

Senate District 56 Republican Party

2026 BPOU Convention Agenda March 7, 2026

1. 8:30 AM: REGISTRATION OPENS
2. 8:30 AM: DELEGATE SELF-NOMINATIONS OPEN.
3. 9:00 AM: CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. INVOCATION
6. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES
 - a. ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS OF THE CONVENTION
 - b. ELECTION OF SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION
 - c. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENTION OFFICIALS
 - d. RECOGNITION OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES
 - e. PRELIMINARY CREDENTIALS REPORT
 - f. ADOPTION OF RULES 1-7
 - g. SEATING OF ALTERNATES
 - h. ADOPTION OF THE REMAINING RULES
7. * MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES
8. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT (IF ANY)
9. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
10. FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT
11. SOLICITATION OF ACTING PRECINCT CHAIR VOLUNTEERS
12. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
13. -----SPLIT INTO HOUSE DISTRICT CONVENTIONS-----
14. ELECTION of DELEGATES to STATE and CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTIONS
15. ENDORSEMENT of CANDIDATES for House Districts 56A and 56B
16. 2:00 PM TIME CERTAIN: ADJOURNMENT

* Convention Chair will invite guest speakers to address the Convention, as they are available.

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PROPOSED RULES

Section 1: General

1. The order of business of this Convention shall be as listed in the official agenda of the Convention, subject to the discretion of the Convention Chair.
2. “Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised” shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Constitution of the Senate District 56 Republican Party, the official call, or the rules as adopted by this Convention.
3. Establishment of a quorum shall be 50% of delegates registered and present, and once established no quorum call shall be in order.
4. These rules once adopted shall not be amended nor suspended except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention.
5. A motion to adjourn shall not be in order until the official business of the Convention, as stated in the agenda, is completed, or until time certain for adjournment is reached.

Section 2: Seating of Delegates and Alternates

6. The permanent roll of the Convention shall be constituted as follows:
 - a. The duly elected delegates of each precinct who are present and seated.
 - b. If any duly elected delegate to this Convention is absent, then a duly elected alternate for that precinct shall be seated in their stead.
 - c. If no duly elected delegates or alternates from a precinct are present, that precinct shall have no representation.
 - d. When a registered delegate returns to the floor of the convention, they shall be immediately seated, replacing the last seated alternate if the precinct is at full strength.
 - e. The order of seating alternates shall be as follows:
 - i. If alternates are ranked by the precinct they shall be seated by rank.
 - ii. If no ranking is known they shall be seated by a majority vote of the seated delegates in that precinct.
 - iii. If no delegates are present and seated in that precinct the Convention chair or their designee shall fill the vacancies from registered alternates present from that precinct.
7. The voting strength of each precinct shall be the number of delegates and seated alternates present at the Convention.
8. The Credentials Committee shall report any known changes in the delegations prior to election of officers, election of delegates and alternates, endorsements, or when requested by the Convention chair.

Section 3: Speaking and Floor Privileges

9. A delegate or seated alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the presiding officer, and when recognized, state his/her name and precinct, and the purpose for which he/she arose.
10. Officers of the BPOU and members of Convention committees are permitted to make motions and engage in debate, but may not vote unless they are a delegate or seated alternate.
11. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to one (1) minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same subject or issue. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time until all those desiring to speak have had a first opportunity to speak.

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12. At least two speakers on each side of a question shall be afforded the opportunity to speak before a motion for the previous question shall be in order. This shall also apply to a motion “To Lay on the Table.” After six (6) minutes of debate the Chair may call for the vote.
13. The Convention chair shall appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions and speeches during the Convention.
14. The Convention chair may, at any time after the agenda item on Convention committees, invite any office holder, candidate or distinguished guest to address the Convention for a period not to exceed five (5) minutes. Except that a keynote speaker, if any, will be provided appropriate program time and Republican Senate District 56 Senator and Representatives are provided ten (10) minutes each.

Section 4: Voting

15. Only registered delegates and registered seated alternates present at this Convention shall be permitted to vote.
16. The vote on all questions shall be by voice vote, except as follows:
 - a. A rising or hand vote shall be taken if requested by any delegate or seated alternate, or at the discretion of the Convention chair.
 - b. A roll call vote by precinct shall be taken if requested by fifteen (15) or more delegates and seated alternates, representing at least four (4) precincts.
 - c. Voting for officers, delegates and alternates to another Convention and for endorsements shall be by secret ballot on all contested elections.
 - d. Voting method may be specified in writing for specific committee reports.
17. If there is a dispute as to the vote of any precinct, the Convention chair shall appoint a judge and two tellers to canvass the vote of said precinct, and the judge shall report the results to the Convention.
18. No second shall be required to a motion to adopt the majority report of any committee. A minority report of any committee may be offered for substitution for, or amendment to, the majority report if signed by one-third of the committee members, and voted as an amendment.
19. The precinct chair or designee shall be given the correct number of ballots for the precinct according to the Credentials Report and hand them to each duly seated delegate or alternate.
20. Ballots will be collected by the precinct chair or designee and turned into the Chief Teller, Credentials Chair, or their designee.
21. When the ballots are verified by precinct (correct number returned according to the last credentials report) they will be co-mingled and then the results tabulated and reported to the Convention.

Section 5: Election of Delegates and Alternates

22. Nominations for delegates and alternates to District and State Conventions shall be by self-nomination at registration, **with separate nominations for 56A and 56B**. Nominees will be given until 10:00 AM to add or withdraw their names.
23. Speaking time for each nominee for State Convention Delegate will be limited to one (1) minute.
24. For State and Congressional District Convention Delegate there shall be a single ballot. The highest vote totals shall be the elected delegates. The remaining nominees become Alternates, ranked according to their vote totals, up to the permitted two sets of alternates. A person who

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only desires to be an alternate and is elected to a delegate position may drop to the first alternate position by written notice to the BPOU chair within two days.

Section 6: Endorsement of Legislative Candidates

25. In order to endorse, the Convention must first entertain and pass a motion to endorse a candidate.
26. The Candidate Search and Nominations Committee shall report to the Convention and place into nomination the names of candidates who have successfully completed the candidate interview process. Nominations made as a result of the Candidate Search and Nominations Committee do not require a second. The committee may provide additional information about these candidates as a guide to the delegates.
27. Additional nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the individual being nominated. These nominations will require a second.
28. Speeches or remarks about candidates shall not be in order during this initial nomination process.
29. A candidate may remove his or her name from consideration at any time.
30. Candidates for House of Representatives for 56A and 56B shall be endorsed separately by their respective House District seated delegates and alternates.
31. The nominating, seconding and candidate speeches will be made from the podium in an order to be determined by lot. All such speeches on behalf of and by a nominee shall be heard before proceeding to the next nominee.
32. Each candidate shall be allowed fifteen (15) minutes for nominating, seconding and candidate speeches.
33. If there is no contested race the Convention may decide, by a 2/3 vote, to endorse by acclamation.
34. In contested races, voting shall be by secret ballot. Balloting shall continue until a candidate has been endorsed by receiving 60% of valid ballots cast and more than 50% of the voting strength of the Convention according to the last credentials committee report preceding such vote.
35. Any candidate receiving less than 10% of the vote on any ballot, after the second ballot, shall cease to be considered a candidate for endorsement. After the fifth ballot, and any subsequent ballot that is a multiple of five, the Convention Chair may allow the candidates five (5) minutes to address the Convention.
36. After the endorsement, the endorsed candidate may address the Convention for up to five (5) minutes.
37. A motion of no endorsement is permitted prior to any ballot after the second, excepting that, if an endorsement is not complete by the time certain for adjournment, a motion of no endorsement may be requested by the Chair.

Section 7: Resolutions

38. Resolutions from the floor are not permitted. All resolutions passed at the caucus must have been received and considered by the Resolutions Committee at least 10 days prior to the Convention.
39. To debate a resolution, a minimum affirmative vote of 15% of the delegate strength of the Convention, as of the final credentials report, is required.
40. Consideration of the Resolutions Committee report will proceed in three stages:

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- a. Delegates will be asked if there are any resolutions on which debate is desired. An affirmative vote of 15% of the seated delegates and alternates is required to pull an item for debate.
 - b. The Convention will proceed, section by section, to vote to approve the recommendations of the committee for all items in the section not pulled for debate. If any section fails to receive 50% approval, the resolutions in that section will be voted one at a time, without debate and without regard for the committee recommendation.
 - c. The Convention will then proceed to debate and vote, without regard for the committee recommendation, on each of the “pulled” resolutions.
41. Debates on resolutions are governed by the same time limits and conditions of debate as other motions.

Section 8: Signage

42. Candidates for office or endorsement shall be limited to ten (10) signs per person. All signs shall be in the Convention Hall or at or near the entrance to the Convention Hall. All sign sizes, locations and method of attachment, must comply with the rules of the Convention host facility. All signs must be removed within fifteen (15) minutes of the close of the Convention, and removed from the premises.