

OFFICIAL CALL
Party Canvass of the Powhatan County Republican Committee
Members of the Republican Party of Virginia
April 10th, 2024 Between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Company #1 Firehouse, 3971 Old Buckingham Road, Powhatan, VA 23139
Adopted February 8, 2024

As Chairman of the Powhatan 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 Steve Jenkins, do hereby issue this call for a Party Canvass to be held at Company #1 Firehouse, 3971 Old Buckingham Road, Powhatan, VA 23139, or an alternate site, starting at 4:00 p.m. and concluding at 8:00 p.m. on April 10, 2024

Electing a Unit Chairman.

1. Electing a Unit Chairman.

Electing up to 535 (107 X 5) Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the District Convention of the 5th Congressional District, to be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Drakes Branch Volunteer Fire Department, 4801 Drakes Main Street, Drakes Branch, VA 23937 or an alternate site if necessary, beginning at 10:00 am for the purpose of:

- a. Electing a District Chairman.
 - b. Electing three members of the State Central Committee for a term of four years or until their successors are elected.
 - c. Electing an elector for the Electoral College
 - d. And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.
2. Electing up to 575 (107 X 5) Delegates and an equal number of Alternates to the State Convention, to be held on May 31- June 1, 2024, at the 1610 Coliseum Dr Hampton VA 23666 (Convening on May 31, 2024, at 2:30 pm and on June 1, 2024, 10:00 am, for the purpose of
 - a. Nominating two Electors At-Large to be voted for in the presidential election on November 5, 2024.
 - b. Electing a State Chairman.
 - c. Nominating a National Committeeman and a National Committeewoman.
 - d. And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

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 participate in this Party Canvass, subject to the provisions in Article I of the Plan of Organization.

Party Canvass voters must present one of the forms of identification listed in § 24.2-643 of the Code of Virginia in order to participate.

- 1) A valid Virginia driver's license.
- 2) A valid United States passport.
- 3) Or any other photo identification issued by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States.
- 4) Any valid student identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth or any private school located in the Commonwealth.
- 5) Any valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business.

Participants may pay a voluntary registration fee of \$25.00.

Filing Requirements

Candidates for election or nomination at this Party Canvass shall file a written statement with Carol Bennett by e-mail at chairpowhatan@gmail.com or by physical delivery at 1980 Manakintown Ferry Road, Midlothian, Va 23113. The written statement must be received by the deadline along with required fees; postmarks are not evidence of receipt by the deadline. The statement must be made on an official filing form, which is available on the RPV website at www.rpv.or or at the Powhatan County Republican website at www.powhatangop.org.

Candidates for election as Unit Chair must file a Declaration of Candidacy for Office, for that office, and the required non-refundable filing fee with Carol Bennett at 1980 Manakintown Ferry Road, Midlothian, Va 23113, or by email to chairpowhatan@gmail.com, which must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Postmarks will not govern.

Any person wishing to file as a candidate for Delegate to any of the Republican Conventions listed above must file a *Declaration of Candidacy* form (attached to this Official Call), along with any voluntary or required fees, with Carol Bennett at 1980 Manakintown Ferry Road, Midlothian, Va 23113, which must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 12, 2024.

Filing Fees

No fee will be required of any voter in order to participate in the Party Canvass.

Each candidate for Chair of the PCRC must include a non-refundable filing fee of \$500.00, payable by check, with his/her Declaration of Candidacy for office.

Fifth Congressional District Convention: \$20.00

The mandatory registration fee for delegates is Twenty Dollars (\$20.00). See attached Fifth Congressional District Official Filing form.

Republican Party of Virginia State Convention \$45.00

To assist the operation of the Republican Party of Virginia in supporting unit mass meetings and conventions, and the administration of the State Convention, a Delegate Registration of Forty-Five Dollars (\$45.00) is required of each person standing for election as a delegate or alternate delegate to the State convention.

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

Military Members as Delegates

Military Members (any members of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard currently serving on active duty) who comply with these filing requirements shall not be required to be elected, but shall be declared delegates pursuant to Article VIII, Section H. of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.

Military Member delegates or alternate delegates that are unable to attend the convention in person due to obligations of their official military orders, shall have their votes cast within their unit delegation according to candidate preference ballots. Instructions regarding the casting of candidate preference ballots are available in the Call for the Convention, which is available on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia (www.rpv.org).

Conduct of the Canvass

The Canvass will be conducted on April 10th, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Company #1 Firehouse, 3971 Old Buckingham Road, Powhatan, VA 23139 or another suitable location. Rules for the conduct of the Canvass will be promulgated by the Powhatan County Republican Committee and will be available on the PCRC website.

Voters must be properly registered in Powhatan County and 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 5, 2024. People who do not meet these requirements will not be allowed to participate.

Cancellation

If not more than the number of persons to be nominated or elected shall file for any office, then such properly filed persons shall be declared nominated or elected as the case may be, and no election will occur for that office. Should all elections be cancelled, the Party Canvass will also be cancelled. A notice of cancellation will be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia www.rpv.org and/or the Powhatan County Republican Committee website, www.powhatangop.org.

Publication

This Call shall be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia (www.rpv.org) **and** OPTION 1: published in a newspaper of general circulation] [OPTION 2: the Powhatan County Republican Committee waives the newspaper publication requirement by at two-thirds vote].

NOTE ON DATE OF PUBLICATION:

- Must be published at least 7 days prior to the Meeting, except in Presidential years, when it must be published at least 15 days prior to the meeting.
- If pre-filing is required, must be published at least 7 days prior to the pre-filing deadline.
- May not be published more than 60 days prior to the meeting.
- May not be published prior to January 1 (except in cases of special election nominations)]

Paid for and authorized by the Powhatan County Republican Committee

**POWHATAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR OFFICER, MEMBER & DELEGATE
PCRC PARTY CANVASS, 5TH DISTRICT CONVENTION
AND
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION**

I, _____, a registered voter in Powhatan County, submit this form Carol Bennett, 1980 Manakintown Ferry Road, Midlothian, VA 23113 for purposes of complying with the requirements set forth in the Official Call for a Party Canvass with respect to the following:

- I hereby file my candidacy for Membership in the Powhatan County Republican Committee. Attached is a check for annual dues in the amount of \$30.00 for the year 2024. Dues will be billed for the year 2024. Deadline for filing as member is April 1, 2024, no later than 5:00 pm.
- I wish to be elected Chairman of the Powhatan County Republican Committee. I have included my non-refundable filing fee of \$500.00 – Deadline for filing as Chairman is February 17, 2024, no later than 5:00 pm
- I wish to be a Delegate to the State Convention of the Republic Party of Virginia on May 31-June 1, 2024, Deadline for filing as Delegate is March 12, 2024, no later than 5:00 pm; I have included my payment of \$45.00 as required to participate in all matters to come before the State Convention.
- I wish to be a Delegate to the Fifth Congressional District Republican Convention on April 27, 2024, Deadline for filing as Delegate to the 5th District Convention is March 12, 2024 no later than 5:00 pm; I have included my payment of \$20 as required to participate in all matters to come before the District Committee.

NOTE: Article VII, Section C of the Republican Party of Virginia’s Plan of Organization states the following about membership on a county committee:

A member of an Official Committee is held to a higher standard of support for nominees of the Republican Party than an individual who merely participates in a mass meeting, party canvass, convention or primary. Therefore, a member of an Official Committee is deemed to have resigned his Committee position if he (a) makes a reportable contribution to and/or (b) allows his name to be publicly used by and/or (c) makes a written or other public statement in support of a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee in a Virginia General or Special Election.

By signing this form, I certify that I am a registered voter in Powhatan County, have read and understand the requirements above and that I intend to support all nominees of the Republican Party during this election (for convention delegates) and/or during my two-year term as a member of the Powhatan County Republican Committee. Also, I have read and understand other requirements herein including, but not limited to Article 1 of the Plan of Organization which states in part:

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 for a period of four (4) years.

Applicable laws require that the following information be submitted with any payment of money in connection with this form:

Name (print as it appears on the applicant’s voter registration) _____

Address _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Employer’ Address _____

Email (voluntary) _____ Cell phone # (voluntary) _____

Last four digits of Soc. Sec. # (voluntary) _____

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

ADDITIONAL PREFILING INSTRUCTIONS: Each person prefiling must file on a separate, signed form, accompanied by an individual check for dues and/or convention fees, if applicable. No Delegate forms or fee payments will be accepted after 5:00 PM on March 12, 2024. *Postmarks shall not govern.* All information must be provided as required, and this form must be legible and signed by the applicant to be valid. This form cannot be altered in any way; however, it may be photocopied. Make checks payable to the Powhatan County Republican Committee, Powhatan GOP or PCRC. Payments to the Powhatan County Republican Committee are not tax deductible.