

## **RULES OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE JANUARY 13, 2024 MANDATORY MEETING**

The Rules Committee submits the following report as the proposed Rules to govern the Mandatory Meeting of the Maricopa County Republican Committee (MCRC) of January 13, 2024.

### **RULE I — GOVERNING EFFECT**

These Rules shall govern the Mandatory Meeting of the MCRC in all cases to which they apply and to which they are not in conflict with procedural Statutes of the State of Arizona, the Bylaws of the MCRC, or the Bylaws of the Arizona Republican Party. The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern all matters not otherwise covered in these Rules.

### **RULE II — DEBATE**

Only a voting member of the MCRC may be recognized for the purpose of motions or to address any pending question. No member may speak on any pending question longer than one minute. After a voting member has spoken once on a pending question, he or she may not speak again on the same question unless debate has not been exhausted and no other members desire to speak. If such a voting member speaks a second time, he or she shall be limited to one minute. No voting member may speak more than twice on any question. There will be a maximum number of five speakers allowed for each affirmative and negative side of the debate for a pending question, with a maximum of 5 minutes per side, not to exceed 10 total minutes of debate. Any motion to extend debate is out of order.

### **RULE III — VOTING MEMBERS**

Per MCRC Bylaws (Art. V Sec. 2B), voting members shall be limited to elected Precinct Committeemen and those Precinct Committeemen appointed by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors not less than forty-five days prior to this meeting. Pursuant to MCRC Bylaws Art. IV Sec. 2(D)(2), votes may only be cast by registrant and may not be passed on to any other person. If departing before adjournment, member credentials, including Voting Card and unused ballots, if any, must be surrendered upon leaving the meeting.

### **RULE IV — PROXY VOTING**

Members shall be entitled to vote in person or by proxy. Pursuant to MCRC Bylaws (Art. IV, Sec. 3D), no precinct committeeman shall carry more than one proxy. Per MCRC Bylaws (Art. IV, Sec.3), the proxy must be carried by a Precinct Committeeman from the same Precinct as the voting member. Per Arizona Revised Statutes (16-828), the proxy must be signed by a Notary or two witnesses other than the proxy carrier and the Precinct Committeeman giving the proxy.

### **RULE V — VOTING METHODS**

In addition to the traditional voting methods, use of Voting Cards is also authorized.

### **RULE VI — NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for the county officers shall be made by a Nominations Committee composed of the elected District Chairmen or their designated representatives (Article IV, Section 2.A). Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor (Article IV, Sec. 2.A.8). Each candidate will be entitled to nominating and seconding speeches not to exceed a total of two minutes. Each candidate may speak for all or part of the two-minute period or may choose others to speak on their behalf. In no event will the total time allotted to any candidate exceed two minutes.

### **RULE VII — BALLOTING**

Per MCRC Bylaws (Art V, Sec. 6A), contested elections shall be conducted by paper ballot. The Credentials Committee shall keep the roll of the voting members qualified to vote. Only those ballots distributed by the Credentials Committee shall be accepted for tally.

The procedure for electing the five Members-at-Large shall be as follows: On the first ballot each member of the MCRC present, in person or by proxy, may vote for no more than five of the nominees. If, after the first ballot, all of the five offices are not filled by a majority vote, the number of unfilled offices shall be multiplied by two. That number will determine the number of candidates eligible for the next round of voting, eliminating the candidate(s) with the lowest number of votes in the prior ballot. On each ballot, members may vote for no more than the number of remaining unfilled offices. This procedure shall be repeated until all offices are filled.

### **RULE VIII — ELECTION OBSERVERS**

Each Candidate or his designee may observe the credential process and enter the Tally room to observe the tally process, but shall not photograph, record, or physically handle credential or election materials or interfere with the credentialing or tallying process. No others, except the designated observers, Tally Committee, and Security, may enter the Tally room.

### **RULE IX — TIE BREAKER**

In the event of a tie among candidates for one or more unfilled positions, the tied candidates shall be ranked by random drawing of the names. The first name drawn is ranked highest, with each successive name drawn ranking one position lower. The unfilled positions are filled by the highest ranked candidates until the positions are filled.

### **RULE X — RECOUNTS**

No motion for recount will be in order unless the vote count difference between candidates or ballot measure's passage or non-passage is one-half of one percent or less of the total ballots cast for that office or ballot measure. The Credentials and Tally Committee chair will be the determiner of the vote count difference and percentage.

### **RULE XI — AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**

Only amendments to the Bylaws put forth by the Bylaws Committee or submitted by the EGC or a District Committee and that were included in the Call will be in order. No amendments or changes to a proposed amendment will be heard or considered to be in order at any time. Voting on the amendment to the Bylaws will be by ballot. Adoption of an amendment to the Bylaws will require a two-thirds (2/3) vote. (Per MCRC Bylaws, Art. XII: The effective date of bylaw changes is the adjournment of the meeting where they were amended.)

### **RULE XII — RESOLUTIONS**

The Resolutions Committee may present one or more resolutions for consideration by the voting members. Any resolution not previously presented to the Resolutions Committee (Article VIII, Section 4.C) or any resolutions presented to and rejected by the Resolutions Committee may be brought to the floor only if the resolution is sponsored by no fewer than one hundred PCs present and representing at least six Districts (Article VIII, Section 4.D). The resolution must be presented in writing to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee or designee at the side of the stage before the meeting is called to order. Each resolution, unless put forth by the Resolutions Committee and included in the call for the Mandatory Meeting, shall be submitted in sufficient copies for each voting member present to receive a copy. No amendments or changes from the floor to a resolution will be heard or considered in order at any time. Voting on the resolutions may be conducted by acclamation at the discretion of the presiding officer.

### **RULE XIII — GUEST ATTENDANCE**

Due to space limitations, attendance is restricted to eligible precinct committeemen, meeting committee volunteers and invited VIPs. Attendance by any other guests must be specifically authorized by the County Chairman.

### **RULE XIV — RECORDS RETENTION**

Upon approval of the Credential Committee's Final Report, all credential documents (LD sign-in sheets, Proxies, and undistributed packets) shall be placed in secure containers, sealed with security stickers or zip ties, and signed by the LD Chair, Tally and Credentials Committee Chair, and current MCRC Chair. Once sealed, the Credential documents may not be re-opened during the meeting except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. At the close of the meeting these records shall be turned over to and retained by the MCRC Chair. At the close of the meeting, all remaining records, including cast ballots, spoiled ballots, and unused ballots shall be placed in secure containers, sealed with security stickers or zip ties signed by the Tally and Credentials Committee chair, then turned over to the MCRC Chair who shall maintain chain of custody of these records. Per the MCRC Bylaws (Art IV, Section D), these records are to be retained for three months from the conclusion of the meeting. Thereafter, the documents shall be securely destroyed within 14 days, as witnessed by two other members of the Executive Board. two-thirds (2/3) vote. (Per MCRC Bylaws, Art. XII: The effective date of bylaw changes is the adjournment of the meeting where they were amended.)