

Rules and Procedure for the Yellowstone County Democratic Central Committee Special Convention for the purpose of selecting three candidates for submission to the Yellowstone County Commissioners to appoint a Representative to the Montana Legislature to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Emma-Kerr-Carpenter, HD 46.

December 9, 2024, 6:00 PM, BEA Conference Room

Please sign in as you enter the meeting hall. Voting members will receive an envelope with a ballot.

The voting members of the special convention per MDP Rules, Adopted July 21, 2023, are Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen. There are no proxy votes. Twenty percent of the eligible voters constitute a quorum.

1. Call to Order by YCDCC Chair Becky Riedl
2. Approval of the Rules and Procedure
3. Appointment of ballot counters (non-voting members)
4. Call for nominations

Nominations must be made and seconded by a voting member. Members making nominations will be allowed two minutes to speak and members seconding nominations will be allowed one minute.

To be eligible as a candidate a nominee must be:

eighteen years old and a US Citizen,
a resident of Montana for one year prior to appointment,
a resident of Yellowstone County for six months prior to appointment and
cannot be subject to term limits which would preclude serving in the Montana Senate.

A nominee does not have to be a voting member of the YCDCC.

Names of nominees will be listed on a visible board in the order in which they are nominated.

5. Speeches by the candidates

By lottery, each nominee will be called upon to accept the nomination and be given five minutes to speak to his or her candidacy.

If a nominee is not present, they may designate a proxy to accept and speak on their behalf.

6. Balloting

Voting members will write up to three names on their ballot. Voting members may not vote for a nominee more than once on the same ballot.

Ballots will be collected and counted. A candidate may have an observer of the counting.

Ballot counters will report to the meeting chairperson who will announce the results.

In the case of a tie, a runoff ballot will be cast by the voting members.

7. Submission to the County Commissioners

The three candidates' names will be submitted by the YCDCC Chairperson to Yellowstone County Commissioners by _____.

8. Adjournment