

LIBERTARIAN

PARTY OF ARKANSAS



Rules of Order

2025 Convention of the Libertarian Party of Arkansas

April 5, 2025

RULE 1: ORDER OF BUSINESS AND TIMETABLE

1. As specified in the LPAR bylaws, Section IV.4., the standing order of business for the 2025 Convention (omitting unnecessary items) shall be as follows:
 - a. Call to order by the State Chair;
 - b. Opening Ceremonies;
 - c. Secretary report on actions taken by the State Executive Committee;
 - d. Treasurer report of money collected, money spent, and money remaining;
 - e. Report of the Bylaws Committee and action on its report;
 - f. Nomination of State Party officers;
 - g. District Caucuses
 - h. Report of the Platform Committee and action on its report;
 - i. Other business;
 - j. Adjournment.
 - k. Executive Committee Organizational Meeting
2. Scheduled business shall take place along the following timetable, with breaks in the order of business as specified in the Convention Schedule:
 - a. Session 1: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM - Agenda items a. through f.
 - b. Session 2: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM – Agenda items f. (cont.) through j.
 - c. Session 3: 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – Agenda item k.
 - d. Adjournment

RULE 2: VOTING PROCEDURE AND MOTIONS

1. Except as otherwise specified herein, voting will be by either voice vote or show of hands. If any Member objects to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a voice vote, a show of hands shall be conducted.

2. On matters that require a two-thirds vote, including the suspension of these rules, voting will be by show of hands or rising vote. If any Member objects to the Chair's ruling on the outcome of a show of hands, a rising vote shall be conducted.
3. The Chair may require any motion offered from the Convention floor to be in writing, signed by the mover and submitted to the Secretary.

RULE 3: PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF PARTY OFFICERS

1. Order of voting: Election of Party Officers will be considered in the following order:
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice-Chair
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. At-Large representative
 - f. District Caucuses
2. Voting procedures
 - a. Contested nominations: In the case of nominations for which more than one person has been presented as a candidate, voting will take place by secret ballot. Convention delegates may vote for any individual or for "None Of The Above" (NOTA). Prior to any vote, candidates and/or their advocates will each be given up to 5 minutes to present their case to the convention delegates.
 - b. Any candidate (including NOTA) who receives a majority of the votes cast will be declared elected for that office.
 - c. If no candidate receives a majority, the person with the lowest number of votes will be dropped from the list of candidates and another round of voting will take place.
(Note: NOTA is always on the ballot).
 - d. The process described in sections (a.) through (c.) will continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.
3. Uncontested nominations: If only one person has been nominated for an office, voting by secret ballot will be suspended by unanimous consent: Convention delegates may vote for the named candidate or for NOTA by a show of hands. Any member may call for a secret ballot at any time, and such a request will be considered a privileged motion.
4. Election of NOTA: If NOTA receives a majority of votes for any office, the office shall be considered vacant and the Chair will proceed to consideration of the next office as specified in Section (1.) – (3.).