

Rules for 2016 Chesterfield GOP Canvass – adopted 2-8-2016

The Chesterfield County Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, hereby adopts these Rules for the conduct of this Party Canvass.

1. The Chesterfield County Republican Canvass shall be held at Manchester Middle School, 7401 Hull Street, N. Chesterfield, VA 23235 on Monday, April 4, 2016, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. The purpose of the Canvass shall be to elect a Chairman and officers of the Chesterfield County Republican Committee (CCRC), members of the CCRC, and Delegates to State and Congressional District Republican conventions as outlined in the Call for the canvass.
2. 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, District or Unit Plan or By-Laws, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (11th Edition).
3. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass. Each person offering to vote shall present a government issued photographic identification, and must sign a statement of intent to support all Republican nominees in the 2016 general election as specified in the Republican Party of Virginia's Plan of Organization ("State Party Plan"). **No voter refusing to sign the statement of intent shall be allowed to vote in this canvass.**
4. It is recommended that any voter who has registered or changed registration on or after February 1, 2016 also bring a copy of his or her voter registration card to assist in verification.
5. The Chairman of the CCRC shall appoint a Credentials Committee of not more than 25 persons with at least two from each magisterial district, to register those who offer to vote. Members of the Credentials Committee shall remain inside the room in which voting is conducted during the period in which voting takes place.
6. The Chairman of the CCRC shall appoint a Chief Teller who shall appoint a Tellers Committee consisting of equal numbers of persons representing each candidate in any contested race. The Chief Teller shall ensure that the ballots and ballot boxes are secure and supervised throughout the voting process.
7. The Credentials Committee shall decide any question that may arise concerning the qualifications of a candidate for Delegate or Alternate Delegate or eligibility to vote.
8. No one will be allowed in the Party Canvass voting area without proper authorization. Candidates shall not loiter or campaign in the room in which voting will take place.
9. No resolutions may be introduced.
10. The Chief Teller 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. Ballot position shall be determined by lot under the supervision of the Chief Teller.
11. As soon as the polls are closed, the Credentials Committee shall immediately proceed to determine and certify the number of voters who have properly voted in the canvass.
12. At the end of voting, the Tellers Committee shall take the ballot boxes to a secure area and shall count the ballots, continuing without adjournment until they declare the results of the canvass. Only the members of the Tellers Committee shall be permitted to be in the room where the ballots are being counted until the ballots are counted. Ballots shall then be placed in a sealed envelope and preserved and secured by the Tellers Committee for at least thirty (30) days in the event of any challenge to the results.
13. 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 a reasonable opportunity to be present.
14. The Chairman of the CCRC shall appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms and an appropriate number of Deputy Sergeants-at-Arms who 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 Sergeants-at-Arms may order a person violating this Rule to cease such action and, if such action continues, may remove such person from the polling place.