that may arise concerning the qualifications of a candidate for Delegate or Alternate Delegate or eligibility to vote.
- 8) No one will be allowed in the Party Canvass voting area without property authorization. Candidates shall not loiter or campaign in the room in which voting will take place.
- 9) No resolutions may be introduced.
- 10) The Chief Teller shall prepare ballots listing the names of all qualified candidates for contested elections, who have properly filed as required in the Call of the Party Canvass. Ballot position shall be determined by lot under the supervision of the Chief Teller.
- 11) As soon as the polls are closed, the Credentials Committee shall immediately proceed to determine and certify the number of voters who have properly voted in the canvass.
- 12) At the end of voting, the Tellers Committee shall take the ballot boxes to a secure area and shall count the ballots, continuing without adjournment until they declare the results of the canvass. Only the members of the Tellers Committee shall be permitted to be in the room where the ballots are being counted until the ballots are counted. Ballots shall then be placed in a sealed envelope and preserved and secured by the Tellers Committee for at least thirty (30) days in the event of any challenge to the results.
- 13) Candidates shall be elected on the basis of plurality of votes received. If two or more persons have an equal number of votes and a higher number than any other person, the Credentials Committee shall proceed publicly to determine by lot which of the person shall be declared elected. After those persons have been notified and are allowed to a reasonable opportunity to be present.
- 14) The Chairman of the PCRC shall appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms and an appropriate number of Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms who shall preserve order inside and outside the polling place(s). No person shall hinder, intimidate, or interfere with any qualified voter so as to prevent the voter from casting a secret ballot. The Sergeants-at-Arms may order a person violating this Rule to cease such action and, if such action continues, may remove such person from the polling place.

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