



## 2024 Fall CCC Meeting

Thursday, September 26, 2024 at Ridgeline High School.  
Credentialing begins at 6:30 PM, call to order 7:00 PM.

1. Welcome, Chair
2. Prayer - [Sonia Larsen \(LOG24\)](#)
3. National Anthem
4. Pledge of Allegiance - [Natalie Levi \(NEW\)](#)
5. Credential Report - [76 Credentialed](#)
6. Adopt Standing Rules (listed below) - **Motion to adopt: Rex Nelson (LOG09) / Second: Nathanael Wright (LOG25) - APPROVED**
7. Adopt Agenda -
  - **Motion to amend: Mike Petersen (NLG05) - strike Bylaw Proposal 6 from agenda due to the issue having been debated & defeated many times before;** [Layne Beck \(SMI08\)](#) spoke against, [Joe Levi \(NEW\)](#) parliamentary order question, [David Palmer \(SMI08\)](#) spoke against, [Casey Snider \(PAR\)](#) spoke for; [Brett Randall \(HYD01\)](#) called question/Second: [Nathanael Wright \(LOG25\)](#)-passed; **Amendment PASSED, Division called by Layne Beck (SMI08): 57 aye - 15 nay**
  - **Motion to amend: Layne Beck (SMI08) - move Bylaw Proposals above Reports & Election Support agenda items;** [Heather Lehnig \(RVH01\)](#) spoke against, [Natalie Levi \(NEW\)](#) spoke against; **Motion to amend the amendment: Rex Nelson (LOG09)/Second: Tim Rich (COR) - agenda item order: Election Support, Bylaw Proposals, Reports - PASSED**
  - **SDFS Motion to adopt agenda as amended: Layne Beck (SMI08) / Second: Joe Levi (NEW) - APPROVED**
8. Approve [Minutes Spring 2024 Central Committee Meeting](#) - **Motion to approve: Megan Izatt (PAR) / Second: Nathanael Wright (LOG25) - APPROVED**
9. [Chayse Leavitt, National Convention Delegate Report](#) - [feeling of unity around President Trump at the convention, favorite speeches from mothers, & Vivik Ramaswamy speaking to Gen Z](#)
10. Calendar
11. [John Drew, Report Treasurer](#) - [\\$40,923 in the bank; reports can be found on website attached to the Executive Meeting minutes; need more volunteers for candidates](#)



12. Pam Budge, Report Secretary - fill vacancies from move outs before next convention; social media pages currently promoting American Founders & Constitution Month with quotes from Founding Fathers with links to original sources
13. Natalie Levi, Report Vice Chair
14. Geoff Cox, Report Chair - helping candidates is priority now, Lincoln Dinner & Organizing Convention will be next
15. Election Support
  1. Senator Chris Wilson - out of town - Jayden Laursen spoke on his behalf - Chris Wilson will be doing radio ads & public events in Oct; let him know about neighborhood events he can attend; put a sign in your yard
  2. Representative Mike Petersen - volunteers for door hangers, cottage meetings, donations
  3. Jason Thompson - out of town - Casey Snider spoke on his behalf - more volunteers to help with door hangers
  4. Barbara Tidwell - Rex Nelson spoke & encouraged support
  5. Bryson Behm - sick w/fever - Natalie Levi read short statement - put a sign in your yard
16. Credential Report - 82 Credentialed (increased to 83 total by end of the meeting)
17. Bylaw Proposals - Natalie Levi (County VC) chaired this portion of the meeting during Geoff Cox' proposed bylaws; Geoff chaired during all others; see full notes above each bylaw on separate pages below
  1. ARTICLE 1 amendment - PASSED AS AMENDED
  2. 8A amendment - PASSED AS AMENDED
  3. 2C amendment - PASSED AS AMENDED
  4. 3B addition - PASSED AS AMENDED
  5. 5A4 amendment - FAILED
  6. 6A/6B5 amendment - REMOVED FROM AGENDA - NOT CONSIDERED
  7. 8A amendment - PASSED AS AMENDED
18. Adjourn

**"The mission of the Cache GOP is to promote and defend the Constitution and values of our party Platform through finding, electing and supporting principled Republicans in elected offices through the caucus-convention system. The Party also defends our Platform through media, social events, training, and education."**



## Standing Rules, RR 59:27

1. These rules shall govern any conflict with Robert's Rules.
2. Debate time for the adoption of the agenda is limited to 20 minutes.
3. Each delegate to this meeting will be issued a credential card that is non-transferrable and must be displayed at the time of voting.
4. Only credentialed Republicans are allowed to speak unless approved by the chair per RR 61:19.
5. Elected Official and Auxiliary Reports: These addresses may occur at any time during the proceedings, as time allows, as determined by the chair.
6. In order to ensure the efficiency of the convention and respect of attendees time, items of business may be moved forward at the Chair's discretion, as time allows.
7. Bylaw/Platform Proposal Discussion: Maximum time limit for discussion on each proposal is 15 minutes. The person who proposes the bylaw will have 5 minutes to introduce the proposal. Speakers are limited to 60 seconds each. Speakers may ask the person proposing the bylaw change questions, who may give short responses. At the end of the discussion period, the body may motion to extend the debate time by a specific number of minutes by majority vote, otherwise all pending amendments are voted on in their current state after which the main motion is voted on.
8. Speakers face the chair when making motions, and may face the body when presenting information.
9. Affiliates may exhibit and distribute literature inside the foyer of the venue without charge. All other entities desiring a booth/table to exhibit must be approved by the Executive Committee and pay the required fee. Exhibits are confined to designated areas inside the foyer. Exhibitors are responsible to remove their materials after the Convention. Exhibitor shall pay any required cleaning fees for which they are responsible. Any and all literature distributed must prominently display the name and contact information of the group or person responsible for it. Any literature being distributed without this disclosure may be removed from the premises.

### **Voting Threshold**

Bylaw 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.

Bylaw 10B: These By-laws may be amended at any time by a **two-thirds (2/3)** vote of qualified voting members or delegates **present** at a regular or specifically called County Central Committee meeting or County Convention, respectively.

### **Voting Percentage Calculation**

Due to 9A requiring a "majority vote of those **present**," Roberts Rules 44:7-9 requires the denominator of the percentage calculation include all credentialed voters in the hall *at the time of the vote* whether they vote or not. To comply with this requirement, the chair will ask if everyone has voted before closing balloting so the ballot count is the denominator.



## Bylaw Proposals

(additions are underlined, removals ~~striketrough~~)

### Bylaw Proposal 1 - **PASSED AS AMENDED** Submitted by Geoff Cox, Cache GOP Chair

Joe Levi (NEW) - capitalize Party - friendly amendment adopted  
Shellie Giddings (RVH01) - point of order - keep bylaw proposal 5 in mind with this  
Tim Lindsay (LOG16) - spoke against

**Joe Levi (NEW) - motion to amend - remove "District Vice Chairs, the"**

Rick Mayer (LOG20) - spoke for amendment

Layne Beck (SMI08) - addressed bylaw proposal 5

Rex Nelson (LOG09) - call the question

**AMENDMENT PASSED**

#### ARTICLE 1. THE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Republican Party Central Committee of Cache County, Utah, hereinafter referred to as the "Central Committee," shall consist of all Voting Precinct Chairs, Vice Chairs, Treasurers, and Secretaries elected at the most recent Republican Party Caucuses (mass meetings) held in their respective Precincts, the duly elected or appointed members of the Executive Committee listed in Article 5 below, the

~~District Vice Chairs, the~~

~~members of the State Central Committee, the~~

Cache County Republican Women's Chair, the

Utah State University College Republicans Chair, the

Cache County Teenage Republicans Chair, the

Cache County Republican Veterans Caucus Chair, **and** the

~~elected Presidents or Chairs of official Party Auxiliaries, and the~~

elected Republican state and county officials representing or residing in Cache County.

The Central Committee shall govern the affairs of the Republican Party in Cache County and shall exercise those powers conferred by the Utah Republican Party Constitution and by these By- laws.

*Discussion: I introduced a bylaw change at the last Central Committee Meeting to convert the District Vice Chairs into co-District Chairs. The objection in the meeting was that this would make the Executive Committee too large. This proposal provides the DVC's voting rights on the Central Committee but leaves their status on the Executive Committee unchanged. I believe the DVC's should have voting rights as any Central Committee Member in recognition of their hard work and familiarity with the issues of the party. Also, the elected members of the State Central Committee should also be members of the County Central Committee. The Auxiliary Chairs should be members of the Central Committee or there is no reason to apply to be an official Auxiliary.*



**Bylaw Proposal 2 - PASSED AS AMENDED**  
**Submitted by Geoff Cox, Cache GOP Chair**

Sandi Goodlander (LOG20) - amend to include a date attached (2 weeks prior to convention)

Tim Rich (COR) - amend: "2 weeks prior to delegate deadline"

See language in red below following discussion of friendly amendments

*Delete 8C:*

~~**(8C) Any absence in an ex-officio delegate position shall be filled by the Executive Committee, which shall select a substitute from among the District Vice Chairs.**~~

*Append 8A with the following:*

(8A) Any absence caused by the inability of any duly elected county, state or ex officio delegate to attend a County or State Republican Party Convention or Special Election, shall be filled by the respective precinct Chair, who shall select a substitute from the voting precinct in which the absence occurs from among the alternate delegates elected at the precinct caucus in elected rank order. **If an absence of an ex-officio delegate cannot be filled by a precinct chair after contacting every alternate delegate two weeks prior to a convention or election, the Precinct Chair may shall request the Executive Committee fill the absence by selecting a substitute from among the District Vice Chairs.**

*Discussion: There is a conflict with 8A and 8C that cannot coexist. This update solves the conflict and provides a mechanism to ensure no delegate position is unrepresented at conventions.*



**Bylaw Proposal 3 - PASSED AS AMENDED**  
**Submitted by Natalie Levi, Cache GOP Vice Chair**

Joe Levi (NEW) - amend - see new language in red below - friendly amendment accepted

~~(2C) Email and texting are is the official communication mediums of the Cache GOP.~~

**(2C) The County Party website is the official communication medium of the Cache GOP. Emails and text messages may also be used to facilitate communication.**

*Discussion: Party leadership is concerned that email is losing its effectiveness as a communication medium and would like to add texting as an option. Sending 3000 texts costs \$0.029 each = \$100. We have about 300 precinct leaders, 500 county delegates, 140 state delegates. We also have 4000 contacts from Caucus registration.*



**Bylaw Proposal 4 - PASSED AS AMENDED**  
**Submitted by Natalie Levi, Cache GOP Vice Chair**

Shellie Giddings (RVH02) - point of information - what does all contacts include?

**Joe Levi (NEW) - motion to amend - "all Party contacts", capitalize "Party", & to split the bylaw into two parts (3B1 & 3B2) as shown below in red - PASSED**

Rockie Ricks (RVH01) - amend to add "official" in front of "Party contacts" - friendly amendment accepted

Layne Beck (SMI08) - amend to add "web domains" - friendly amendment accepted

Other friendly amendments proposed to add "Cache GOP" in front of "Party contacts" & change "emails" to "email accounts and addresses"

Sandi Goodlander (LOG20) - amend to change "during the function and operations of the Party" to "for the function and operations of the Party" - friendly amendment accepted

**3B Party Property belongs to the county party and will be transferred to the new officers within 48 hours of their election. Party Property includes: All contacts, calendars, emails, login IDs, passwords of party cloud drives, accounts, bank accounts, Treasury bookkeeping and accounting records, IRS and State, organizational documents, correspondence, determination letters, as well as any other party assets used during the function and operations of the party as well as items purchased by the party.**

**3B1 Definitions: Party Property includes: All official Cache GOP Party contacts, calendars, email accounts and addresses, web domains, login IDs, passwords of Party cloud drives, accounts, bank accounts, Treasury bookkeeping and accounting records, IRS and State, organizational documents, correspondence, determination letters, as well as any other Party assets used for the function and operations of the Party as well as items purchased by the Party.**

**3B2 Party Property belongs to the county party and will be transferred to the new officers within 48 hours of their election.**

*Discussion: To ensure a smooth transition to the next set of party leaders, this bylaw requires the outgoing leadership to transfer party assets and information quickly.*



**Bylaw Proposal 5 - FAILED**  
**Submitted by Layne Beck, Smithfield 8 Secretary**

Geoff Cox (WEL01) spoke against  
Chris Lauritzen (WEL03) spoke for  
Shellie Giddings (RVH01) spoke against  
Kim Hamblin (SMI04) spoke for  
Tim Lindsay (LOG16) spoke against  
John Drew (PRO06) spoke against

(5A4) At the County Organizing Convention (odd-numbered years), the Central Committee members, along with the elected county delegates, shall divide themselves into separate caucuses for each of the County Council Districts within the County and shall each elect by majority vote a County Council District Chair to the Executive Committee. The duly elected County Council District Chairs shall, ~~with approval from the Executive Committee~~, appoint a County Council District Vice-Chair, and shall act as representatives of their respective County Council Districts on the Executive Committee. They shall be seated immediately after election and shall serve through the next county organizing convention.

*Logic and reason for this change:*

*When the party moved to elect County Council District Chairs over Legislative district chairs the decision was made by this body to allow the Elected Council District Chairs to choose who they would like to work with as the District Vice Chair without election.*

*We should either go back to the delegates electing the Vice Chairs or allow the Council District Chairs to appoint the vice chair. We have a difficult time getting people to run for the District Chair positions. It makes sense to have these district chairs appointed without the unnecessary step of the Executive Committee approval. This action will accommodate the intent of the change to Council District Chairs vs Legislative District Chairs..*

*Sponsor:*

*Layne Beck, Smithfield 8 Secretary*

*Co-Sponsors:*

*Kim Hamblin Northeast District Vice Chair*  
*Jana Atkinson Northeast District Chair*





**Bylaw Proposal 6 - REMOVED FROM AGENDA - DID NOT CONSIDER**  
**Submitted by Layne Beck, Smithfield 8 Secretary**

(6A) NUMBERS OF DELEGATES. The total number of delegates to the county convention shall be no less than five hundred (500). The total number of state delegates allowed from each county is determined by the State Party. **All State Party Delegates shall be allocated to the precincts to be elected at precinct caucus meetings in compliance with State Party Constitution Article XII Section 1(A).**

(6B5) Ex Officio Delegates: The County Executive Committee voting members, members of the State Republican Central Committee who represent Cache County, and Republican State and Cache County elected officials who reside in Cache County shall have ex officio delegate status to the county ~~and state~~ conventions, if they so desire. ~~Ex officio delegates to the state convention are subject to ratification by the county nominating convention.~~ Voting precinct chair and Auxiliary Chairs/Presidents shall have ex officio delegate status to the county nominating convention. Precinct Officers and Auxiliary Chairs/Presidents shall have ex officio delegate status to the county organizing convention. Ex officio delegate status shall go with the office, not with the person. Ex officio delegates are in addition to the delegate allocation determined above (6B2).

*For your Reference:*

*ARTICLE XII (State Party Constitution) <https://utgop.org/governing-documents/CAUCUS AND CONVENTION PROCEDURES>*

*Section 1. Precinct Caucuses*

*A. Precinct Caucuses shall be held in each even-numbered year. The State Central Committee shall designate the date thereof at least eight weeks prior to the caucuses. The County Party shall designate the locations. **The County Party shall designate, based upon the relative Republican strength of each precinct, the number of delegates to be elected in each individual caucus meeting.** Relative Republican strength shall be calculated by aggregating the total combined county Republican votes cast at the previous election for Governor/Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Auditor, and State Treasurer, excluding the vote for any candidate who had no opposition. **Each precinct's portion of the aggregate vote shall be calculated on a strict percentage basis, without rounding.** The County Party shall give notice of each individual caucus meeting by notifying the local news media and requiring three notices to be posted in the precinct. Each individual caucus shall be open to any Utah citizen who resides in the precinct, who will be at least 18 by the time of that year's general election. The State Party, through its Bylaws, may restrict participation and voting in the*



*precinct caucuses based on party affiliation. The caucus shall convene at 7:00 Utah Republican Constitution (as amended on 05-01-2021)*

*Logic and reason for this change:*

*Almost every election cycle Cache County's state delegates have had credential challenges because of this practice of political grift of allocating state delegate status to County and State elected officials and County Party Officers. Over the 35+ years I have been attending state conventions Cache County has given State Delegate Status to as many as 30% of our State Convention Delegation.*

*While we can appreciate the work these individuals do in their respective roles, and I do. Ask yourself these questions: 1.) Why should we not elect all of our State Delegates at the precinct level? 2.) Why should elected officials and party officers be awarded State Delegate status by virtue of being elected to a different position?*

*Please read Article XII Section A. of the State Party Constitution. (Included above)  
"The County Party shall designate, based upon the relative Republican strength of each precinct, the number of delegates to be elected in each individual caucus meeting. "*

*Cache County Republican Party should bring our bylaws into compliance with the Utah Republican Party Constitution. End the long time practice of political grift by adopting this amendment.*

*Sponsor:  
Layne Beck, Smithfield 8 Secretary*

*Co-Sponsors:  
Jana Atkinson, Northeast District Chair  
Kim Hamblin, Northeast District Vice Chair*

**Response By Geoff Cox:** *Layne suggests that Article XII Section A does not allow County Parties to allocate State Delegates to county party officials or elected officials. However, Article VII of the State Party Constitution states:*

**ARTICLE VII, COUNTY PARTIES. A. Constitution and Bylaws. Each County Party shall, by its central committee or its convention, adopt a Constitution and/or Bylaws, which shall govern its procedures, including the selection of those party officers, delegates, and representatives who represent only that county or its parts. Any provision of those documents that is contrary to state law or to a specific provision of this Constitution is null and void.**  
**3. The governing documents of a County Party applicable to the choosing of state delegates shall be those on file with the State Party 30 days prior to the voting precinct caucuses.**



*If the State Constitution Article XII,1,A is sufficient in defining how delegates are allocated, then why does Article VII A,3 give the county parties authority to govern the selection and choosing of state delegates? There would be no reason to file a document with the State GOP regarding the county's method of choosing of state delegates if the interpretation of Article XII 1,A is correct. Therefore, Cache County Bylaws currently comply with both Article VII and XII of the State GOP Constitution. Utah County does not allow ex officio state delegates, but Salt Lake County does.*

***Response By Clair Ellis:*** *Please vote No on Bylaw Proposal 6, sponsored by Layne Beck. This is a repeat of a proposal that has been debated and voted down by the county party several times over the years. The proposal would end ex officio (automatic) state delegate status for our county party officers and Republican elected officials.*

*Here are the reasons this proposal was rejected every other time.*

*1. The claim that our county party rule about ex officio delegates violates the state party constitution is not true. That constitution specifically recognizes county party authority to choose its representatives, including delegates, according to its own rules. The proposal sponsors didn't mention this provision, which was added specifically to settle the delegate allocation issue. (I was on the state party committee that wrote it and it was approved by members on both sides of the delegate issue.) Prior to this provision, some county parties were not following their own rules in allocating delegates. This provision helped end that.*

*" Each County Party shall, by its central committee or its convention, adopt a Constitution and/or Bylaws, which shall govern its procedures, including the selection of those party officers, delegates, and representatives who represent only that county or its parts. Any provision of those documents that is contrary to state law or to a specific provision of this Constitution is null and void." Article VII*

*2. The claim that ex officio delegates violates the state party constitution Article XII is not true. The sponsors are correct that a few delegates from other counties, such as Mike Ridgway, have challenged ex officio delegates, but not for several years, and those old challenges were overwhelmingly rejected by votes of the state convention each time. Ridgway and company even sued the state party over the issue, but the court didn't even take up the case after most of Ridgway's co-plaintiffs withdrew their names from the lawsuit. Article XII allows a county to "designate" any number of its state delegates to be elected by precincts and requires that those delegates be allocated by the "strength formula", but does not require a county to designate that all its delegates or even any of them be elected by precincts. (When this provision was adopted decades ago, precincts only nominated state delegates and they had to be elected at county conventions.)*

*3. Proposals have been made to the state convention several times over the years to specifically require all state delegate positions to be elected by precincts and the state*



*delegates have voted it down every time. Those proposals would not be needed if the party constitution already required that all delegates be elected by precincts.*

*4. Given this history, the bylaw sponsors' claim that the county party is "grifting" in choosing its delegates is simply slander and should never have been said. The Cache Republican Party has carefully followed its duly adopted rules and our delegates have always been credentialed by the state party.*

*5. Cache County's ex officio delegate provision has served the county party well. Relationships between the party and Republican elected officials in Cache have been constructive and productive. I especially appreciated those relationships when I was county party chair twenty years ago and it's still true. The officials need the party and the party needs its elected officials. We shouldn't be at odds. Likewise for party officers who often administer precinct caucuses and cannot attend their own caucus. Selecting these handfuls of party workers as a small portion of our total state delegation is a good party building strategy. Counties like Utah County that booted its elected officials from delegate positions in 2012 have had contentious relationships ever since.*

*6. Ex officio delegates are often the most experienced and skilled representatives for our small county at the state convention. They magnify Cache's influence among the larger county delegations. This is a personal preference, but I would rather be represented at state convention by Chris and Kiersten Wilson and Casey Snider, or by our county party officers, who were chosen by Republicans in the entire county, than two additional people I don't know who are elected or appointed by some random precincts.*

*7. The state party's "Republican strength" delegate allocation formula that this bylaw proposal relies on is badly flawed and far from a "gold standard" for allocating delegates. It is based on a precinct's votes for Governor and three other statewide officials, including votes by Democrats and non-Republicans, and not on the number of Republicans living in the precinct. Since those votes happen only every four years, the formula can't even be used if precinct boundaries change in the meantime, so party officials have to just guess at the allocation. It is far from pure.*

*8. The "Republican strength" formula does not give a precinct any benefit from getting one of its members elected to a party or a public office, as does the current ex officio rule. There is no better indicator of a precinct's success in Republican strength than getting one of its own elected to office. Our current rule adds the elected official to that precinct's delegate allocation. If this bylaw proposal is adopted, those precincts would be punished and other party members in that precinct would have to run against those officials to become state delegates.*



**Bylaw Proposal 7 - PASSED AS AMENDED**

**Submitted by John Powell, Wellsville 1 Precinct Chair**

**Motion to add to agenda by Tim Rich (COR) / Second: Nathanael Wright - PASSED**  
Joe Levi - amend "may" to "shall" - friendly amendment accepted

Append 8A with the following:

(8A) Any absence caused by the inability of any duly elected county, state or ex officio delegate to attend a County or State Republican Party Convention or Special Election, shall be filled by the respective precinct Chair, who shall select a substitute from the voting precinct in which the absence occurs from among the alternate delegates elected at the precinct caucus in elected rank order. **When the number of elected delegates is less than the qualified number, empty positions may shall be filled with alternate delegates.**

*Discussion: If a precinct does not elect the total number of allocated delegates, alternate can be used to ensure precinct is fully represented. This directly impacted our precinct this past spring at the County Convention.*