

TEMPORARY RULES FOR THE 2024 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC  
COMMITTEE

**2024 9<sup>th</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC  
CONVENTION**

**TEMPORARY RULES**

**I. CONVENING OF CONVENTION**

- A.** The 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Democratic Convention will convene at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at Rooker Auditorium, New River Community College, 5251 College Drive, Dublin, VA 24804.
- B.** The Convention will be called to order by the Chair of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Democratic Committee who shall serve as Temporary Convention Chair.

**II. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A.** Call to order at 10:00 a.m.
- B.** Pledge of Allegiance
- C.** Introduction of Temporary Chair and Secretary, announcement of temporary officers
- D.** Election of Permanent Rules and Credentials committees for the 9<sup>th</sup> District, which will meet immediately following their election
- E.** Welcoming addresses, introductions and announcements
- F.** Report of the Permanent Credentials Committee
- G.** Roll Call of delegates by jurisdiction
- H.** Election of Permanent Chair and Permanent Secretary, announcement of permanent officers
- I.** Report of the Permanent Rules Committee
- J.** Jurisdictional Caucuses and Nomination of one (1) member each to the Permanent Credentials, Permanent Rules, and Permanent Resolutions Committees of the 2024 Virginia State Democratic Convention
- K.** Selection of Presidential Elector

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**L.** Presidential Caucus to select three (3) national delegates to the 2024 Democratic National Convention

**M.** Ratification of national delegate and alternate election

**N.** Adoption of Resolutions submitted.

**O.** Adjournment

**III. PERMANENT COMMITTEES**

**A.** There shall be three (3) permanent committees of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Convention: Rules, Resolutions and Credentials. Each permanent committee of this Convention shall consist of members of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Committee.

The Temporary Chair may move that the members of the temporary committees (or any other set of nominees) be elected as the permanent members; if no such motion from the Temporary Chair passes, then rise and report to the Temporary Chair.

**B.** In the event of a contested credential, the Secretary shall include on the temporary roll the names of the credentials contestants recommended by the Temporary Credentials Committee in its report to the Permanent Credentials Committee.

**C.** The rules for deliberations on the reports of the Permanent Committees on Credentials and Rules will be as follows:

**1.** The Committee Chair will each have up to five (5) minutes to present the Committee's report.

**2.** The Temporary Chair of the Convention shall arrange for the orderly presentation of minority reports. To qualify as a minority report, a report must be supported by at least three (3) members of the credentials committee. Three (3) minutes shall be allowed for the presentation of each minority report.

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**3.** Time for debate will be determined in the first instance by the Convention Chair, and be equally allotted to proponents and opponents of each committee report or minority report following its presentation, without intervening motion(s).

**4.** A vote will be taken on each minority report, which if it passes will be considered the majority report. Whether or not any minority report is adopted, a final vote must be taken on each committee report, with a majority to pass.

**E.** In the event that the report of the Permanent Committee on Credentials or Rules shall not be agreed to when voted upon, the Committee shall reconvene to reconsider its report and shall present a new report to the Convention as soon as possible.

**F.** The rules for the report of the Permanent Committee on Resolutions are as set forth in Section VII, below.

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### **IV. SELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR**

**A.** The District Convention shall select one person to serve as Presidential elector representing the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Such person shall be pledged formally and in good conscience to the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominee.

**B.** Persons wishing to be elected as a congressional district Presidential Elector shall file on the Democratic Party of Virginia website fifteen (15) days prior to the Congressional District Convention, or by Friday, May 3, 2024 before 5:00 p.m. The filing form is available at [vademocrats.org/delegateselection](http://vademocrats.org/delegateselection)

**C.** Due to time constraints, there will be no speeches by candidates for presidential elector.

**D.** If only one candidate has filed for Elector, such candidate may be elected by acclamation. In the event there is more than one candidate, voting for Elector shall be by paper ballot and decided by plurality vote.

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### **V. PRESIDENTIAL NATIONAL DELEGATE SELECTION**

**A.** The Convention as a whole shall elect three (3) delegates, 1 male and 2 female, to the 2024 Democratic National Convention. In accordance with the results of the March 5, 2024 Democratic Presidential Preference Primary in which only one candidate received greater than 15% of the vote in the 8th District, all delegates shall be awarded to Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

**B.** Should one or more non-binary individuals be elected, any remaining delegate positions to be elected shall be apportioned by gender so that no single gender receives 50% plus one of any delegate or alternate slots, as governed by Sections III.A.7 and VII.C of the 2024 Virginia Delegate Selection Plan.

C. As set forth in the Call to the 2024 Democratic State Convention, persons wishing to be elected as a District-level Delegate or District-level Alternate Delegate to the Democratic National Convention shall file on the Democratic Party of Virginia website fifteen (15) days prior to the Congressional District Convention, or by Friday, May 3, 2024 before 5:00 p.m. The filing form is available at [vademocrats.org/delegateselection](http://vademocrats.org/delegateselection)

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D. The election of National Delegate shall be as follows:  
Voting for National Delegates: State delegates will vote for up to three (3) candidates on the National Delegate ballot.

Identification of Binary Gender: The gender of the first binary-gender delegate elected will be identified as either male or female.

Alternating Gender Advantage: As delegates are chosen, the advantage between male and female candidates will switch back and forth. This pattern will continue until all 3 delegate positions are filled.

Election of Non-Binary Delegates: If non-binary individuals are elected, they won't be classified as male or female. However, they will still contribute to the total number of delegates chosen.

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Assigning Remaining Positions: If non-binary individuals are elected, any remaining delegate positions will be divided between male and female candidates. This ensures that no single gender holds more than 50% plus one of the delegate slots, in accordance with Sections III.A.7 and VII.C of the 2024 Virginia Delegate Selection Plan. If a non-binary individual is elected as the first delegate, any remaining delegate positions will be divided between male and female candidates.

E. Due to time constraints, there shall be no speeches made by candidates for National Delegate or National Alternate.

F. Each individual Delegate or alternate shall be responsible for covering their own costs associated with

travel. Neither the 9th District Committee nor the Democratic Party of Virginia will cover any such costs.

**G.** The 9th Congressional District Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chairwoman the election of the district’s national convention delegates and alternates within 24 hours of their election, as required by Section III, A, 8 of the Democratic Party of Virginia Delegate Selection Plan.

**VI. RESOLUTIONS**

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The 9th Congressional District Democratic Committee voted unanimously on April 9,, 2024 to consider resolutions at the 2024 Congressional District Democratic Convention **The deadline for filing resolutions is May 10, 2024.** Resolutions will be considered at the 2024 Democratic Party of Virginia State Convention, in accordance with Section 17.1 of the Party Plan and Article V of the Call to the State Convention.

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**Filing Locations:**

All papers to be filed with the Chair of the 9<sup>th</sup> District Democratic Committee shall be filed with the chair:

*Rebecca Daly,, Chair 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Democratic Committee Email: chair.va9thdemocrats.com Phone: 434-454-0122*

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS RULES**

**A.** All papers to be filed with the Chair of the 9<sup>th</sup> District Democratic Committee:

*Rebecca Daly, Chair, 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Democratic Committee*

*chair.va9thdemocrats@gmail.com*

*All papers to be filed with the State Democratic Party or its chair shall be filed with the Democratic Party of Virginia, Truist Building, 919 East Main Street, Suite 2050, Richmond, Virginia 23218, Telephone:*

804-644-1966 (or toll-free 1-800-322-1144) or through electronic means as provided by the Democratic Party of Virginia.

The Democratic Party of Virginia website has information on the Delegate Selection Process and the filing forms for National Delegate, National Alternate, State Delegate, State Alternate, and Presidential Elector. [vademocrats.org/delegateselection](http://vademocrats.org/delegateselection)

**B.** The Convention Chair shall appoint a Parliamentarian, a Sergeant-at-Arms, a Head Teller, assistant tellers and fill any other positions deemed necessary, all of whom must be Democrats, but none of whom need be delegates to the Convention. The Convention Chair may appoint such similar temporary officers as are necessary while the Convention organizes. The Convention

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Chair will appoint a Temporary Chair of each Presidential Caucus and Permanent Committee; the first order of business for each such body upon first convening will be the election of a permanent chair. It shall be the responsibility of the Convention Chair to conduct and expedite the business of the Convention, and to preserve order and decorum. Each delegate is called upon and directed to assist in completing the business of the convention in an orderly and timely manner. The Convention Chair shall be authorized to recess the Convention at any time. The Convention Chair will state, whenever possible, when the Convention is to reconvene.

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The Chair may recognize special guests at appropriate times. The Chair may designate a chair pro tempore as needed. Unless otherwise specified, references in these rules to the Convention Chair are meant to refer to either the Temporary Convention Chair or Permanent Convention Chair as may be presiding at the time.

**C.** It shall be the duty of each jurisdiction’s temporary Delegation chair to distribute the badges for delegates and alternates beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the day of the convention. The jurisdiction chair may delegate this duty to that jurisdiction’s members of the Credentials Committee or other appropriate persons.

**D.** Each jurisdiction’s Delegation Chair or designee will determine that only the correct number of delegates is seated and voting. Should any dispute arise concerning delegate credentials or the number of delegates present, the Chair of the Convention will choose two (2) members from the to meet with the Permanent Credentials Committee to resolve the problem and report back to the Chair.

**E. Ballots for offices elected by the Convention or any of its caucuses shall be paper..** In accordance with party rules, as all votes are public, the voting record of each delegate shall be available upon request within 30 days of the adjournment of the convention. Vote totals shall be posted on the 9th District Democratic Committee website, [va9thdemocrats.org](http://va9thdemocrats.org), following the 9th Congressional District Convention.

**F.** All credentialed Delegates to the 9<sup>th</sup> District Democratic Convention who are on the floor shall be entitled to vote. Delegates should not leave the convention floor without passing their Delegate credential to the

Delegation Chair or to a credentialed Alternate, and may demand return of their credential if they return to the floor. Alternates should not leave the convention floor without passing their Alternate credential to the Delegation Chair, and may demand return of their credential if they return to the floor.

At the direction of the Convention Chair at a time no sooner than the election of the Delegation Chairs, the Credentials Committee will distribute unclaimed delegate credentials and alternate credentials to the Delegation Chairs. Delegation Chairs who have received a Delegate’s credential may distribute it to any credentialed Alternate in their delegation – and must notify the credentials committee upon having done so. Delegation Chairs who have received an Alternate’s

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credential may distribute it to any Democrat present at the Convention willing to become a member of the delegation. A person may not hold more than one Delegate credential.

In accordance with Section 10.1 of the Party Plan, proxy voting is not permitted – only persons present at the Convention (and holding Delegate’s credentials) may vote on any matter. In the event that the Delegation Chair determines that a Delegate’s credential is unaccounted for, the Delegation Chair may petition the Credentials Committee Chair for cancellation and re-issuance of the credential.

With notice to the Convention Chair or her designee, a Jurisdictional Chair may permanently promote one or more alternates to delegates to replace delegates who are unaccounted for or who have permanently relinquished their slots. The Convention Chair may, prior to any convention vote, request jurisdictional chairs to report the number of delegates then credentialed and in attendance.

**G.** A Teller Committee, comprising the Head Teller and all assistant tellers (who need not be delegates or alternates) designated by the Convention Chair (or Temporary Convention Chair, as need be), will have responsibility for overseeing the maintenance of paper ballots. The Head Teller may assign assistant tellers among jurisdictional and presidential caucuses as needed and direct their activities. The members of the Teller Committee counting ballots for a jurisdictional or presidential caucus must include at least one member of that caucus. Disagreements within the Teller Committee may be appealed to the chair of the body conducting the election, and thence to the body conducting the election, or if that body is no longer sitting, to the Convention Chair. The Teller Committee will report all results to both the chair of the body conducting the election and to the Convention Chair.

**H.** Ties among individuals in any contest will be decided by flip of a coin or drawing of lots, depending on the number of individuals involved in the tie, with the loser(s) considered to have placed immediately after the winner(s).

I. As provided in Section 18.3 of the Party Plan every person participating in this process shall sign a statement confirming that they are a Democrat, a registered voter within the 9th Congressional District, believes in the principles of the Democratic Party, and does not intend to support any person opposed to the Democratic nominee in the next election.

J. Except as set forth in these rules, the Convention shall be governed by the Virginia Democratic Party Plan, as amended, the Virginia Delegate Selection Plan for the 2024 Democratic National Convention, the Call to the Virginia State Democratic Convention, and Roberts Rule of Order. Rules adopted by any jurisdictional or presidential caucus must, in addition, be consistent with these Convention Rules.

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K. Slates shall not be permitted at the 9th Congressional District Democratic Convention. All candidates shall be listed individually and no ballot shall list candidates as a group.

**VIII Additional Documents for Reference**

<a href="#">Democratic Party of Virginia Party Plan Call to the 2024 State Convention</a>
<a href="#">Virginia Delegate Selection Plan Call to the 2024 National Convention</a>
<a href="#">Call to the 2024 8th Congressional District Convention</a>

*Adopted unanimously at the April 9, 2024 meeting*

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