



Rules of 2017 New Hanover County Convention and Precinct Meetings
(approved by Committee: 3/1/17)

Delegates:

- New Hanover County residents registered to vote as Republicans by January 31, 2017 may qualify to be delegates or alternates to the County, District, and State Conventions.
- Each delegate and alternate must pay a \$20.00 registration and processing fee.
- Delegates and alternates will be elected in the precinct meeting and will be certified by the Credentials Committee.
- All delegates will be voted on as a slate during convention.
- Delegates and alternates must provide full name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address.
- Those wishing to be a delegate to District or State Conventions but are unable to attend the County Convention must complete the official absentee form and pay the registration and processing fee to the Treasurer by the start of County Convention.

Agenda Items:

- Notice of this Convention provides that all Agenda items must be delivered in writing to the Chairman no later than 10 days before Convention.
- The Agenda is closed after the deadline.
- No business will be conducted at this Convention other than what is set forth in the Agenda.
- In order to suspend, modify, or change the Agenda or these Rules, a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the delegate body is required.

Motions:

- Official motions must be submitted to the Chairman no later than 10 days before Convention is called to order.
- Motion must be accompanied by at least 100 copies to be distributed to the delegates.
- Motion will be read by the presiding officer, and must be seconded before the delegate making the motion will be allowed 3 minutes to speak in support of the motion.

Discussion of a Motion:

- Discussion of a motion shall occur through the procedures outlined in this section.
- There will be no more than 3 delegates speaking in favor the motion, and no more than 3 delegates speaking against the motion.
- The delegate making the motion and speaking in favor of the motion is counted as one of the three delegates speaking in favor of the motion.



- Each delegate will be allowed up to 3 minutes to speak.
- No general discussion of the motion as a group is allowed.

Voting on Motion:

- Voice Vote: When called to question, the presiding officer will call for those “in favor” of the motion to state “Yea,” then those “against” the motion to state “Nay.” The presiding officer will declare which vote has the majority.
- Hand Vote: When called to question, and a the presiding officer cannot declare a clear majority through Voice Vote, the presiding officer will for those “in favor” of the motion to stand. The Convention Secretary will count and tabulate votes “in favor.” The presiding officer will call for those “against” the motion to stand. The Convention Secretary will count and tabulate votes “against.” The presiding officer will call for those “abstaining” from the motion to stand. The Convention Secretary will count and tabulate votes “abstaining.” The motion will carry if the number of votes “in favor” is $\frac{2}{3}$ of the certified delegates, otherwise the motion fails.

Election of Chairman:

- The election of a Chairman, 1st Vice-Chairman, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary shall occur through the procedures outlined in this section.
- Candidates for Chairman, 1st Vice-Chairman, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary must declare their intent to run for leadership positions to the Rules committee no later than 10 days before convention.
- Candidates for Chairman, 1st Vice-Chairman, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be nominated at convention as a slate, via the nomination of the candidate for Chairman. Nominations must be seconded.
- The nominating delegate will be allowed to speak up to 3 minutes for the slate. Each nominee for Chairman will be allowed to speak up to 3 minutes for their slate. One additional delegate at large will be allowed to speak up to 3 minutes in favor of a slate.
- Speakers may speak only once.
- Voting for the Chairman and leadership slate shall occur through secret ballot. Delegates will vote for one nominee for Chairman. The Convention Secretary will tally the votes and report the results to the Presiding Officer. The winning slate is that of the nominee receiving at least 50% + 1 of the votes. If there are more than two slates running, and no slate receives 50% + 1 of the votes, the two slates with the highest votes will move to a second vote, whereby the slate receiving 50% +1 of the votes will be declared the winner.