

FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPUBLICAN PARTY OFFICIAL 2026 CONVENTION CALL

As Chairman of the Fifth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the State Party Plan, and as directed by the District Committee, I, Rick Buchanan, do hereby issue this call for a District Convention to be held:

Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 10:00 AM
Thomas Gymnasium at Fork Union Military Academy
4744 James Madison Highway, Fork Union, VA 23055
OR

An alternate site or date if necessary for the following purposes:

- a) Election of Fifth District Republican Committee Chairman
- b) Transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

All legal and qualified voters of the Fifth Congressional District under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required by their Republican unit committee, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election, may participate as a member of the Republican Party of Virginia in this Fifth Congressional District Convention.

DELEGATE CHECK-IN:

Convention check-in shall begin at 8:30 AM EDT and shall conclude at 10:00 AM.

All Delegates in line at 10:00 AM shall be allowed to check-in. The Convention shall be called to order at 10:00 AM or upon completion of check-in of all Delegates in line at 10:00 AM. Upon commencement of the first ballot for any office and thereafter, no quorum call or point of order regarding the quorum of the Convention, or of any Committee thereof, shall be in order.

MILITARY MEMBERS AS DELEGATES:

Military Members (any members of the Virginia National Guard, or the United States Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard currently serving on active duty) may be certified as delegates by complying with the procedures detailed in a Unit's call pursuant to Art. VIII, Sec. H, para. 6.

Military Member delegates or alternate delegates that are unable to attend the convention in person due to obligations of their official military orders, shall have their votes cast within their unit delegation according to candidate preference ballots.

Candidate preference ballots will be made available by the Fifth District Republican Committee no later than Saturday, **October 31, 2026** and will be made available on the Fifth District Republican Committee website or upon request by e-mail to Nancy Rodland at nancyrodland2016@gmail.com. Candidate preference ballots must be received by the Recording Secretary no later than Saturday, **November 7, 2026**, by email to nancyrodland2016@gmail.com or by physical delivery to P.O. 75, Lovingston, VA 22949.

COMPOSITION OF THE CONVENTION:

The District Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units they represent. Each Unit shall have one delegate vote per 250 votes of “Republican Voting Strength” as defined in the Republican Party of Virginia Plan of Organization (The Party Plan). Delegates and alternates shall be elected in county and city mass meetings, party canvasses, or conventions called for this purpose by each unit committee in conformity with the Party Plan. The maximum number of delegates and delegate votes of each Unit shall be as follows:

Locality	Delegate Vote	Max # Delegates
Albemarle County	145	725
Amelia County	38	190
Amherst County	82	410
Appomattox County	51	255
Bedford County	99	495
Buckingham County	34	170
Campbell County	157	785
Charlotte County	28	140
Charlottesville City	20	100
Cumberland County	23	115
Danville City	46	230
Fluvanna County	61	305
Goochland County	84	420
Halifax County	75	375
Hanover County	58	290
Louisa County	104	520
Lunenburg County	25	125
Lynchburg City	122	610
Mecklenburg County	67	335
Nelson County	35	175
Nottoway County	29	145
Pittsylvania County	166	830
Powhatan County	106	530
Prince Edward County	33	165
Unit Totals	1,638	8,190

The number of alternate delegates a unit may have shall equal the number of delegates to which it is entitled. The delegates present in a given unit delegation shall designate which alternate delegate(s) shall vote in the place of an absent delegate(s) except where the body electing the delegates has determined another method.

DISTRICT CONVENTION MANDATORY REGISTRATION FEE:

Every person elected as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the Fifth Congressional District Convention will be required to pay a \$20 registration fee. Each \$20 registration fee shall be paid to the Unit Committee represented and the Unit Committee will pay the entire registration fees collected to the “Fifth Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee” at P.O. Box 75,

Lovington, VA 22949. Failure of a Unit Committee to submit their portion of the registration fee will result in forfeiture of seating of their delegates at the convention, unless waived by a majority vote of certified convention delegates.

CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES:

Units may or may not, per their Official Calls, have their Delegates or Alternates submit paper pre-files.

If a person pre-files with his or her local unit committee, that person must use the Delegate Form attached to this Call. Whether filed by email, via postal mail, or other methods, all Delegate filings must be received by the date specified in the Unit's Official Call for the Mass Meeting, Canvass, or Convention at which the Delegate is standing for election. Postmarks do not govern for forms submitted to a unit committee. Once credentialing of the prospective delegate has been completed by the local unit, the Unit Chairman (or his/her designee) should send an email update to the prospective delegate, providing the preliminary acceptance or rejection of his/her filing, prior to the unit's delegate election process. However, in the absence of this feedback, the Delegate should confirm ultimate filing success with his/her Unit Chairman prior to that unit committee's Mass Meeting, Canvass, or Convention at which the Delegate is standing for election.

Units choosing not to pre-file Delegates and Alternates are instructed to collect Delegate information using the attached Delegate Form for each individual at their mass meeting, canvass, or convention.

All forms submitted to a Unit must contain the Delegate's signature.

For convention delegate filing (both pre-file and regular file), **no other versions of any convention delegate forms shall be accepted, except for the official Delegate Form attached to this Call.**

To the Unit Chairman or Permanent Chairman and Permanent Secretary of the Unit Mass Meeting, Convention, or Party Canvass: All Certifications and applicable fees received by the Unit, regardless of the date of the Unit Mass Meeting, Canvass, or Convention must be submitted no later than **October 3, 2026**. It is the responsibility of the Unit Chair to confirm receipt of the certifications and fees with the Fifth District Chairman.

After the filing deadline of the certification, no change may be made, except a certified alternate delegate may be made a delegate.

Certification packets from each Unit should include the following:

- A copy of the Unit Call of the Mass Meeting, Canvass, or Convention called for the purpose of selecting Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Fifth District Convention.
- Unit check for Convention fees remitted by Fifth District Convention Delegates who filed with the Unit.
- For each delegate who filed with the Unit, the original or a copy of Fifth District Delegate application of elected Delegates or Alternates.
- For each delegate who was disqualified by the Unit, documentation of the reason(s) for the disqualification.
- Printed copy of the unit's official Excel spreadsheet listing Delegates.
- Completed Delegate Certification form attached to this Call.

- Certification packets should be mailed or delivered as follows:

First Copy to:

Nancy Rodland, Recording Secretary
Fifth Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee
P.O. 75
Lovingston, VA 22949

Second Copy:

Unit's permanent records

CANDIDACY FILING REQUIREMENTS:

Any person who desires to seek election as Chairman of the Fifth District Republican Committee, must pre-file by **September 5, 2026 at 5:00 PM**, by filing the official candidacy filing form along with the required filing fee. No nominations shall be accepted from the floor of the District Convention. The official candidacy filing form is attached to this call.

Candidates for District Chair shall pay a non-refundable candidate filing fee of **\$800.00**.

The filing form and non-refundable filing fees must be submitted by mail or in person to Marian Dixon at P.O. Box 75, Lovingston, VA 22949. Postmarks do not govern, and it is the responsibility of the candidate to confirm receipt of application with the Chair.

If only one candidate properly files District Chairman, then that candidate shall be deemed elected, and the convention shall be cancelled.

BALLOTING:

Balloting shall not begin before 10:30 AM or until all Convention Delegates in line by 10:00 AM have been registered.

RESOLUTIONS:

All resolutions should be received by the Fifth Congressional District Committee no later than **October 31, 2026**, at 5:00 PM. Postmarks will not govern for resolutions mailed. It is the responsibility of the resolution patron to confirm receipt of the resolution by the Fifth Congressional District Chairman. Should the convention be cancelled, no resolutions shall be considered.

Resolutions may be emailed to Chairman Rich Buchanan (buchanancontracting@comcast.net) and carbon copied to Secretary Nancy Rodland (nancyrodland2016@gmail.com) or sent via U.S. Mail to:

Rick Buchanan, Chair
Fifth Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee
P.O. Box 75
Lovingston, VA 22949

INFORMATION PROVIDED TO CANDIDATES:

Within five (5) days of receipt of each unit's official Excel spreadsheet listing Delegates, the Fifth Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee's Recording Secretary shall email the official spreadsheet of the credentialed and alternate delegates to all candidates for Fifth District Chairman.

INFORMATION PROVIDED TO DELEGATES:

On or before **October 24, 2026**, the following information will be emailed to each Unit Chairman for subsequent distribution to each Delegate certified by that Unit:

- 1) All candidates for Fifth District Chairman
- 2) Properly Filed Resolutions
- 3) Proposed Convention Rules

PUBLICATION:

This Call shall be posted on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia (<https://virginia.gop/events/category/official-call/>) and on the Fifth Congressional District Republican Committee (<http://www.5thdistrictva.gop/District-Convention.>)

All unit committees shall concurrently publish their calls on the Republican Party of Virginia (<https://virginia.gop/events/category/official-call/>) and may publish on the Fifth Congressional District Republican Committee website (<http://5thdistrictva.gop/District-Convention>) when the calls are published locally by the respective unit committees.

The Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, Bylaws of the Fifth Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee, and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 12th Edition.

CALL REVISIONS:

The Executive Committee of the Fifth District Republican Committee (Executive Committee) is authorized to revise the issued Call to make any such technical or conforming changes in the event such changes are necessary. Executive Committee must promptly notify the Fifth District Republican Committee of any such technical or conforming changes.