



RE: 2024 Democratic Presidential Nomination Process

From: **Secretary Jason Rae** <SecretaryOffice@dnc.org>
Subject: 2024 Democratic Presidential Nomination Process
To: Convention Participants



Dear 2024 Convention Participants,

Today, the 2024 Convention Rules Committee met to conduct important party business. I am pleased to announce that the Rules Committee overwhelmingly adopted the Procedural Rules of the Convention, which you can find out more about below. In addition, the Committee referred a proposal for the consideration of the Convention at our in-person Convention, available [here](#). Finally, the Rules Committee approved Minyon Moore as Permanent Chair of the Convention and me as Secretary of the Convention, and approved the Convention Agenda. I'm honored to serve our Party in this role.

The **Permanent Rules of the Convention** may be viewed [here](#).

Process for Candidates Declaring Their Intent for Nomination

Candidates intending to pursue the nomination must declare their intent by July 27, 6:00 PM ET, by emailing candidatedirectory@demconvention.com and including the following information: a signed but unnotarized copy of Appendix E of the [Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention](#), a link to a campaign website and a campaign contact email address to be included in the Candidate Directory, and up to four affiliated email addresses to receive signature or vote reporting. A notarized version of Appendix E (which requires the candidate to confirm they are a member of the Democratic Party and will run and serve as a Democrat, if elected) must be returned to candidatedirectory@demconvention.com before 6:00 PM ET on July 30.

2024 Presidential Nomination Timeline

★ **July 27:** Candidates must declare their candidacy by filing with the Convention's Secretary by 6:00 PM ET.

★ **July 30:** Candidates will have until 6:00PM to show they've met the three qualifications for nomination.

If more than one candidate meets the legal and Party requirements for nomination and reaches the delegate support threshold, a brief period of no more than five days will follow for candidates to make their case to delegates and the public before voting commences.

★ **August 1:** Earliest day electronic voting can begin

If only one candidate declares their intent to seek the nomination and meets party and legal requirements, voting is expected to begin on August 1. If more than one candidate declares their intent to seek nomination and meets the party and legal requirements, voting will begin at a date to be determined by the DNC and DNCC Chairs.

★ **August 7:** The process is designed to select the presidential nominee and allow that presidential nominee to choose the vice presidential nominee in advance of our ballot access deadlines.

★ **August 19-22:** At the Convention in Chicago, celebratory and ceremonial votes to recognize the presidential and vice presidential nominees of the Democratic Party will be taken, including a state-by-state roll call for the presidential nominee.

Summary of the Rules

- Candidates for nomination will have until 6:00 PM ET on July 30 to demonstrate that they have met the qualifications for nomination, which include:
 - (1) File a formal and notarized declaration of candidacy with the DNC
 - (2) Meet Party and legal qualifications to be President; and
 - (3) Secure 300 delegate signatures electronically, not more than 50 of which may come from one delegation.
- If only one candidate for nomination demonstrates they have met the above qualifications, electronic voting by the delegates may begin as soon as August 1.
- If more than one candidate for nomination qualifies, the Rules specify that the DNCC Chair and the DNC Chair can allow a period no longer than five days in between the close of nominations for President (July 30) and the beginning of voting for candidates to make their case to delegates and the public.
- The DNCC Chair and the DNC Chair may open voting on the Presidential nominee no earlier than August 1, 2024.
- Only the votes of pledged delegates will be included in the count on the first ballot, unless a candidate has the verified support of a number of pledged delegates equal to or greater than a majority of all pledged and automatic delegates.
- In the event that a nominating contest for President moves beyond the first ballot, the votes of pledged and automatic delegates will be counted in subsequent ballots.

- A majority of Convention delegate ballots who are eligible to vote during that roll call shall be required to nominate the presidential candidate.
- Once a Presidential nominee is selected, the nominee may place a Vice Presidential candidate into nomination. The Convention Chair may then declare that candidate to be the Vice Presidential nominee of the Democratic Party.
- At the Convention in Chicago celebratory and ceremonial votes to recognize and affirm the presidential and vice presidential nominees of the Democratic Party will be taken, including a state-by-state roll call for the presidential nominee.

Candidates and Delegates

- **Technical Process:** The technical processes for (1) conducting a virtual nominating process through signature collection, and (2) a virtual roll call will largely reflect the process used successfully and securely in 2020.
- **Candidate Declaration of Intent:** Candidates intending to pursue the nomination must declare their intent by July 27, 6:00 PM ET, to the Convention's Secretary as described above and should include a copy of Appendix E of the Call for the 2024 Democratic National Convention as well as links to the candidate's website and contact email address to be included in the Candidate Directory. Appendix E requires the candidate to confirm they are a member of the Democratic Party and will run and serve as a Democrat, if elected.
- **Candidate Directory:** In order to facilitate campaign and delegate communication, the DNC will provide a Candidate Directory to delegates. The Directory will list Candidates' names, website, and contact email for delegates to opt in to communications from campaigns. Once delegates have indicated that they want to hear from a candidate, the candidate will receive the delegate's contact information.
- **Signature Collection:** As soon as tomorrow, the window will open for declared candidates to obtain and file a petition demonstrating a threshold level of support from delegates. The deadline for a petition reflecting at least 300 delegates, but no more than 50 from a single state, must be filed by 6:00 PM ET on July 30.
 - Each delegate will receive a personalized nominating petition form. When returned, it will be verified and tallied. Each nominating petition form has a range of security features to establish the authenticity and accuracy of each petition. Clear instructions and technical support will be provided to Delegates.
 - Reporting on the number of signatures returned will be provided directly to campaigns.
- **Appendix E:** Candidates for nomination must make sure that their declaration of intent paperwork due on 6:00 PM ET on July 27, is notarized, as called for in the paperwork itself, by 6:00 PM ET on July 30.

- **Virtual Roll Call:** The technical process of conducting a virtual roll call will largely reflect the process used successfully in 2020. Voting will begin no earlier than August
 - Each delegate will receive a personalized virtual roll call voting form. When returned, it will be verified and tallied. Each roll call form has a range of security features to establish the authenticity and accuracy of each vote. Clear instructions and technical support will be provided to Delegates.
 - Reporting on the number of votes returned will be provided directly to campaigns.
 - The system will allow for as many additional rounds of voting as are necessary to declare a winner, which requires a majority of delegates' votes.

Yours,

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Secretary

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