AGOP COUNTY CONVENTION
RULES FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2026
Approved by Slate Committee
November 2, 2026

ALLEGAN COUNTY
REPUBLICANS

1. 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.

A Permanent chair shall be elected as follows: The county chair shall cause to be read both the list of precinct delegates duly elected at the August 4, 2026 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. The reading of the list of delegates may be waived by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting. A roll call will be held at this time.

The Temporary Chair shall open the floor for nominations for Permanent Chair. Voting members may nominate candidates for Convention Chairperson and a motion shall be made to close nominations. The motion to close nominations shall require a majority vote. A standing vote shall be taken and the candidate who receives the highest number of votes shall be declared Convention Chairperson. The convention has the option to conduct the vote for permanent chair by secret ballot.

2. Convention Secretary

The Convention Chair shall open the floor for nominations. Voting members may nominate candidates for Convention Secretary and a motion shall be made to close nominations. The motion to close nominations shall require a majority vote. A standing vote shall be taken and the candidate who receives the highest number of votes shall be declared Convention Secretary.

3. Convention Delegates

Delegates to county convention held November 19, 2026, for the purpose of electing members of the 2027-28 Executive Committee, shall be the precinct delegates as elected at the August 4, 2026, 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 the Michigan Republican Party Officers (see Rule 5B), and the Voting Members of the Michigan Republican Party

State Committee 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.

4. Filling of Precinct Delegate Vacancies

For purposes of filling a vacancy in precincts where no precinct delegate was elected, the 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. A Precinct Delegate Affidavit of Identity must be submitted to the Credentials Committee before the elevation process begins.

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 the precinct delegate was elected, the 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 by 12:00 noon on November 23, 2026, at Michigan Eastern Time. Failure to forward such names in this manner shall mean that the vacancy was filled temporarily.

The county convention, acting as one body, shall determine whether to fill precinct delegate vacancies. However, in no event shall a precinct delegate vacancy be filled, either on a permanent or temporary basis, until after all voting for the election of the 2027-28 Executive Committee is finished.

5. No Restriction on Qualification of Delegates

The individuals who can attend and participate in the November 19th, 2026, county convention are referenced in these Rules. The county convention may not adopt or enforce any restriction on the qualification of the delegates who attend and participate in the November 19th, 2026 county convention, 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.

6. Participation in Other Political Party Conventions and Nominations Prohibited (MI Bylaws Section E)

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 Convention or the State Convention during the same two-year election cycle.

7. Proxy Voting Prohibited

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

8. Election of Executive Committee by Ballot

A. <u>Qualifying Nominations:</u>

1. Names are submitted by persons interested in becoming a member of the 2027-28 Executive Committee by Saturday, November 14th, 2026, 8:00 p.m. must notify the secretary to secretary@allegangop.net.
2. Nominations from the floor are permitted.
3. Names submitted before the convention are arranged in alphabetical order onto a ballot.
4. The AGOP Secretary shall arrange the ballot and print it before the beginning of the convention.
5. No names shall be removed from the ballot unless a person is present and asks to be removed.
6. Candidates for the Executive Committee will be given up to 1 minute to speak if there are more candidates than positions.
7. Candidates who are neither elected nor elevated precinct delegates will be indicated on the ballot.

B. <u>Instructions to Delegates:</u>

1. DO NOT OVERVOTE! Any ballot with more than 20 votes for executive committee members shall have that portion of the ballot spoiled. If you make a mistake, turn in and spoil your ballot with the secretary and receive a new blank ballot. Count your votes to verify there are no excess votes.
2. If desired, take a picture of your completed ballot.
3. Return ballots to dropbox.

C. <u>Instructions to Tellers:</u>

1. Count the number of votes marked for each ballot. Ballots with excess votes shall be discarded. Excess votes for one office does not disqualify the votes for the other offices.

2. Using a summary sheet count the votes marked for each nominee.
3. Each teller signs the summary sheet used by the individual teller.
4. Lead teller adds the summary sheets and enters the total onto a master result sheet. Lead teller reports the results of nominees and total votes received. The 20 highest number of votes will be delegates to the state convention. The remaining (up to 20) delegate nominees will be alternates to the state convention ranked in order of votes received. Ties will be broken by drawing names out of a container. Lead teller signs the master result sheet. An additional teller designated by the Chair of the Convention verifies the addition and signs the master result sheet.
5. Election winners are reported to the Chair of the convention. All ballots and election documents are given to the secretary.

D. <u>Treatment of results:</u>

1. The Chair reports the results to the delegates as soon as possible.
2. Ballots are retained for 3 months by the Secretary of the Allegan GOP
3. If requested in writing by 25 or more delegates within 72 hours of ending of the convention, a public recount shall occur at a meeting announced by the Chair.
4. If requested in writing by 25 or more delegates, copies of the ballots shall be provided for verification of results at 10 cents per ballot. Copied ballots are not to be published outside the County Party membership.

9. Resolutions

Resolutions to be considered by the county convention shall be submitted to the secretary via email secretary@allegangop.net by Monday, November 9, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. (10 days in advance) Attendees are encouraged to print their own copies of resolutions and any other convention materials. The secretary shall email a copy of all resolutions received by the deadline to all delegates by Tuesday November 10, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. Resolutions must be in final form (no amendments will be allowed) and convention delegates shall vote to approve or not as presented. After the ballot for delegates/alternates has been closed, but before voting begins, resolutions shall be presented to the convention and placed on the ballot by the secretary. The convention shall allow for three speakers on each side of the resolution 2-minutes to speak. Once each side has spoken, the delegates shall vote yes, no or abstain for each resolution on the same ballot they are provided for Delegate/Alternate voting. Any resolution brought by a county convention delegate after the above time and date, requires approval of the 2/3rd of the convention body present to be added to the ballot.

10. Recording of County Convention:

Recording (audio/video) must be authorized and retained by the Allegan County GOP officers. No recording is allowed of voting and ballot counting. The AGOP secretary retains copies for 30 days after the next county convention.

Mr. Chairman, I motion for the adoption of these rules.
Approved by a majority of the Slate Committee

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