

ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 19

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 2026 RULES OF PROCEDURE

Biennial Organizational Meeting | November 14, 2026

PURPOSE Orderly and consistent conduct of the 2026 Biennial Organizational Meeting, including LD19 officer elections and the separate State Committeeman election.

I. Authority and Purpose

The meeting shall be conducted in accordance with applicable Arizona law, the LD19 Bylaws, these duly adopted Rules of Procedure, and the parliamentary authority adopted by LD19, in that order of precedence where applicable.

II. Credentials

Before elections begin, the Credentials Committee or other duly designated officials shall report the number of eligible LD19 Precinct Committeemen, the number present, any valid proxies where permitted by the governing authority, the number represented for quorum, and the voting strength applicable to the meeting. Any credential challenge should be resolved before the challenged ballot is counted.

III. Quorum

The presiding officer shall announce whether a quorum is present before organizational elections are conducted. The credentials report and quorum determination shall be entered in the minutes.

IV. Presiding Officer

The organizational meeting shall be called to order and presided over as required by the LD19 Bylaws. The designated presiding officer shall continue through the election of LD19 Chairman, after which authority shall transfer as provided by the Bylaws and parliamentary authority.

V. Adoption of Rules

These Rules of Procedure shall be presented for adoption before nominations or elections begin.

VI. Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee shall present its report as required by the LD19 Bylaws. The report places the Committee's nominees before the body but does not elect them.

VII. Nominations from the Floor

After the Nominating Committee report for an office, the presiding officer shall call for any additional nominations required or permitted by the Bylaws and parliamentary authority. Eligibility shall be verified before a nominee appears on the ballot.

VIII. Candidate Remarks

For a contested LD19 office, each candidate shall be permitted up to three (3) minutes to address the body. Candidate order shall be determined by lot or another neutral method. No candidate may transfer unused time. Any candidate questioning procedure must be applied uniformly to all candidates for that office.

IX. Election of LD19 Officers

Each office shall be considered separately and in the order required by the Bylaws. Where only one person is nominated, election may occur in the manner authorized by the Bylaws. A contested office shall be decided by secret ballot where required by the Bylaws. Officer elections and the State Committeeman election shall not be combined on the same ballot.

X. Tellers

The presiding officer shall appoint impartial tellers. No candidate may serve as a teller in an election in which that person is a candidate. Tellers shall distribute and collect official ballots, safeguard the process, count ballots, identify questionable ballots, prepare and sign a written Teller's Report, and deliver it to the presiding officer. The report shall then be retained with the official records.

XI. Ballot Security

Official ballots shall be distinguishable from unauthorized ballots and distributed only to eligible voters for the particular election. After counting, ballots shall be sealed, identified by election, and retained until the period approved by LD19 has expired and any timely challenge has been resolved.

XII. Majority, Ties, and Reballoting

Election to LD19 office shall require the vote prescribed by the Bylaws and parliamentary authority. If no candidate receives the required vote, another ballot shall be taken. A candidate shall not be automatically eliminated solely for receiving the fewest votes unless a governing rule expressly provides otherwise. A tie affecting the result shall be resolved by another ballot unless the governing authority provides another method.

XIII. State Committeeman Election - Separate Proceeding

The State Committeeman election shall be conducted as a separate proceeding from the LD19 officer elections. Before balloting, the Chair shall announce the governing authority, number of positions to be filled, nominee eligibility, voter eligibility, nomination procedure, maximum number of candidates for whom a voter may vote, method of balloting, and method for determining those elected.

XIII-A. Governing Authority

The State Committeeman election shall be conducted in accordance with applicable Arizona law, including A.R.S. §§ 16-823 and 16-825, the LD19 Bylaws, and any controlling judicial order, settlement, or legal determination applicable to LD19.

XIII-B. Eligibility and Number to Be Elected

Only persons satisfying the governing eligibility requirements may appear on the ballot. The number of State Committeemen to be elected shall be calculated from the official number of elected Precinct Committeemen under the statutory formula and announced before nominations close and before balloting begins.

XIII-C. Nominations

The Nominating Committee shall present any State Committeeman nominations it is required or authorized to present. Additional nominations shall be handled under the Bylaws, Arizona law, and parliamentary authority.

XIII-D. Separate Ballot and Counting

The State Committeeman ballot shall be separate from officer ballots and shall state the maximum number of candidates for whom a voter may vote. Tellers shall report total ballots cast, valid ballots, votes received by each nominee, and the persons elected under the approved voting rule.

XIII-E. County of Residence

The official roster may identify an elected State Committeeman's county of residence for administrative purposes. County identification shall not itself create a separate county election unless required by controlling law, the LD19 Bylaws, or a binding legal determination.

XIII-F. Procedural Objections

A procedural objection should be raised promptly and, when reasonably possible, resolved before the election proceeds. Nothing in these Rules overrides Arizona law or a controlling judicial order or settlement applicable to LD19.

XIV. Recounts

The presiding officer may order a recount when the tellers identify a discrepancy, the result is tied, the margin is close enough that a counting error could affect the outcome, or a substantial counting question is raised. A recount shall be performed under neutral observation procedures.

XV. Election Challenges

A challenge shall identify the specific alleged procedural error. The Chair shall decide the immediate parliamentary question, subject to the rights of the assembly under the parliamentary authority. Election records shall be preserved while a timely challenge remains unresolved.

XVI. Decorum

Members shall address remarks through the Chair. Personal attacks, interruptions, cross-debate, and disorderly conduct are prohibited. Election debate shall concern the pending election or procedural question.

XVII. Parliamentary Questions

Questions not expressly addressed by Arizona law, the LD19 Bylaws, or these Rules shall be determined under LD19's adopted parliamentary authority.

XVIII. Record of the Meeting

The Secretary shall retain the credentials report, adopted Rules, Nominating Committee report, names of nominees, Teller's Reports, election results, State Committeeman results, and rulings or appeals materially affecting an election. Minutes should record actions and results rather than reproduce debate.

XIX. Duration

These Rules govern the 2026 Biennial Organizational Meeting and any continuation or adjourned meeting necessary to complete its organizational business.