



**CACHE COUNTY 2023 ORGANIZING CONVENTION
SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023**

PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ridgeline High School

Credentialing Starts at 8:30 AM

Candidate Meet & Greet at 8:30 AM

Convention Comes to Order 10 PM

1. Welcome: County Chair, Shellie Giddings
2. Invocation: By Invitation - [Rep. Dan Johnson](#)
3. Pledge of Allegiance: By Invitation - [Mayor Jason Thompson](#)
4. National Anthem - [led by Charlotte McConkie \(MIL02\)](#)

PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Adoption of Convention Rules, see page 3 - **APPROVED**
2. Adoption of Agenda - **APPROVED**
3. Congressional & Legislative Reports (**If needed to allow time for the credentials report to be prepared. If not needed, they will be given when time permits.**)
4. Close Credentialing & Give Credentials Report - County Secretary Pam Budge
 - o [TOTAL CREDENTIALIALED: 389 \(the body approved credentialing a late delegate following the Chair race, bringing the total up to 390\)](#)
 - o [NORTHEAST District: 78](#)
5. County Party Officer Reports
6. Chair Giddings recused, Chris Booth, Chair Pro Tem chairs items 7-12
7. County Council District Chair Elections (**Vote of Acclamation**)
[Voice vote - all APPROVED](#)

North - Sigrid Roderer	Logan 3 - Rick Mayer
Logan 1 - Tim lindsay	South - Mike Porter
Logan 2 - JoAnn Bennett	



8. County Council Northeast District Chair Speeches (**3 minutes**) & Elections (**Majority Wins**)

- Northeast District Chair Candidates speaking order
 - **Total # of votes: 77**
 - **Jana Atkinson** - 44 votes - 57%
 - Leslie Carpenter - 33 votes - 43%
- **Balloting**

9. County Party Officer Elections (**Vote of Acclamation**) - *Voice vote - all APPROVED*

Vice Chair - Natalie Levi	Treasurer - John Drew
Secretary - Pamela Budge	

10. County Party Chair Speeches (**5 minutes**) & Elections (**Majority Wins**)

*Motion by Layne Beck (SMI08) / Second: Todd Andrus (HYR04) - runoff voting for Chair race - **APPROVED***

Motion by Ian Troesoyer (LOG21): approval voting - no second/motion failed

- County Chair Candidates speaking order
 - **Total # of votes: Round 1: 382 / Round 2: 364 (3 spoiled)**
 - **Geoff Cox** - 130 votes - 34.03% / 194 votes - 53.3%
 - Kim Hamblin - 141 votes - 36.91% / 170 votes - 46.7%
 - Shellie Giddings - 111 votes - 29.06%
- **Balloting**

11. County Elected Officials Reports (**up to 3 minutes each while ballots counted**)

Executive David Zook	Recorder Devron Anderson
Attorney Dane Murray	Assessor Brett Robinson
Clerk/Auditor Jess Bradfield	Sheriff Chad Jensen
Treasurer Craig McAllister	County Council Chair, David Erickson
County Councilwoman Kathryn Beus	County Councilman Nolan Gunnell
County Councilman Mark Hurd	

12. **Announce results of the Northeast District, County Chair elections - Chris Booth**

13. Chair Giddings resumes chairing the convention - *Chris Booth continued*



14. SCC Candidates - Speeches (**3 minutes**) & Elections (**Plurality Vote**)

- SCC Candidates speaking order
 - **Total # of votes: 316 (1 spoiled)**
 - Bonnie Grieff - 133 votes - 42.1%
 - Christopher Smith Lauritzen - 119 votes - 37.7%
 - Rick Mayer - 169 votes - 53.5%
 - Clair Ellis - 275 votes - 87.0%
 - Jon-David Jorgensen - 263 votes - 83.2%
 - Shawn Milne - 155 votes - 49.1%
 - Peter Thatcher - 116 votes - 36.7%
- **Balloting Opens**

Motion by Craig Maughan (LOG07) to move to the bylaws during ballot counting -
Parliamentarian: Roberts Rules do not allow for business to be conducted while attendees are
out of the room counting ballots, only reports may be given

Motion by Craig Maughan (LOG07) to strike #15 & #16 from agenda - #16 was completed at the
beginning & no state candidates were able to come to speak due to conventions in other
counties (#15)

Motion by Gina Worthen (NLG04) for a quorum count - Convention Chair (Chris Booth) rules
quorum is not met - Chair's ruling was questioned - vote count
85 voted to uphold Chair's ruling / 91 voted to not uphold - Chair's ruling overturned

15. UTGOP Officer Candidates: Speeches (**up to 3 minutes while ballots counted**)

16. Legislative Reports (**up to 3 minutes while ballots counted**)

17. Announce results of the SCC election - Motion to ratify plurality results by Seth
Humphries (LOG22) / Second: Jess Bradfield (NIB02) - **APPROVED**
Motion to adjourn by Tim Lindsay (LOG16) / Second: NaLyn Nelson (HYR04) -
APPROVED

18. Bylaw amendment proposals

19. Final Remarks: Chair Shellie Giddings

20. Adjourn



CONVENTION RULES:

1. Candidate speaking order was determined by the order in which they filed.
2. Candidate speaking time shall be as outlined in the agenda for all contested races. Other speeches & reports by UTGOP officer candidates and elected officials will be as outlined in the agenda.
3. County Chair or Chair Pro Tem reserves the right to change the order of Cache GOP Officer reports, UTGOP Officer Candidates Speeches & elected officials reports on the agenda as needed in the best interest of time.
4. Balloting shall be conducted using paper ballots.
5. Voters must show their signed credential card before casting their ballots.
6. **VOTING RULES & PROCEDURE:** As per Article 9 of our County Party By-laws
 - (9A) All matters to be voted upon by any committee established by these By-laws or any convention or precinct caucus shall be by majority vote of those present and authorized to vote, unless otherwise specified herein. An election vote among multiple candidates to fill more than one position that does not produce enough majority vote winners to fill the positions shall be completed either by additional rounds of voting among the remaining candidates or by ratifying the plurality vote winners by a majority vote. Voting for each office at any Central Committee meeting or county convention shall be among only the voting precincts governed or represented by that office. Voting by proxy is expressly prohibited at any meeting of any committee established herein or any convention or precinct caucus.
 - (9B) The County Executive Committee and Elected officials shall be entitled to participate in all elections and all other matters before the County Convention in the same manner as any delegate to the Convention.
 - (9E) Any candidate who is unopposed at the county convention must be confirmed by majority vote at the convention to be the party's nominee for the respective office.



NOT CONSIDERED DUE TO ADJOURNMENT

Cache County Republican Party Bylaw Amendment Proposal

Remove Party Support for Signature Candidates Proposal submitted by Geoff Cox Wel01

Suggested change to bylaw 9G, remove the highlighted text only, no other additions or changes:

(9G) A candidate for a county, state legislature or state school board office who filed an official intent to gather signatures and has submitted signatures ~~but who has not been chosen by a party convention~~ will not receive any recognition as a candidate or assistance in any form from the county party until after the primary election, unless required by law. Signature gathering candidates are always listed on ballots after non-signature gathering candidates.

Explanation: The purpose of the Cache County GOP is to enable delegates chosen by voters in a neighborhood caucus to select political candidates for primary and general election races. The legislature passed SB54 for the express purpose of allowing signature candidates to bypass delegates and the caucus-convention selection process, often by paying to collect signatures with outside money. It is unfair to give signature-buying candidates the additional advantage of delegate contact lists. The caucus-convention system allows any citizen without wealth or outside funding to run for office.

Some candidates suggest they declare as a signature candidate only to establish recognition of candidacy on the county elections web page. This grants an additional unfair advantage over caucus-convention candidates who are not officially allowed to declare until months later. The party should not reward this with resources. The definition of "fair" means the law and our bylaws should not allow some candidates advantages over others. The phrase that this bylaw change seeks to remove is designed to protect candidates who *claim* only to file early *for recognition*. In the days of social media, this argument is weak. This change recognizes that candidates who *file* as signature gathering candidates *intend* to gather signatures.

Some candidates may claim they are *dual path* candidates - both signature and convention candidates - as allowed by SB54. How many signature candidates personally contacted you before the convention? This bylaw change does not prevent a candidate from the convention ballot.

20A-9-408, 9Aii of the State code says signature candidates "submit the signatures to the election officer before 5 p.m. no later than 14 days before the day on which the qualified political party holds the party's convention to select candidates..." If most candidates submit their signatures near the deadline, the current reading of this bylaw only prohibits the county party from providing signature gathering candidates "recognition...or assistance" during the 14 day period between submitting signatures and the convention, effectively killing the fairness intent of the bylaw. The language would also require Cache GOP officers to monitor when a candidate submits signatures so the party can



notify the signature candidate to stop using delegate lists. This is an additional burden on the party that would be eliminated with this change.

Approving this bylaw change will continue to allow signature gathering candidates to legally buy the signatures they need to bypass convention delegates without giving them the additional unfair advantage of official Party delegate contact information that should only be used by candidates who respect the delegate convention system. Please approve this bylaw and protect the reason the Cache County GOP exists.