

SPECIAL RULES
2026 Pre-Primary Republican State Convention

1. Credentials and Seating

- a. All Convention Delegates must be properly registered Republicans and duly elected or appointed in accordance with the Uniform State Rules.
- b. Guests must be registered Republicans and residents of New Mexico unless approved by the chair. Voter identification may be required.
- c. Once all certified Convention Delegates and all properly self-nominated candidates have been seated in the Convention Hall, guests may be seated until room capacity is reached.

2. Limitations and Conduct

- a. No videotaping or audio recording of the Pre-Primary Convention shall be permitted except by RPNM Staff. Candidates may put in a request for their campaigns to videotape their speeches only.
- b. Unrecognized floor debate, comments, or disruptions shall not be permitted during the Pre-Primary Convention.
- c. Video recording of all proceedings of the Pre-Primary Convention shall be conducted by RPNM staff to ensure the creation of proper permanent minutes.
- d. Any person found in violation of these Special Rules or engaging in disruptive conduct shall be escorted from the meeting or convention by the Sergeant-at-Arms, shall not be readmitted, and shall forfeit all voting privileges, including the right to vote by proxy or to carry proxy vote(s).

3. Media Access

Press shall not be permitted in the Pre-Primary Convention Hall except as expressly authorized by the RPNM Communications Director.

4. Delegate Certification

All Pre-Primary Convention Delegates shall be certified using the most current voter registration records available to RPNM and received from the New Mexico Secretary of State.

5. Voting Procedures

- a. The ballotarian shall supervise and monitor all voting at the Pre-Primary Convention.

b. All proxies must be properly executed, registered, and certified by Convention personnel and must comply with the official Call.

c. Any challenge to the seating of a county delegation or individual delegate shall be conducted by a colored vote card in accordance with the Uniform State Rules.

d. Voting at the Pre-Primary Convention shall be conducted by secret ballot.

i. Each candidate may designate one representative to observe the vote tabulation process.

ii. Results shall be announced as soon as they are certified.

f. Ballot Integrity and Contingencies

i. Ballots containing overvotes shall be declared void.

ii. Ballots containing undervotes shall be accepted.

iii. A spoiled ballot may be exchanged one (1) time only by surrendering the spoiled ballot to Convention officials, subject to verification.

iv. All voided, spoiled, or undervoted ballots shall be reported to the body to ensure transparency and proper tabulation.

v. In the event of a tie vote for any office or position, the winner shall be determined by lot. The Convention Secretary shall conduct the drawing or coin toss.

6. Candidate Presentations

a. Candidates for the United States House of Representatives shall be allowed to speak for up to five (5) minutes each.

b. Statewide candidates shall be allowed to speak for up to five (5) minutes each.

c. The order of candidate presentations shall be determined by random draw.

d. Nominating speeches, if permitted, shall be included within the candidate's total allotted speaking time.

e. If a candidate exceeds the allotted speaking time, the candidate may complete the current sentence and must then immediately leave the podium.

f. If a properly designated candidate is not present, no presentation on that candidate's behalf shall be permitted.

7. Parliamentary Authority

- a. The 2026 Pre-Primary Convention shall be governed by the Uniform State Rules of the Republican Party of New Mexico and **Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised** except where superseded by these Special Rules, Uniform State Rules, or applicable law.
- b. The Chair shall rule on all questions of order and procedure. The Chair's rulings shall stand.
- c. The Chair shall have the authority to enforce order, recognize speakers, limit debate as provided herein, and direct the Sergeant-at-Arms as necessary to ensure the orderly conduct of the meeting and convention.

8. Duration and Scope

These Special Rules shall apply only to the 2026 Pre-Primary Republican State Convention and the immediately preceding State Central Committee Meeting and shall expire upon adjournment sine die.



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