

**November 28, 2017**  
**House Republican Caucus**  
**Election Rules**

The rules of this November 28, 2017 Caucus shall be the rules of the 2017 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. The Clerk of the House shall serve as Caucus Clerk, and the House Sergeant-at-Arms shall serve as the Caucus Sergeant-at-Arms. The presiding officer shall appoint ballot clerks.

**ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE:** Only sworn members of the New Hampshire House of Representatives who are members of the Republican caucus shall be eligible to participate and vote in the caucus. Access to the Hall, including the gallery, shall be limited to Republican members, caucus officials, and other such 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 call of the roll, the caucus shall adopt the proposed election 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 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. Any person accepting a nomination for Speaker at the caucus shall agree not to oppose the Caucus' nominee for Speaker at the House session called for that purpose.


**NOMINATIONS:** First ballot nominating will be limited to ten minutes for each announced 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 Speaker will be taken up in 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 Tuesday, November 21, 2017**, 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 designees. Remaining candidates shall speak in reverse order of the speeches 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 of 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 second 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 ten minute recess, or less time if all candidates are in agreement. Each candidate may name two members to observe the counting of ballots.

**Proposed by Candidates for Speaker of the House**

 11/9/2017  
**Alfred Baldasaro**

 11/9/17  
En **Gene Chandler**

 11/9/17  
**Laurie Sanborn**

 11/9/2017  
**Steven Smith**