

2016 HOUSE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS RULES

The rules of this **November 30, 2016** Caucus shall be the rules of the 2016 New Hampshire House of Representatives, subject to the following additional rules:

PRESIDING OFFICER: The Presiding Officer of the caucus shall be the Chairman of the New Hampshire Republican Party or his/her designee. Unless challenged, the Clerk of the House shall serve as Caucus Clerk, and the House Sergeant-at-Arms shall serve as the Caucus Sergeant-at-Arms, in which case the Presiding Officer shall appoint the Caucus Clerk or the Caucus Sergeant-at-Arms. The Presiding Officer shall appoint ballot clerks.

ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE: Only members-elect of the New Hampshire House of Representatives who ran as Republican nominees shall be eligible to participate and vote in the caucus. Access to the Hall, including the gallery, shall be limited to Republican members-elect, candidates for offices being considered, caucus officials and such other officers and assistants as may be required by the Caucus Clerk and Caucus Sergeant-at-Arms. The Caucus Clerk will prepare a checklist of those qualified to vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: Following the qualification of members of the Caucus, the Caucus shall adopt the 2016 House Republican Caucus Rules. The rules as announced by the Presiding Officer shall be open to amendment upon motion of a member until adopted by a majority of the members of the Caucus present and voting.

ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION: Nominations for Speaker of the House will be accepted on behalf of registered Republicans only. Nominations must be moved and seconded. The order of elections shall be Republican Nominee for Speaker first, House Clerk second and House Sergeant-at-Arms third. Any person accepting a nomination for Speaker at the caucus shall agree not to oppose the Caucus' nominee for Speaker on Organization Day.

NOMINATIONS: First ballot nominating will be limited to 12 minutes for each candidate, including nominating, seconding and remarks by the candidate. The candidate may assign time limits to their nominators and seconders and shall inform the Caucus Clerk. Nominations for each office will be taken up in a random order among the announced candidates who have informed the Chairman of the Republican State Committee of their candidacies as of **12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 23, 2016**, which order will be determined by a lottery method designated by the Presiding Officer and conducted before the candidates. Speeches on subsequent ballots will be limited to three minutes per candidate or designee. Remaining candidates shall speak in reverse order of the speeches given in the round immediately prior.

BALLOTING: The nomination of a candidate for office will be by a simple majority vote of those present and voting. Balloting will be conducted by secret ballot. On each ballot the Caucus Clerk will have printed, in alphabetical order by last name, the names of all announced

candidates. There will be one blank line for write-in candidates. A blank ballot will not be counted as a vote but will be counted as a ballot cast for the purpose of determining the total number of ballots cast or the majority needed for nomination. If more than two candidates are standing for office, the candidate receiving the least number of votes will be eliminated after the third ballot, and every subsequent ballot. Balloting shall continue until a nominee is chosen. If, after the announcement of the results, there is no candidate with a majority of votes, there shall be a 10 minute recess or less time if all candidates are in agreement. Each candidate may name two members-elect to observe the counting of ballots.

Proposed by Candidates for Speaker of the House

Shan Yarr
Lu V. De
Carol M. Greene
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