



Convention Rules, Procedures & Guidelines

Section 1: Rules

1. All sessions will start on time and end on time. The times will be announced by the presiding officer
2. All convention attendees must wear a badge at all times. Your badge is necessary to enter the convention hall and Congressional District (CD) Caucus. No one will be admitted into the meeting without a badge.
3. All electronic devices, cell phones, pagers, alarms, etc shall be placed in “vibrate or silent” mode during the convention and CD Caucus sessions.
4. A copy of all reports must be given to the Convention Secretary
5. No speech from the floor. Candidates/Nominees may campaign before the convention and during the Congressional District Caucuses.
6. Candidates/Nominees names will be called from the stage and nominees will be allowed to walk across the stage. *(Line up on the right side of stage after nomination)*
7. If a committee member moves for their report to be accepted, a second is not required.
8. Any Delegate who would like to make a motion or ask a question must
 - a. Go to the microphone-*ONLY DELEGATES ARE PERMITTED TO SPEAK*
 - b. Stand until recognized by the Presiding Officer
 - c. Give full name, congressional district, and county.
 - d. State that he/she wishes to be recognized for a motion or to ask a question.
 - e. If asking a question, he/she shall have a total of three questions and is limited to three minutes.
 - f. A delegate shall be recognized for questions only once on the motion.
9. Any Delegate who would like to second a motion need not go to the microphone but must
 - a. Stand
 - b. Give full name, congressional district, and county
10. A Delegate may speak for two minutes on unreadiness.
11. If there is unreadiness, a Delegate must
 - a. Go to the microphone
 - b. Stand until recognized by the presiding officer
 - c. Give full name, congressional district, and county



12. A motion “to receive” or a motion “to accept” shall both mean the resolution shall be received for information only. A motion “to adopt” shall mean the resolution shall be placed in the minutes and will become the policy, procedure and/or instructions of the party.
13. Robert’s Rules of Order 11th Edition shall govern all proceedings of the convention except where in conflict with the State Party Constitution, Bylaws and Convention rules.
14. The Parliamentarian, Time- Keepers, and the Sgt-at-Arms along with assistants shall be appointed to facilitate the order of the meeting.

Section 2: Procedures

1. **Registration & Credentials:** *LJ Brooks, Chair | Email: ljbrooks07@gmail.com*
 - a. Early Check-In:
Friday, May 24, 2024 | 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. | Jackson Convention Center
 - b. Convention Day Check-In:
Saturday, May 25, 2024 | Opens at 7:30 A.M. | Closes 10:30 A.M
 - c. **No further check-ins or alternate substitutions will be permitted after 10:30 A.M.. This will be strictly enforced.**
 - d. Delegates & Alternates will check in at their respective Congressional District booths (See Signage)
 - e. Each Congressional District/County are assigned specific seats (See Signage)
2. **Platform Committee:** *Rickey Cole, Chair | Email: rcole1966@yahoo.com*
 - a. Convenes at 8:30 A.M. on May 25, 2024 (See Signage)
 - b. No amendments from the floor
3. **Constitution Committee:** *James Hull, Chair | Email: jameshull3@aol.com*
 - a. Convenes at 8:30 A.M. on May 25, 2024 (See Signage)
 - b. No amendments from the floor
4. **Rules Committee:** *Andre DeBerry, Chair | Email: andre.deberry@yahoo.com*
 - a. All challenges and inquiries should be directed to the Rules Committee Chair in writing promptly.
 - b. All challenges & inquiries will be granted a hearing before the Rules Committee.



5. Nomination Process

- a. The only nominations made from the convention floor are as follows:
 - i. National Committeeman
 - ii. National Committeewoman
 - iii. Presidential Electors
- b. All nominees named will be called as they walk across the stage to be recognized
- c. Upon nomination please proceed to the right side of the stage for line up.
- d. A microphone will be placed within each Congressional District Section. *You will not have to come to the stage.*

6. Voting Procedures

- a. E-Ballot Process
 - i. Scan the QR Code on your badge or type the link below in web browser:
<https://eballot.io/MSDP/login.cfm>
 - ii. Click on Ballot Login
 - iii. Enter Username: Your Badge ID Number is **YOUR** username
 - iv. Enter Password: Your Badge ID Number is **YOUR** password
 - v. Follow directions and vote
 - vi. Hit submit to finalize your selection
- b. Badge ID Number required for all voting ballots processing
- c. Voting Blocks are limited to twenty (20) minutes except for CD caucus
- d. Voting will be done electronically (Smart Device or Computer Access Needed)
If you need assistance you may return to the registration and check-in booth to seek assistance from a credential committee member.



Section 3: Behavior of Delegates

1. Ethical Conduct:

Delegates should conduct themselves with the utmost ethical standards and adhere to the highest standards of integrity. Delegates should avoid engaging in any behavior that may bring the Party into disrepute or reflect negatively on its reputation.

2. Communication:

Delegates should communicate in a respectful and professional manner. Delegates should refrain from engaging in any form of abusive, threatening, or harassing behavior, whether in person, over the phone, or online.

3. Misgendering and Discrimination:

Delegates are expected to treat each other with respect and avoid discriminatory or derogatory language. Blatant misgendering, deliberate misuse of pronouns, deadnaming, or discriminatory comments based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ability, or any other personal characteristics will not be tolerated.

4. Violence and Threats:

Any physical violence, threats of violence, or behavior that could reasonably be interpreted as intending to cause harm or intimidation will not be tolerated.

5. Sexual Harassment:

The Party will not tolerate any form of sexual harassment, including unwanted sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, physical contact without consent (including hugs) or after a request to stop, or any other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

6. Time Limitations:

Delegates are expected to abide by time limitations set by the convention rules committee.

7. Meeting Disruptions and Heckling:

Delegates are expected to engage in constructive dialogue during the convention and CD Caucuses. Disruptive behavior or heckling will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the meeting or event.



Disruptive behavior” includes but is not limited to:

- Chanting a candidate’s name from the audience while another candidate is speaking;
- Inappropriately interrupting a speaker without being recognized by the Chair;
- Shouting over a speaker;
- Deliberately disparaging, harassing, disconcerting and/or taunting a candidate, speaker, and/or meeting attendee(s);
- Sharing negative comments, posts, and/or any information with the purpose of devaluing another person; or
- Failing to comply with the decisions of the Convention Chair.