

# Proposed Rules for the 2020

## Oklahoma Democratic Party Presidential Preference Virtual Convention - June 6, 2020 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

\*Consistent with the Emergency Plan approved by the DNC (EP)

### **Rule 1: Agenda**

Call to Order & Welcome

Pledge

Chair Report

Additional Reports

Keynote

Credentials Reported

Rules Reported

Keynote Speaker

Election

1. District Caucus and elections (24)
2. National Committeeman Election (1)
3. National Committeewoman Election (1)
4. 45 minute break, Presidential Candidate Right to Review
5. PLEO Pledged Party Leader & Election official (5)
6. At-Large Delegates (8)
7. Alternates will be selected on a 6/13/2020 ballot
8. Electors (7) Minimum 7. No Floor Nominations. If more than 7 an election names selected by Districts and Chair election to occur 6/13/2020

Adjourn

**Note:** If you have been selected a delegate do not leave the virtual convention. There will be a delegation meeting immediately following the convention.

DNC delegates will select the following:

- 1 Delegation Chair (1)
- 2 DNC Standing Committees (3)
3. Chair to select pages (2) in consultation with the members of the DNC of the state

## **Rule 2: Purpose of the Meeting**

1. The purpose of this meeting is to elect delegates and alternates to the National Democratic Convention, the National Committeeman and National Committee Women, and select Electoral College Electors for the 2020 Presidential Election Ballot.

## **Rule 3 Quorum**

1. This Oklahoma Democratic Party Presidential Preference Convention is being held remotely due to restrictions placed upon the party that prohibit physical presence at a convention due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. Delegates are able to participate by Zoom, YouTube, Facebook, Phone and by Mail. Due to the unprecedented access to the proceedings, it will be impossible to determine members present and participating at the various venues.
2. There shall be a non-rebuttable presumption that 40% of the certified eligible delegates are participating in the proceeding thus establishing a quorum. A call for quorum would not be in order for this convention.

## **Rule 4 Decorum**

1. During the virtual convention, delegates should mute their microphones unless recognized to speak, and otherwise refrain from activity that would disrupt the virtual convention.
2. A person seeking recognition must:
  - a. Be a delegate or have speaking privileges at the convention by virtue of their office.
  - b. State their name and the purpose of being recognized by texting or calling 405-221-8818 during the convention. **This is the exclusive use of this**

**phone number.** Comments on social media, random emails will not be monitored for requests for recognition by the chair.

- c. **A Person having difficulty casting a vote or having a ballot issue should email Convention@okdemocrats.org Well in advance of the virtual convention to allow time to determine ballot defects, reason for denial of ballot or similar issues. This will allow the proper ballot to be placed with each authorized delegate.**
- d. Other phone numbers will be provided for voting by phone

### **Rule 5: Voting**

1. RANKED VOTING Voting may be done by mail, electronic ballot or by phone. Each member may cast only one ballot. If a member mails in and also votes electronically, only the electronic ballot will be counted. Electronic supersedes any vote by phone or paper Voting will be by ranked order so there will not be run off elections. Emergency Plan Approved by DNC
2. If a paper ballot was mailed in and an electronic ballot received. Only the electronic ballot will be counted.
3. TRANSPARENCY: The ODP shall do everything within their power to provide transparency during the vote count, including but not limited to streaming video, or making the video of the count available to members of the party.
4. PROXY VOTING PROHIBITED: Proxy voting shall not be allowed since every delegate may participate by mail, phone or electronic means
5. SECRET BALLOTS PROHIBITED: The use of a secret ballot is prohibited.

### **Rule 6 Ballots Issues**

1. **As a reminder, A Person having difficulty casting a vote or having a ballot issue should contact Convention@okdemocrats.org well in advance of the June 6th convention to allow time to cure any error.**

### **Rule 7: Elections**

#### A. Order of Election –

1. District Delegates
2. National Committeeman
3. National Committeewoman
4. \*\* 45 Minute Break
5. PLEO Delegates

## 6. Statewide At Large Delegates

### B. Alternates

1. Alternate delegates will be chosen on a second ballot ending on 6/13/2020 of delegate candidates who were not previously elected.

### C. Electors

1. Each CD Chair shall nominate no less than 1 Presidential Elector (5)
2. The State chair in consultation with National Committeeman and National Committee Woman shall nominate no less than 2 Presidential Electors (2)
3. If only 7 names are nominated, the list shall be read to the convention
4. Nominees shall be equally divided by gender. (7)
5. FLOOR NOMINATIONS PROHIBITED: Nominations will not be taken from the floor.
6. If seven names are submitted, the names shall be read and deemed approved by acclamation
7. Electors if more than 7 names submitted by the Congressional District and State chair in consultation with the DNC Committeeman and Committee women the names will appear on the June 16, 2020 ballot along with the alternates.

### D. Nominations –

1. Eligibility For DNC Delegates and National Office – To be nominated for a Party office, a person who is registered to vote in the respective political unit and is otherwise qualified shall be eligible for nomination even though he or she is not a member of the electing body and regardless of whether he or she is present at the meeting when the election is held. Only those persons who met the prerequisite pledge and are authorized by the presidential campaigns will be authorized to run for National Delegate.
2. NO FLOOR NOMINATIONS: Because of the circumstances with the COVID-19 Pandemic, anyone running for office or delegate shall be self nominated, subject to delegates being approved to run by the respective presidential candidate or their presidential representative. As self nominated they shall be deemed seconded and may proceed as a

candidate. The deadline to be added to the ballots has passed and there shall be no floor nominations.

**E. Speeches –**

- a. There shall be no speeches for any delegate, alternate or National Committeeman or Committee women. Candidates wishing to run are encouraged to campaign via email, mail, social media, Facebook, Instagram or whatever other media they choose to inform delegates as to why they should be the preferred choice of candidate.

**Rule 8: Rule: Access**

**A. Access to ballots -- Ballots are available in the following form:**

1. Written Ballots
2. Electronic Ballots
3. Vote by Phone. A list of all candidates will be read, and a delegate needing visual assistance may request the reading of the list of choices for each race in order to cast their ballot.
4. The length of time to cast the ballot is several days before the election allowing delegates multiple days to cast the ballot.
5. Closed Captioning. The Convention has secured a closed captioning service for those that are hearing impaired.
6. The convention is virtual and does not require travel or entry into a venue
7. Any disability not foreseen. Any delegate who has a disability not assisted by the above is encouraged to contact the State Party Headquarters so that an additional reasonable accommodation may be made.

**Rule 9: Parliamentary Law –**

1. On any question of procedure not otherwise covered by the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules of the Convention shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, within reasonable limitations of the Covid19 restraints on the unprecedented virtual convention.