

**MiGOP RULES FOR
DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE
2024 SPRING MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN
COUNTY AND DISTRICT
CONVENTIONS**

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Wed. January 10, 2024	Register locations of County Conventions with State Party by 5 pm
Thurs. January 11	Call to Convention to go out by Email by 11:59 p.m.
Mon. January 15	Delegates must notify Chair of receipt of Call to Convention by 6 p.m./MLK
Tues. January 16	Call to Convention must go out by mail to those who have not replied to email.
Wed. January 17	Confirmation of Receipt 5 pm Call to Convention for County Clerk and MRP
Fri. January 19	Presidential Affidavits of Candidacy Due at 5 p.m.
Thurs. February 15	County Conventions at 7 p.m. (notification of non-attending delegate by 4 pm)
Wed. Feb 21	List of Delegates and Elevated Delegates to County Clerk and MRP
Fri. February 23	Credential Challenge Deadline at 5 pm
Mon. February 26	Credentials Committee Meeting
Tues. February 27	State Primary Election
Sat. March 2	District Conventions at 10 am, State Committee Meeting to follow

1. DATE AND CALL OF COUNTY CONVENTIONS

County conventions shall be held at 7:00 PM Eastern Time, Thursday, February 15, 2024, throughout the state at locations registered by each county committee* with the Michigan Republican Party (“MRP”) by 5:00 PM, Thursday, January 10, 2024.

The location, time, and date of the meeting of all such county conventions shall be designated in the call emailed for such convention by the current chair of the county executive committee, no later than Thursday, January 11, 2024.

The county executive committee must forward by first class mail a copy of such call to the most recent Republican nominee(s) for state legislative office, the most recent Republican nominees for county office, each precinct delegate duly elected at the August 2, 2022, primary election, and those precinct delegates elected to permanently fill vacancies at all subsequent county conventions. In addition, such call shall be sent to all Republican incumbent members of the State Legislature and the Michigan Congressional delegation, Statewide Officeholders, the Republican National Committeeman and National Committeewoman from Michigan and Michigan Republican Party Officers (see Rule 5B) where such person resides in the county in question. As an alternative to forwarding the call by first class mail, the chair of the county executive committee may, at the chair’s option, forward the call by email transmission provided that the following conditions are met:

- A. The call is directly emailed to the individuals required to be notified by this Rule no later than Thursday, January 11, 2024, and shall ask each recipient to confirm receipt of the call by email by no later than 6:00 PM, Monday, January 15, 2024. The call may not be sent by Facebook, Twitter, or using any other social media site.
- B. The chair of the county executive committee shall copy the secretary of the county executive committee on the call emailed to individuals.
- C. The call shall be mailed first class by January 16 to any individual required by this Rule who *does not respond to the call sent by email*, by confirming receipt of the call by email by 6:00 PM, Monday, January 15, 2024.
- D. A printed or electronically saved copy of each confirmation received by email shall be made available to any delegate as requested at the county convention.

*For the purposes of these Rules, the term “county committee” shall be read to include the congressional district committees in Wayne County and the congressional district portion committees within the boundaries of Wayne County.

In the call to the county convention, the county executive committee shall make the following request:

PRECINCT DELEGATES AND CERTAIN AT-LARGE DELEGATES GIVEN THE PREFERENCE UNDER RULE 8 OF THE CONVENTION RULES, BUT WHO **DO NOT** ATTEND THE COUNTY CONVENTION, MUST NOTIFY THE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE () OR THE FOLLOWING DESIGNEE(S) () IN WRITING (THE "NOTIFICATION") OF THE PERSON'S INTENTION TO BECOME A DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE DISTRICT CONVENTION. THE NOTIFICATION CAN BE IN ANY WRITTEN FORM, INCLUDING BY LETTER, TEXT OR EMAIL, AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (OR DESIGNEE) BY NO LATER THAN 4:00 p.m. ON THE DAY OF THE COUNTY CONVENTION. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE NOTIFICATION AS PROVIDED HEREIN SHALL MEAN THAT THE PERSON SHALL NOT BE GIVEN THE PREFERENCE UNDER RULE 8 OF THE CONVENTION RULES. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO SEND A NOTIFICATION IF A PERSON ATTENDS THE COUNTY CONVENTION.

The call must indicate that ONLY DULY ELECTED PRECINCT DELEGATES AND THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEES FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE AND COUNTY OFFICE SHALL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE ON MATTERS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COUNTY CONVENTION (IN ADDITION TO REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE MICHIGAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, STATEWIDE OFFICEHOLDERS, THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN AND NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN FROM MICHIGAN AND MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN PARTY OFFICERS WHERE SUCH PERSON RESIDES).

In the event that delegates to the district convention to be held on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "District Convention") are to be elected by an apportionment method in a county convention, as set forth in Rule 8A, a copy of such apportionment specifically listing apportionment districts and the delegates apportioned thereto shall be included in the call issued for such convention.

A copy of the official call for county conventions must be mailed or emailed (with confirmation of receipt) to the County Clerk and the MRP Headquarters by 5:00 PM, Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

If the MRP does not receive the official call by 5:00 PM, Wednesday, January 17, 2024, the State Party Chair is authorized to rescind any call which may have been or will be issued by the chair of the county executive committee. The State Party Chair is further authorized to issue a call to that county convention.

2. COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Except for Wayne County (where conventions are held by congressional districts or parts of congressional districts within the boundaries of Wayne County), there shall be no separate congressional district conventions; only county conventions are to be held pursuant to these Rules. For the purposes of these Rules, the term “county convention” shall be read to include those conventions held by congressional districts in Wayne County or parts of congressional districts within the boundaries of Wayne County. Where county conventions are held in counties containing more than one congressional district or parts of more than one congressional district within the boundaries of the county, the county convention shall meet as one body for all business purposes, including the election of a chair of the full convention in accordance with Rule 3, except that the various congressional districts or portions of congressional districts within the county shall caucus separately, in sub-conventions, at that county convention for purposes of selecting delegates and alternates to the District Convention. The temporary congressional district chair (as selected pursuant to Rule 4) for each such congressional district portion of the county, shall call such congressional district sub-convention within the county to order.

3. COUNTY CONVENTION CHAIR

The county convention shall be called to order by the chair of the county executive committee. The county chair shall act as temporary chair until the delegates elect a permanent chair. The county chair shall cause to be read both the list of precinct delegates duly elected at the August 2, 2022 primary as certified by the County Clerk, those precinct delegates elected to permanently fill vacancies at all subsequent county conventions, and the list of at-large delegates. As the name of each delegate is called, the delegate shall state his or her choice for permanent chair. The person receiving the majority of the votes of the delegates present shall become the permanent chair. This process may be waived by 2/3 vote of the delegates present.

4. SELECTING THE TEMPORARY CHAIR OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT PORTIONS OF THE COUNTY

The temporary chair of each congressional district portion of a county shall be selected as follows:

If a chair of one of the current thirteen (13) congressional districts resides in a congressional district portion of the county, this person shall be the temporary chair of that congressional district portion of the county.

If no chair of one of the current thirteen (13) congressional districts resides in a congressional district portion of the county or is unable to attend the county convention, then the vice chair of the congressional district shall be the temporary chair of that congressional district portion of the county.

If no chair or vice chair of one of the current thirteen (13) congressional districts resides in the congressional district portion of the county or is unable

to attend the county convention, then the chair of the congressional district shall designate the temporary chair of that congressional district portion of the county.

If no chair, vice chair or chair's designee of one of the current thirteen (13) congressional districts resides in a congressional district portion of the county or is unable to attend the county convention, then the county chair (or the District Chair, if in Wayne County) shall select the temporary chair of that congressional district portion of the county.

5. COUNTY CONVENTION DELEGATES

A. Delegates

Delegates to county conventions held Thursday, February 15, 2024, for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to the District Convention, shall be the precinct delegates as elected at the August 2, 2022 primary election, those precinct delegates elected to permanently fill vacancies at all subsequent county conventions, and the most recent Republican nominees for state senate, state representative, county-wide and county commission positions, all incumbent Republican members of the State Legislature, the Michigan Congressional delegation, Statewide Officeholders, the Republican National Committeeman and National Committeewoman from Michigan and Michigan Republican Party Officers (see Rule 5B) where such person resides in the county in question. These persons will be henceforth referred to as "at-large delegates."

In the event that a delegate arrives at the county convention following its commencement, that individual shall be immediately seated after reporting to the secretary of the county convention. Such delegate thereafter shall cast his/her vote on all convention business.

B. Candidates as Delegates

All Republican members of the State Legislature and the Michigan Congressional delegation shall be entitled to attend the county convention as delegates at-large of the county convention where such person resides.

The following Statewide Officeholders shall be entitled to attend the county convention as delegates at-large of the county convention where such person resides:

1. The governor, if the Governor is a Republican;
2. The lieutenant governor, if the Lieutenant Governor is a Republican;
3. The secretary of state, if the Secretary of State is a Republican;
4. The attorney general, if the Attorney General is a Republican;
5. A United States senator, if the United States Senator is a Republican;
6. A Member of the State Board of Education, if the Member of the State Board of Education is a Republican;

7. A Member of the State Board of Education, if the Member of the State Board of Education is a Republican; A Member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents, if the Member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents is a Republican;
8. A Member of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees, if the Member of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees is a Republican; and
9. A Member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors, if the Member of the Wayne State University Board of Governors is a Republican.

The most recent person nominated as a Republican candidate for state legislative or county office shall also be a delegate at-large to the Thursday, February 15, 2024 county convention in which such person maintains his/her legal residence.

Officers of the Michigan Republican Party, as defined in the Bylaws of the Michigan Republican State Committee (as amended), the thirteen (13) Congressional District Chairs and the Republican National Committeeman and National Committeewoman from Michigan shall also be delegates at -large to the Thursday, February 15, 2024 county convention in which such person maintains his/her legal residence.

The number of delegates at-large shall be in addition to the number of delegates specified in the call for the Thursday, February 15, 2024 county conventions.

C. Filling of Precinct Delegate Vacancies

For purposes of filling a vacancy in precincts where no precinct delegate was elected, a county convention may fill such vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term by a majority vote of the precinct delegates present, provided that the vacancy shall be filled by a person who is a qualified registered elector residing in the precinct in which such vacancy occurs.

For purposes of filling a vacancy in precincts where a vacancy results from a precinct delegate, duly elected, having died, resigned, or changed voter registration out of the precinct from which they precinct delegate was elected, a county convention may fill such vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term by a majority vote of the precinct delegates present, provided that the vacancy shall be filled by a person who is a qualified registered elector residing in the precinct in which such vacancy occurs.

Where a precinct delegate vacancy is filled on a permanent basis, the convention chair and secretary shall forward such names and addresses with precincts/wards indicated to the MRP Headquarters and County Clerks by Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time, along with the certified list of delegates and alternates to the District Convention.

In a county convention, the convention, acting as one body, shall determine whether to fill precinct delegate vacancies, and shall, if it shall so determine, fill such vacancies. In no event shall a precinct delegate vacancy be filled, either on a permanent or temporary basis, until after all voting for District Convention delegates or alternate is completely finished.

D. No Restriction on Qualification of Delegates

The individuals who can attend and participate in the Thursday, February 15, 2024 county conventions are referenced in these Rules. The county convention may not adopt or enforce any restriction on the qualification of the delegates who can attend and participate in the Thursday, February 15, 2024 county conventions, including but not limited to, the requirement that a county convention delegate must be a dues-paying member or a contributor to the county party in question.

E. Participation in Other Political Party Conventions and Nominations Prohibited

Persons who have been a delegate or alternate to a convention or a candidate of a political party other than the Republican Party shall be ineligible to be a delegate or alternate to a Republican County convention or the District Convention during the same 2-year election cycle.

6. PROXY VOTING PROHIBITED

No delegate to any convention or caucus governed by these Rules may give a proxy to represent him/her at such convention or caucus.

7. DELEGATE APPORTIONMENT TO DISTRICT CONVENTION

The number of delegates elected to the District Convention shall be apportioned to the several counties in proportion to the number of votes cast for the Republican candidate for Secretary of State in each of said counties, respectively, at the 2022 November election. This apportionment shall be determined by the Credentials Committee. No delegation may be enlarged by apportioning a fractional vote to each of the delegates. In addition to the proportionate number of delegates allocated to each county, all incumbent Republican members of the State Legislature and the Michigan Congressional delegation, Statewide Officeholders, the Republican National Committeeman and National Committeewoman from Michigan, Michigan Republican Party Officers, all members of the Michigan Republican Party State Committee, and the thirteen (13) Congressional District Chairs (see Rule 5B), shall be entitled to attend the District Convention as delegates at large of the congressional district in which they reside. The authority to approve the final apportionment of delegates to the District Convention is delegated to the Credentials Committee.

8. METHOD OF ELECTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

The county conventions may exercise one of two options for electing District Convention delegates and alternates - the apportionment method or the at-large method. If the apportionment method is used and there are still vacancies in the District Convention

delegation, or alternate slates following such elections, these may only be filled by an at-large vote.

In order to recognize the importance of precinct delegates, a precinct delegate duly elected at the August 2, 2022 primary election shall be given preference (over a non-precinct delegate) to be elected as a delegate or alternate to the District Convention. Between two or more such precinct delegates, no preference shall be given. In order to recognize Hard-Working Republicans, who may not be precinct delegates, a county convention, acting as one body, may authorize the election of eligible individuals (not to exceed 10% of the number of District Convention delegates allocated to that county or congressional district portion or up to two individuals, whichever is greater) not subject to this preference, as though they were, to attend the District Convention as delegates or alternates. In counties containing more than one congressional district or congressional district portion, the actual selection of individuals to whom this preference shall be granted, if authorized by the full county convention, shall be executed in the respective district of the county convention. Violation of this preference requirement is subject to challenge pursuant to Rule 8C.

To facilitate this process, before any voting on the delegates or alternates to the District Convention occurs, the chair of the county convention or the congressional district or congressional district portion sub-convention shall make an announcement seeking the names of those precinct delegates in attendance who wish to attend the District Convention as a delegate or alternate.

The precinct delegate preference requirement may not be compromised by use of the apportionment method. Under the precinct delegate preference requirement, a precinct delegate is given preference even if the precinct delegate lives in a different city, township, or district under an apportionment method. Stated differently, a non-precinct delegate who lives in an apportionment district, may not be given preference from a particular apportionment district over a precinct delegate who lives in another apportionment district.

Any person is eligible to run for delegate or alternate to the District Convention irrespective of whether they are precinct delegates or in attendance; however, if a precinct delegate does not attend the county convention, only such precinct delegates who have provided a Notification (see Rule 1) shall be entitled to the precinct delegate preference.

The numerical ranking of alternate delegates to the District Convention is not subject to the precinct delegate preference requirement; however, in a county using the apportionment method or containing more than one congressional district or portions of more than one congressional district, the county convention (as a whole) may choose to apply the precinct delegate preference only to alternate order within the individual caucuses electing alternates and to allow countywide numerical order to be determined in a manner that respects convention numerical order.

For the purposes of these Rules, certain at-large delegates to the county convention (the most recent Republican nominees for state senate, state representative, county-wide and county

commission positions where such person resides in the county in question) shall be given the same preference as precinct delegates to be elected as a delegate or alternate to the District Convention. Between two or more precinct delegates or such at-large delegates, no preference shall be given.

County conventions shall elect alternates to the District Convention in the same number and in the same manner as the election of delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be registered electors of their respective counties and districts, and no delegate or alternate will be entitled to a seat in the District Convention who does not reside in the county and district he or she proposes to represent. In a county containing more than one congressional district or portions of more than one congressional district, the various congressional districts or portions of congressional districts shall convene separately at that county convention for purposes of District Convention delegates and alternate selection; delegates from one congressional district may not select District Convention delegates and alternates with respect to another congressional district.

A. Apportionment Method of Electing District Convention Delegates and Alternates

At the time of issuing the call for a county convention, the chair of the county executive committee may apportion to the various wards, precincts, townships, cities, or districts, of such county the delegates to the District Convention to which such county is entitled.

The delegates to the county convention from each ward, precinct, township, city, or district, as the case may be, shall choose the delegates to the District Convention that have been apportioned to such ward, precinct, township, city, or district. The number of delegates so apportioned to the several wards, precincts, townships, cities and districts shall approximate, as nearly as may be, the number of delegates to which said county may be entitled.

If the apportionment system of delegate selection is employed in accordance with Rule 1, contiguous, townships, cities, or electoral districts, as the case may be, may be joined together for the purpose of creating single or multi-delegate districts for the purpose of state delegate and alternate selection; provided, however: (1) townships, cities, or districts which may be joined together must be contiguous to each other; and (2) only whole townships, cities, or districts may be joined together - no divisions of these jurisdictions within a county's boundaries shall be permitted.

If the apportionment system of delegate and alternate selection is used, the apportionment system must be based on the same formula referenced in Rule 7 to apportion District Convention delegates (i.e. based on the 2022 vote for the Republican candidate for Secretary of State).

Under an apportionment system of delegate and alternate selection, when the electing bodies (ward, precinct, township, city, or district, as the case may be) created for delegate and alternate selection have completed their selections, such choices are final and may not be

changed by the full county convention except only to maintain the precinct delegate preference requirement.

In the event that a delegate and alternate selection district (ward, precinct, township, city, or district, as the case may be) does not elect its full delegation, then such vacancies in the delegation to the District Convention shall be filled, at-large, by the full county convention. An apportionment method of electing delegates to the District Convention shall be utilized, all delegates shall be apportioned; there shall not be reservations of certain state delegate positions as at-large positions.

An apportionment plan which satisfies the requirements of these Rules must be precisely followed by the county convention and cannot be changed or ignored by the convention or any sub-unit of the convention. As indicated in Rule 1, any apportionment plan to be used at the county conventions must be devised prior to the issuance of the call to the delegates and must be included with the call to the delegates.

B. At-Large Method of Electing District Convention Delegates and Alternates

If the at-large method is used, or if the apportionment method is used but is not completed or followed in the selection of delegates, the convention shall choose the delegate or delegates to which such ward, precinct, township, city or district may be entitled.

When selecting delegates and alternates at-large in a county convention, there is no requirement for apportionment of District Convention delegates or alternates to any areas of the county. All delegates and alternates are selected by the entire county convention; provided, however, that in a county containing more than one congressional district or portions of more than one congressional district, the various congressional districts or portions of congressional districts shall caucus separately at that county convention for purposes of District Convention delegate and alternate selection.

Conventions may employ any one of several methods of at-large delegate and alternate selection:

1. Nominations from the floor. If nominations are made individually, then if the number of nominees exceeds the number of District Convention delegates and alternates, each convention delegate votes for each position on the District Convention delegate and alternate slate.
2. A nominating committee may be appointed by the chair. The chair of the county convention or the county portion of a congressional district may appoint a committee to draw up a proposed slate of delegates. This committee may be of any size. The committee then develops a proposed slate of delegates and alternates, which is presented to the convention for approval.

Chairs often appoint a nominating committee weeks before the actual convention so that the names chosen for the slate are carefully researched and selected. For this to be permissible, the convention chair must reappoint the same committee at the convention.

Whenever nomination is by nominating committee, the rules adopted for that convention should include a clause stating that “the report of the delegate selection committee (or something similar) shall be received.”

Once the slate of nominees is received, the chair of the county convention shall open the floor for further nominations. All nominees shall be listed in order by nomination beginning with the slate of nominees from the nominating committee, and each convention delegate votes for each position on the District Convention delegate and alternate slate.

If nominations are by slate from a nominating committee, the slate must comply with the precinct delegate preference provisions of this rule.

(3) A secret ballot system may be enacted in a County Convention of delegates for people who wish to attend district convention.

C. Credentials Challenges

All credentials’ challenges shall be filed with the MRP no later than 5:00 PM Eastern Time, Friday, February 23, 2024; provided, however, that the Credentials Committee may extend this challenge deadline if the chair of the county convention subject to challenge fails to report the delegate/alternate list in accordance with the time frames established by Rule 9. Such challenge must be signed. Since the burden of proof necessary to sustain a challenge is upon the challenger, some tangible evidence of the challenge must be provided to the Credentials Committee as part of the challenge. (Unless extended as provided herein) shall be considered. Only credential challenges timely filed shall be decided by a State Credentials Committee comprised of the State Party Chair, State Party Co-Chair, the MRP General Counsel, the Policy Committee Chair, the Issues Committee Chair, the RNC National Committeeman and Committeewoman. Such committee shall be chaired by the State Party Chair who shall call a meeting of the Committee by Monday, February 26, 2024, at a time and location the State Party Chair shall establish. The State Credentials Committee may meet, if the Chair so desires, via conference call.

Immediately upon receipt of a challenge, the Credentials Committee shall provide notice to the chair of the county convention subject to challenge and, if time permits, the chair of the county convention subject to challenge may offer a response to the challenge. The Credentials Committee’s decision shall be communicated to the challenger and the chair of the county convention subject to the challenge within 48 hours after the decision is made. The Credentials Committee’s decisions shall be communicated to the District Convention on Saturday, March 2, 2024, and shall not be subject to change by the full District Convention absent a majority vote of the delegates present and voting. The Credentials Committee’s decisions shall result in the issuance of credentials by the Convention officers prior to the district Convention on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024.

9. PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

The chair of each county convention shall send a certified list electronically in Microsoft Excel format of the delegates and alternates chosen by such county convention in a form prescribed by the State Party Chair to the MRP by 5:00 PM Eastern Time of Wednesday, February 21, 2024, and to the District Chair. Each delegate certification list shall provide the registered voting address and preferable email of each District Convention delegate and alternate so that the temporary roll of the District Convention may be prepared. Any delegate certification list not received electronically in Excel format by the MRP by 8:00 PM Eastern Time of Wednesday, February 21, 2024, will not be received and therefore will have to be presented before the District Credentials Committee (see Rule 8C) prior to seating any delegate from the county convention in question.

The District Party Chair shall make available a list of the delegates and alternates for a particular county convention to: (1) any District Convention candidate, or his or her representative; or (2) any delegate or alternate delegate to the county convention in question.

10. ISSUANCE OF CREDENTIALS

All credentials shall be issued by Convention officers at a location or locations convenient to the sites of the congressional district caucuses and the District Convention. Credentials shall only be issued to each delegate, alternate, guest, or VIP personally and individually, and no other person is authorized to pick up credentials on behalf of such person. Prior to being issued credentials, each delegate, alternate, guest, or VIP, shall identify himself or herself by presenting an official state identification card, operator's or driver's license, or other generally recognized government issued picture identification card. All credentials' challenges shall be decided by the Credentials Committee.

DELEGATE COMMITMENT

Before an individual may serve as a delegate or alternate to the 2024 Republican National Convention (or "National Convention"), that an individual shall sign a presidential preference for including 1 of the following:

- a. The name of the candidate for president of the United States that he or she is bound to vote for at each stage of the nominating process until the end of the second ballot at the 2024 National Convention, unless otherwise released from that commitment as set forth in these rules. The presidential preference for, once filed, may not be amended.
- b. If, at any time, in the event that the uncommitted vote becomes entitled to an allocation of National Convention delegates and alternates consistent with RNC Rules, then an individual shall be allowed to amend his/her presidential preference form to include a statement that the individual is uncommitted regarding the candidates for president of the United States.

An individual elected as a delegate to the 2024 Republican National Convention is bound to vote at each stage of the presidential nomination

process until the end of the second ballot at the 2024 Republican National Convention for the candidate for president of the United States that he or she designated a commitment to on the presidential preference form as required before his or her election. All candidates for National Convention delegate and alternate shall file the form required above with the Credential Committee by the date prescribed by the RNC, which is prior to the vote for National Convention delegates and alternates at each district convention.

In the event that a Republican presidential candidate is not allocated and/or loses delegates and alternate delegates, each individual signing a presidential preference form bearing the name of such candidate shall be deemed to be an “uncommitted” delegate or alternate delegate to the National Convention.

11. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

The delegates and alternates to the District Convention shall meet in thirteen (13) congressional district conventions to be held at 10 AM Eastern Time on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024, for the following purposes:

- First vote for the Presidential Candidate
- The next order of business will be to select three National Delegates and Alternates from each Congressional District Delegation. All National Convention Delegate and Alternate candidates will commit during District Conventions prior to the Presidential vote to one of the Presidential Candidates receiving district delegates.
- Each district shall select three (3) delegates to the National Republican Convention and three (3) alternates to the National Republican Convention.
- The election of:
 - one (1) National Committeeman
 - one (1) National Committeewoman
- Transacting other such business as may properly come before the District Convention

All congressional district caucuses shall follow Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised on matters not covered by these Rules. Before the officers are appointed for each congressional district caucus, District Convention delegate vacancies shall be filled as provided in Rule 12.

The chair of each congressional district caucus shall be selected as follows:

If a chair of one of the current thirteen (13) congressional districts resides in the congressional district, this person shall be the chair of that congressional district caucus.

If no chair of one of the current thirteen (13) congressional districts resides in the congressional district, or is unable to attend the district caucus, then

the vice chair of the congressional district shall serve as chair of that congressional district convention.

If no chair or vice chair of one of the current thirteen (13) congressional districts resides in the congressional district, or is unable to attend the district caucus, then the chair of the congressional district shall designate the chair of that congressional district convention.

If no chair, vice chair, or chair's designee, of one of the current thirteen (13) congressional districts resides in the congressional district or is unable to attend the district caucus, then the State Party Chair shall select the chair of that congressional district convention.

The permanent chair for the Congressional District Convention may not be an employee or contracted to a Presidential Candidate Committee or a Super PAC endorsing a Presidential Candidate.

12. FILLING DISTRICT CONVENTION DELEGATE VACANCIES

In order to increase participation at the congressional District Convention, the elevation of alternates to delegates shall be a nondiscretionary, automatic and consistently applied process. At all times during the congressional district Convention, alternates shall be automatically elevated to delegates. The District Chairs and other Convention officers have the authority to elevate alternates. Any challenges to the elevation of alternates shall be determined by the Credentials Committee.

District Convention delegate vacancies shall be filled from the alternates within the same county and congressional district as the absent delegate. Thus, if a delegate vacancy is from the 6th congressional district portion of Oakland County, then it must be filled by a duly elected alternate from the 6th district portion of Oakland County. Similarly, if the delegate vacancy is from the Wayne County portion of the 12th district, then the vacancy can only be filled by a duly elected alternate from the Wayne County portion of the 12th district.

In filling vacancies at either the district caucus or on the floor of the District Convention, counties must use the numerical elevation system of alternate elevation. Under this system, alternates within the county or county portion of a congressional district are elected on a numerical basis (first alternate, second alternate, etc.) by the convention or county portion of a congressional district at the time of their election and are elevated to fill delegate vacancies in that order. Thus, the first alternate is given the first vacancy, and so on.

In the event that a delegate arrives or returns to either the district caucus or District Convention floor after an alternate has taken his or her place, the delegate immediately resumes his or her place and shall cast his or her vote on all business which occurs thereafter.

Where an alternate has been elevated and the delegate whose position he or she has taken returns to claim his or her seat, the alternate shall be returned to the alternate pool in his or her original ranked alternate order.

13. PURPOSES OF STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Michigan Republican State Committee (“MRSC”) directs that the State Committee of the delegated representatives of the Republican Party of Michigan be held on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024, at no later than 8:30 PM Eastern Time for the following purposes:

- The first order of business is to confirm the primary election results and award the 16 official RNC delegates, by apportionment to candidates receiving a threshold of at least 12.5% of the vote.
- The allocation of delegates will be based on the results as reported by the Michigan Secretary of State as of 6 pm EST on March 1, 2024. The individuals allocated to each candidate will be selected from their submitted loyal delegate supporters.
- The delegates will be divided by rounding down to the nearest number. A threshold of 12.5 % is required to receive any delegates. Each candidate will receive two delegates for hitting the threshold of 12.5 % popular vote, and an additional one delegate for each additional 6.25% popular vote total achieved. All delegates that remain unallocated after applying the threshold and 6.25% increments will be allocated to the plurality winner.
- These at large RNC and Bonus Delegates shall be bound for two rounds to their candidate.
- The campaign of the presidential candidates shall nominate one name for each delegate and alternate awarded by the apportionment vote, with provision for back up names, if the campaigns’ selected delegates and alternates choose not to attend the National Convention. The list must be received by the MiGOP by February 28, 2024 however the names will not be confirmed until the March 2, 2024 State Committee Meeting.
- The three RNC Member Delegates will be assigned as the first three delegates to the top Primary vote getter.
- Receive reports of the election in the thirteen (13) congressional district caucuses of three (3) delegates to the National Republican Convention and three (3) alternates to the National Republican Convention

- the election of:
 1. one (1) National Committeeman
 2. one (1) National Committeewoman

- transacting other such business as may properly come before the District Convention.

14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION REPORTS

Each congressional district caucus report shall be submitted to the secretary of the MRP prior to the convening of the State Committee at no later than 8:30 PM Eastern Time on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Each congressional district convention report shall list the names, mailing and email addresses, and phone numbers of the: three (3) delegates to the National Republican Convention and three (3) alternates to the National Republican Convention

15. A REPRESENTATIVE DELEGATION

Participation in the Republican County and District conventions shall in no way be abridged for reasons of sex, race, religion, color, age, or national origin, and the county and District conventions shall encourage the broadest possible participation by everyone in party affairs.

16. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION RULES

In addition to the District Chairs, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman who are automatic Convention officers, the District Party Chair shall appoint the Temporary Convention Chair, Secretary, and any other officers the District Party Chair sees fit to govern the District Convention.

7. All Districts shall use the rules in the template provided in the Exhibit to the State Rules. These rules cannot be waived at the March 2nd, 2024 District Convention.

17. WAIVER

In the event that these Rules, or any part thereof, are inconsistent with state law or the Rules of the Republican Party as adopted by the 2024 Republican National Convention (the “RNC Rules”), the Credentials Committee is hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to: 1) obtain a waiver from the Republican National Committee to insure that these Rules remain in full force and effect; and/or 2) comply with the RNC Rules.

18. AMENDMENTS TO THESE RULES

These Rules may not be amended without the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Michigan Republican State Committee elected and serving, and such vote must be in person or by proxy. Any proposals for amendment to these Rules shall be submitted to the State Party Chair and the Policy Committee Chair in writing, at least ten (10) days prior to their consideration.

19. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Any person seeking nomination at the Spring Congressional District Convention for the office of President of the United States of America shall be an official candidate on the ballot for the State of Michigan Presidential Convention and file an affidavit of candidacy (the “Affidavit of

Candidacy”) with the State Party Chair or her designee by Friday, January 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Affidavit of Candidacy forms shall be prepared by the State Party Chair, subject to Policy Committee approval.

The State Party Chair shall then communicate to the county conventions the names of the candidates that have properly filed Affidavits of Candidacy and are an official candidate on the ballot for the State of Michigan Presidential Primary within 24 hours of Policy Committee approval. Any person who does not properly file an Affidavit of Candidacy (either pursuant to this subsection (a) of this Rule) may not seek nomination at the Spring Congressional District Convention for a ballot office.

(b) Upon approval by the Policy Committee (pursuant to rule (c)), each candidate shall have one week to submit the candidate filing fee to the Michigan Republican Party to be eligible to be considered for that office by the convention body. Candidates who submit Affidavits of Candidacy for the position of President of the United States of America shall pay a filing fee equal to five percent of the annual salary of the corresponding office.

(c) Any person seeking nomination at the Spring Congressional District Convention for a ballot office, shall next seek the approval of the Policy Committee of the Michigan Republican State Committee (the “Policy Committee”) at a regular or special meeting of the Policy Committee which must be held no later than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Spring Congressional District Convention. Approval by the Policy Committee to such nomination for a ballot office shall be granted only if a candidate shall be an official candidate on the ballot for the State of Michigan Presidential Convention and file an affidavit of candidacy (the “Affidavit of Candidacy”) with the State Party Chair or her designee by Friday, January 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. For the purpose of approving/disapproving a nomination for a ballot office according to this Rule, the Policy Committee Chair may call a special meeting by means of teleconference. No proxy voting shall be allowed at any regular or special meeting of the Policy Committee where approval of the Policy Committee is being requested pursuant to this Rule.

EXHIBIT A

TEMPLATE FOR DISTRICT RULES
FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd, 2024
DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

____ DISTRICT REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR
THE MARCH 2nd, 2024 DISTRICT CONVENTION

1. The District Convention shall convene at 10:00 a.m. on March 2nd, 2024 at (location)_____
2. The District Convention shall abide by the most recently adopted rules by the MiGOP for the District Convention to be held on March 2nd, 2024 to the extent they are applicable to the District Convention.
3. The duly elected Delegates shall caucus for the following purpose:
 - To elect one (1) National Committeeman and one (1) National Committeewoman
 - To vote for the Republican Nominee for President of the United States.
 - To elect three (3) delegates and three (3) alternates to the Republican National ConventionDelegates shall be awarded based on the Resolution of Intent.
4. At the beginning of the Convention, the Rules Committee Report will be presented for approval.
5. The current District Chairperson shall preside as the Chairperson of the Convention and the District Secretary shall serve as the Secretary of the Convention. The Vice Chairperson shall be substituted for the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.
6. At the convention, each candidate for national convention delegate or alternate shall be entitled to make a (suggested 90 second) speech in support of his or her election.
7. Voting will be conducted Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 with delegate credentials verified and alternates elevated according to Michigan Republican Party Rules.
8. All nominees for the three District delegate and three alternate slots shall be put on the ballot to be distributed to all qualified delegates as part of the convention process.
9. All voting delegates shall be entitled to cast a vote for six RNC delegates/alternates. The delegate proportion shall be determined by the presidential nominee results in the district. The positions for each presidential bound delegate with the highest number of votes will be elected the delegate and the runner up for each bound position will be elected the alternates. If a person does not accept alternate status when results are announced, the person with the next highest number of votes who accepts will be an alternate.
10. In the event of a tie vote, the candidates may resolve it by mutual consent. In the absence of such consent, there shall be a coin toss observed by both candidates.
11. Candidates may withdraw from the District delegate and alternate election at any time prior to the start of the caucus by written notification to the District Chair. Their name will remain on the ballot, but votes cast for them will not be counted.
- 12.. These rules shall be available in advance of the start of the March 2nd, 2024 District Caucus as will a list of candidates for National Delegate and Alternate from the ____District.