

Standing Convention Rules Houston
County Republican Convention
March 22, 2025

1. Prior to the convention, the county chairman will designate an official clock. At the appointed hour, a designated sergeant-at-arms or other appointed county official shall stand at the end of any registration line in which there are potential delegates and alternates in line to register. No one may enter the registration line after the appointed hour.
2. The convention shall convene at exactly 10:00 a.m. The chairman may recess the convention briefly, if necessary, to allow for the completion of registration of any potential delegates and alternates who were determined to be in the registration line at 10:00 a.m.
3. The Credentials Committee shall make its report before any official convention business takes place. Neither the Credentials Committee nor the convention has the authority to seat any delegate or alternate who was not registered or in line to register at 10:00 a.m.
4. To begin the convention, the county chairman and county secretary shall fill the temporary positions. In the event the chair is not present, the next ranking county officer present shall fill the position. In the event the secretary is not present, the chair shall appoint someone to fill that position. Following the final credentials report and seating of the delegates and any alternates who were moved up to delegate status during the credentialing process, a permanent convention chair and secretary shall be elected.
5. Only properly credentialed and seated delegates, including any alternates who were moved up to delegate status during the credentialing process, may vote or be recognized to make a motion, second a motion, speak, or comment on a motion during the convention.
6. The Convention shall not transact business while any committees are in session. Any committees appointed by the convention chairman shall report to the convention at the time prescribed by the convention chair, presenting for vote those items requiring a vote.
7. All candidates wishing to be considered as a Houston County Republican Party officer must submit a political resume to the Nominating Committee chairman by the deadline listed in the Houston County GOP announcement provided at Precinct Caucus. Candidates must meet with the Nominating Committee at the committee's request prior to the report of the committee. No nominations will be taken from the floor.
8. All candidates wishing to be considered as a delegate or alternate to the 8th District Convention, a delegate or alternate to the 2nd District Convention, or a delegate or alternate to the Georgia Republican Party State Convention must submit the required paperwork provided at County Convention.
9. The Nominating Committee shall be charged with-making a single nomination for each Houston County Republican Party officer post to be elected and shall present a slate of qualified candidates to the convention.

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10. Each contested Houston County Republican Party officer post will have an individual election. The candidate receiving fifty percent (50%) plus one of the delegate votes cast shall win the post. In the event that no candidate achieves such a majority, the vote count will be announced, opportunity will be given to candidates to drop out, and a second vote shall be taken. In the event that no candidate achieves such a majority after the second vote, the candidate receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped from the nominees, and a new vote shall be taken with the process repeated until a candidate receives the required majority.
11. Each qualified candidate for a contested post shall have an opportunity to address the convention for no more than two minutes except for the office of chairman, for which four minutes will be allotted. Each candidate may have up to two seconding speakers who will be limited to two minutes each.
12. Non-contested posts for Houston County Republican Party officer positions shall be voted on by the convention as a slate.
13. The Nominating Committee shall be charged with making a single nomination for a slate of delegates to the 8th District Convention, the 2nd District Convention, and the Georgia Republican Party State Convention consisting of the number of members authorized in the Call of the Georgia Republican Party. Any voting delegate at the Houston County Republican Party convention may place one or more slates of delegates into nomination from the floor, provided that all persons on the nominated slate have filled out the required paperwork and have been deemed qualified by the Nominating Committee prior to the Nominating Committee report.
14. Delegates to each district convention can only be voted on by the delegates in attendance who reside in that congressional district.
15. Each contested slate will have an individual election as between the opposing slates. The slate receiving fifty percent (50%) plus one of the votes cast shall win the election. In the event that no slate achieves such a majority, the vote count will be announced, and the slate receiving the fewest votes shall be dropped from the nominees and a new vote shall be taken with the process repeated from the nominees until a single slate receives the required majority. One proponent of each slate shall be allowed to address the convention for no more than two minutes.
16. The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12th Edition* shall govern the Convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the State, County, or District Republican Party Rules and these Standing Rules.