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ORDER OF EVENTS FOR OUR 2026
GRANVILLE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CONVENTION



Chair - Jackie Ulshafer
Secretary - MaryEllen Yager
Finance Committee Chair – Deborah Gaul

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Invocation - Frank Sossamon- Retired Pastor and Candidate for NC House District 32 **12:00 pm**

Pledge - Gary Kanady - Retired Navy Captain **-12:02 pm**

Welcome - Jackie Ulshafer - Granville County GOP Chair **-12:03**

Appointment of Convention Officers - Chairwoman Jackie Ulshafer **-12:04**

- Convention Chairman - Michael Magnanti
- Sergeant at Arms - Robert Bristow
- Parliamentarian - Mike Phillips
- Credentials Committee Chair - Nancy Rector
- Secretary -MaryEllen Yager
- Teller Committee Chair -Debby Butler
- Official Timekeeper - Vice-Chairman Jacob Moore

Speakers - introduced by Michael Magnanti

Amanda LaBrecque - District 6 Board of Education and Candidate County Commissioner **-12:04**

~~Luke Farley - Commissioner of Labor -12:08~~

Jacob Moore - Granville County GOP Vice-Chair - **12:13**

Roger Farina - District 13 Chairman - **12:17**

Frank Sossamon - Candidate for and former NC District 32 Rep **-12:19**

Chris Stock - Candidate for NC District 18 Senate **-12:21**

Russ May - Granville County Commissioner District 5 - **12:23pm**

Mark Griffin - Granville County Commissioner District 3 **-12:25**

Danielle Hayes - Granville County Board of Education Member District 5 - **12:27**

Jennifer Lavrack – Granville County Board of Education District 6

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Deborah Gaul - Finance Chair - 12:15
Georgana Kicinski - Creedmoor Board of Commissioners -12:29
Ed Sosa - Butner Town Council -12:31
Joshua Shank - Butner Town Council and Candidate District 7 County Commissioner -12:33
Joe Sinnema - Candidate District 2 County Commissioner -12:35
Dave Warren – On behalf of Laurie Buckhout – 12:56
Jeff Hauser on behalf of Brad Knott - NC District 13 Congressional Representative – 1:07pm

Call to Order - Michael W. Magnanti - 1:09 pm

- Introduction of Mike Philips - Parliamentarian

Credentials Committee Report - Credentials Committee Chair - Nancy Rector - 1:10pm

- Credentials report submitted for acceptance:
 - o 37 delegates in attendance – all precincts but 3 attended in person yr/yr improvement
 - o All delegate vetting complete
 - o Submitted delegate list for District and State convention
 - o Mike M motions to accept credential report; vote: unanimously accepted

Vote on Proposed Convention Rules-

- Mike M motions to accept rules; 19 required to approve; no questions raised, vote for acceptance, 100% unanimous

Adopt the 2025 Convention Minutes-

- 2025 Convention Minutes accepted – no vote required

Vote on Delegates to the District and State Conventions -

- Vice Chair presented delegate lists and vote taken: unanimously accepted all

Treasurer Report - Treasurer Terese Dickerson -

- Building Fund: \$850.50; General Fund: \$768.00

Executive Committee Chairman's Report - Chairwoman Jackie Ulshafer-

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- Appreciation expressed for the great job Terese has done over the last year as Treasurer. A very difficult and complex year. Many thanks to Terese
- Discussed great fundraising efforts over the year w/ focus on relationship building and fundraising. Examples: Pancake supper, Lasangna and Line Dancing, and Hot Sauce Festival.
- Successful mid term elections come from Party UNITY; all working toward same goal of electing Republicans. Participation and activity will drive voting success in the Fall

Adoption of the 2025 Plan of Organization for 2026 - Michael W. Magnanti

No Amendments offered this year.

- Unanimous adoption of 2025 POO for 2026

Resolutions - Michael W. Magnanti -

- Resolution #1: Fully Close Partisan Primary Elections in NC
 - o Clarity: Align NC to established Federal case law;
 - o Discussion: Kristin Kanady (Wilton) asks, is there support for this from other counties?; Answer from MM is in the affirmative
 - Roger Farina D13 Chair – Central Committee presented resolution to NCGOP Chair, Simmons who enthusiastically supports
 - Amor (Creedmoor) comments in support
 - Ed Compton (East Oxford) Opposed: concern over unaffiliated supporting Repubs; discussed the impact of unaffiliated v repub voters
 - Gary Kanady (Wilton) – comments in support of resolution citing success in KY and TN
 - Nancy Rector (East Oxford) – ensure deadlines to update voting registration are well communicated
 - Deborah Gaul (Creedmoor) in support of closed primary given the recent election cycle weaponization
 - Jackie Ulshafer (Sassafras) – People should decide their party vs. staying in the middle lane; is in support
 - Ed Sosa (Creedmoor) – concerned over losing votes from conservatives
 - Terese Dickerson (Wilton) – in support

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- Bernard Nelson – (Wilton) in support
- Mike Magnanti raises motion to adopt Resolution as written: All in favor say Aye: Ayes=36 Nays=1 Motion is carried and Resolution adopted
- o Resolution #2 Resolution to bar certain convicted Felons from serving as officers of Any County, District, or the State party.
 - Discussion: Jacob Moore (Mt. Energy) moves to adopt as written;
 - Vote: 100% Ayes – Resolution adopted
- o Resolution #3 Censure of NC Senator Thom Tillis
 - Discussion: Mike Butler (Wilton) – not in favor of the resolution given Tillis leaving office anyway
 - MaryEllen Yager (Corinth) – Insisting on standards for conduct of our elected officials is vital and Tillis crossed the line
 - Amor (Creedmoor) – in favor of Resolution
 - Jacob Moore (Mt Energy) – in favor
 - Mike Magnanti calls for vote for adoption: 100% Ayes have it – Censure adopted.

At-large Executive Committee Elections

Officer Candidates

- Gary Kanady
- Mike Butler
- Margaret Shanley
- John Gaul

Nominations from the Floor

- Margaret Shanley (South Oxford) nominates Cindy Metcalf (South Oxford) for Executive Committee: Second by Deborah Gaul
- Bruce LeGates (Salem) nominated Bob Rodgers (Salem) for Executive Committee: Second by Russ May (Wilton)

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- Mike Magnanti requests motion to close nominations: Motion to close raised by Mike Butler, second: Margaret Shanley:
 - o Vote: Ayes unanimously to close nominations
 - o Vote: approve nominations: Ayes unanimously

Election of Officers -teller committee will hand out and pickup ballots

- Vice Chair - All candidates seeking ExCom offices submitted for vote approval
 - o Vote: Ayes unanimously

Swearing in of new Officers –

- GOP Chairwoman swears in all new and returning members of the Executive Committee

Benediction - Jacob Moore – 2:07

Motion to adjourn: Sue Hinman (Credle); Second: Maggie Dickerson, (Wilton) Ayes have it motion carried

Adjourn -2:09

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