

MORRIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

CONVENTION RULES TO FILL MORRIS COUNTY FREEHOLDER VACANCY AND 25th DISTRICT ASSEMBLY VACANCY

REGISTRATION BEGINS 8:30AM **MEETING BEGINS AT 9:00AM**

1. Any person wishing to present herself or himself as a candidate at the convention for the vacancy in the Morris County Freeholder should notify the Morris County Republican Committee (hereafter referred to as the “County Committee”) in writing by email to MorrisGop@gmail.com of his or her intentions before 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2020. Any person wishing to present herself or himself as a candidate for the LD 25 Assembly vacancy, should notify the Morris County Republican Committee by 5:00pm on January 21, 2020. Any person who submits his notice of intent after these dates is not eligible to run for office. There will be no nominations from the floor.
2. The Acting Chairs, with the assistance of the General Counsel, will oversee the election process.
3. The Official Credentialed County Committee list is the list certified by the Morris County Clerk, Ann Grossi, Esq. Only Municipal Committee members duly elected in the June 5, 2018 Primary, or people appointed by the Municipal Committee to fill a vacancy, as certified by the Morris County Clerk, and duly appointed by 5:00pm January 25, 2020, who reside in the district that they represent, will be eligible to vote. Elected candidates will provide a certificate of election, while appointed candidates will present a certificate signed by the municipal chair setting forth that the member has been appointed by the Municipal Committee at a duly called meeting of the Municipal Committee at which a quorum was present. County Committee members appointed to the County Committee after January 25, 2020 will not be eligible to vote.
4. To vote, all elected or appointed members must present photo identification.
5. Registration will begin at 8:30am and end at the direction of the Acting Chair, or at 9:00am. when the Convention is closed.
 - a. Each candidate has the right to have two (2) challengers at the registration table during the registration process.

- b. In the event of a challenge, the challenger will advise the Acting Chair who will afford the challenger the opportunity to be heard. The Acting Chair and General Counsel will determine if the person is eligible to vote.
6. Each properly credentialed County Committee Member will receive two voting slips upon registering, a blue slip for the for the first ballot and a pink slip for the second ballot, in the unlikely event of a tie.
7. Voting will take place at the voting machines. The candidates have already agreed upon ballot position.
8. Voting for LD 25 Assembly vacancy will be by affirmation and show of hands, based on the fact there is only one person who has expressed interest to run.
9. The following rules will pertain to the Freeholder election:
 10. Each candidate will be nominated by a person of his or her choosing. The person making the nomination shall have the right to speak on the nomination for up to 1 minute. Each candidate will also need to receive a second nomination from the floor. The order of nominations will be the same as ballot position. Nominations will precede candidate acceptance speeches. First and Second Nominations must be from a member of the Morris County Republican Committee.
 11. Acceptance speeches will be done in accordance with the ballot position. Each candidate will have 3 minutes to address the committee. The order of speaking will be (1) the nominator (2) the nomination from the floor (3) the acceptance speech from the candidate.
 12. Each candidate will select one person to accompany the Acting Chair, Corresponding Secretary, and General Counsel to receive the results from the voting machines once all voting has been completed.
 13. If no candidate receives a 50% plus one of the votes on the first vote or in the event of a tie, there will be a second ballot.
 14. The top two candidates that will participate in the run-off election, or second ballot, will have an opportunity to address the convention for one minute.
 15. All candidates or their designate will be allowed to inspect the machines after totals are announced.

16. Non county committee members admission to the Convention is at the discretion of MCRC board approval.
17. Candidates will be permitted to bring branded merchandise, palm cards, handouts.
18. The Acting Chair will email the candidates the final certified candidate list eligible for voting after she receives it from the County Clerk prior to the convention.
19. Ballot position, based on random drawing at January 24, 2020 meeting will be as follows:
 1. Christian Barranco
 2. Melissa Florance-Lynch
 3. Alison Deeb
 4. Tayfun Selen
 5. Bruce Meringolo