

Alexandria Republican Party Canvass Rules

The Alexandria Republican City Committee, pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, hereby adopts these Rules for the conduct of this Party Canvass:

1. This party canvass shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following (giving precedence as listed): the State Party Plan, the By-Laws of the Alexandria Republican City Committee, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
2. Only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may vote. No proxies are allowed at any time.
3. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass.
4. The Credentials Committee shall register those persons who offer to vote and to count the ballots once the polls are closed. The members of the Credentials Committee shall remain inside the room in which voting is conducted during the period in which voting takes place and until the ballots are counted.
5. The Credentials Committee shall decide any question that may arise concerning the qualifications of a candidate or eligibility to vote.
6. No one will be allowed in the voting area without proper authorization. Candidates shall not loiter or campaign in the room in which voting will take place.
7. The Credentials Committee shall prepare ballots listing the names of all qualified candidates for contested elections, who have properly filed as required in the Call of the Party Canvass.
8. As soon as the polls are closed, the Credentials Committee shall immediately proceed to ascertain the vote given at the Canvass and shall continue without adjournment until they declare the results of the canvass. Only the members of the Credentials Committee and two representatives of each candidate, if any, shall be permitted to remain in the room once the polls have closed and until the ballots are counted. Ballots shall then be placed in a sealed envelope and preserved and secured by the Credentials Committee for at least thirty (30) days in the event of any challenge to the results.
9. Candidates shall be elected on the basis of plurality of votes received. If two or more persons have an equal number of votes and a higher number than any other person, the Credentials Committee shall proceed publicly to determine by lot which of the persons shall be declared elected, after those persons have been notified and are allowed an opportunity to be present.
10. The Credentials Committee shall preserve order inside and outside the polling place(s). No person shall hinder, intimidate, or interfere with any qualified voter so as to prevent the voter from casting a secret ballot. The Credentials Committee may order a person violating this Rule to cease such action and, if such action continues, may remove such person from the polling place.
11. Anyone who files for member of the City Committee shall be elected a precinct member unless the precinct in which they reside already has the maximum number of members allowed, in which case, they shall be elected as at-large member to be determined by filing order. In case of over-filing, the election will be held for at-large seats.