

RULES and ORDER OF BUSINESS
DAVIS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONVENTION, March 30, 2024

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Davis County Democratic Party, the following rules are proposed for the Davis County Democratic Party's 2024 Primary Convention.

- 1) All of the proceedings of this Convention shall comply with the provisions of the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, except as otherwise provided for herein. In case of dispute, the decision of the Parliamentarian is final.
- 2) The Convention shall convene at 10 AM on Saturday, March 30, 2024, and shall adjourn not later than 2:30 PM that same day. Registration shall be open for at least one half hour before the convention is called to order.
- 3) As established in the Davis County Democratic Party by-laws, the two primary purposes of this convention are to select Democratic party candidates for state offices within the county and to select delegates for the Utah Democratic Party state convention.
- 4) At this convention we would vote on Democratic Party candidates for partisan elected office if there is more than one candidate for the office. This includes all State House and Senate seats that are completely in Davis County. For any seats that straddle Davis and other Utah counties, an advisory vote may be taken, but the formal vote for candidates would occur at the State Convention with only State Delegates representing the appropriate districts voting. Today, we have no County offices with more than one Democratic Party candidate. Therefore, we will not be breaking out into House District Groups. A voice vote to accept all candidates registered by the county clerk will be proposed as part of the proceedings.
- 5) A question has been raised whether it is appropriate at this convention to formally endorse election candidates other than those in the Democratic Party. Though not explicitly stated, it is understood by the Davis Democratic Party Executive Committee that the intent of By-Law Article V.B.1.a is to vote on Democratic Party candidates for the Utah House and Senate offices, choosing the candidates to represent the party in Davis County. It is not appropriate for the Davis Democratic County Party to take a formal position on Republican, independent, or other party candidates. This does not constrain the rights of individual party members to support other candidates.
- 6) The second major business of this convention is to select delegates for the state convention to be held on April 27, 2024 at Cottonwood High School in Murray. We have 254 State delegate slots and 9 alternate delegate slots allocated for our County Party. 135 people who attended our Neighborhood Caucus have asked to be delegates and are now on our proposed delegate list. First order of business is to approve delegates on that list. Second, if other attendees at this convention have requested to be State delegates and if that total is less than or equal to 128, the delegates may be added to the list. Third, if the County Party Chair or other members of the Executive Committee wish to submit additional delegate candidates, they may be added to the list. Finally, does the convention authorize the County Party Chair to add names to the delegate list due to insufficient representation or designated delegates dropping out prior to the day of State Convention? This last item is in accordance with prior practice to maximize our representation at the State Convention. Each of these additions to the list of delegates should be done as a separate vote to ensure that it is in accordance with the will of the convention.
- 7) We do not have any formal ballot votes planned and therefore do not have an Election Committee. If a formal vote count is required, the Convention Chair or Parliamentarian may designate vote counters.
- 8) The Sergeant-at-Arms is empowered to enforce the Rules of the Convention, maintain good order, and to carry out the orders of the Chair. No interference with the business of the Convention shall be tolerated.

- 9) Since there was no formal Credentials Committee, the Parliamentarian shall rule on challenges to voting credentials. Unless otherwise approved, voting is limited to those attendees who also attended the Neighborhood Caucus as verified by a gold sticker on their name tags, attendance lists and all members of the Executive Committee. Voting rights may be extended to other attendees but only if approved by the initial group of Caucus attendees. If previous attendance lists are not available for credentialing attendees, the Davis Democratic Party Chair may credential them on the grounds of a good faith effort to let all attendees supporting the Davis Democratic Party participate so long as there is no apparent effort to exert outside influence at the expense of legitimate party members. Challenges to this process must follow the procedures outlined below:
 - a) the challenge shall be submitted in written form at least forty-eight hours prior to the Call to Order of the County Convention;
 - b) the challenge shall be sent by the challenger to any member of the Executive Committee,
 - c) the challenge shall include the grounds on which the challenge is based;
 - d) the Parliamentarian shall review the challenge to determine which persons shall receive official credentials as voting members of the convention and to take up any challenges;
 - e) in hearing a challenge, the Convention Chair shall allot a period of time within which the challenger and the challenged, along with their supporters shall be granted equal time to make their statements. The Committee then may request relevant additional information from Party Officers; and
 - f) the Parliamentarian shall then resolve challenges and its report to the Convention shall be final.
 - g) The Parliamentarian shall report to the Convention its actions regarding any dispute respecting the certification or seating of any Delegate. The Convention, but not those Delegates whose credentials have been disputed, shall adopt or modify the report immediately thereafter.
- 10) All persons attending the Convention shall respect the facilities wherein the Convention is being held. The Arrangements Committee is empowered to adopt rules relating to the use of the facilities for the Convention, to allocate space within the facilities for the use of Candidates and to determine how such space is to be used. The Sergeant-at-Arms and the members of the Arrangements Committee are empowered to enforce the rules of the Arrangements Committee and those of the owner of the facility.
- 11) Any eligible voting member of the convention, Officer of the Convention, a Keynote speaker, Democratic Party Candidate, person designated by a Candidate for the purpose of making a nominating or seconding of a Candidate, or person on the approved agenda may be a speaker at the Convention. All persons desiring to speak shall first be recognized by the Chair and state their name for the record.
- 12) The time allotted for each Candidate shall not exceed four (4) minutes. The time allotted for each Candidate shall include the nominating speech, the seconding speech, and the Candidate's address.
- 13) We are not reviewing the party By-Laws, Platform or Mission Statement at this convention.
- 14) Resolutions must be submitted in writing or electronically no later than 10:00 AM on the day of the convention. Consideration of platform amendments will be limited to a total of 20 minutes. The chair will recognize a representative for the Resolution, speaking for two (2) minutes; the chair will then recognize one opponent of the recommended changes to speak for two (2) minutes. Additional speakers may be recognized if the complexity of the issue and time allows. The convention will then vote on the resolution.

- 15) If, at the discretion of the Convention Chair, the convention considers additional resolutions not submitted in advance, the convention will not extend the total time for discussion beyond the 20 minutes noted in rule 12.
- 16) A motion to Suspend the Rules must be made from the floor and sustained by 2/3rds of the Delegates registered.

Emma Mansour, Davis County Democratic Party Chair
Bob Buckles, 2024 Parliamentarian