



2022 At-Large E-Board Election Rules

Purpose

Per Article IV, Section 4 of the Nevada State Democratic Party (“NV Dems”) Charter and Bylaws, the composition of the Executive Committee (“E-Board”) shall include fourteen (14) additional members elected at the Convention. Per Article IV, Section 1 of the NV Dems Charter and Bylaws, the E-Board is to serve a term of (2) two years beginning as of the date of their election and ending upon the seating of the next regularly scheduled Convention or until their resignation, removal, or the election of their successors.

Per Article IV, Section 4 of the NV Dems Charter and Bylaws, those fourteen (14) additional members shall comprise eight (8) members from Clark County, four (4) members from Washoe County, and two (2) from the remaining counties (“Rural Counties”) elected by those respective constituencies.

The election of the 2022-2024 E-Board will take place on **Saturday, June 25, 2022** during the State Convention General Session.

Candidate Eligibility

Per Article IV, Section 3 of the NV Dems Charter and Bylaws, candidates are eligible to run for a seat on the E-Board if they are current members of the State Central Committee (“SCC”) in good standing. Once elected to the E-Board, SCC membership must be maintained throughout the duration of their service.

E-Board members who forfeit their SCC membership shall become non-voting E-Board members and be subject to removal from office unless and until they are re-elected to the SCC.

Filing Process

Declaration of Candidacy Forms (“forms”) will be available online at the following link on the NV Dems website:

<https://www.nvdems.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-2024-Declaration-of-Candidacy.pdf>

Forms must be received no later than 11:59 PM on Friday, June 10, 2022. You may submit forms to elections@nvdems.com or by mail or hand delivery to one of the following addresses:

Nevada State Democratic Party
2310 Paseo del Prado
Suite A120
Las Vegas NV 89102

Nevada State Democratic Party
1465 Terminal Way
Suite #1
Reno NV 89502

Candidates are encouraged to promote transparency and demonstrate a commitment to the office they wish to serve by completing a Declaration of Candidacy.

It is the responsibility of each candidate to confirm that NV Dems has received their form.

Publication

The primary source for election and candidate information shall be the NV Dems website (“website”) at www.nvdems.com.

All forms received no later than 11:59 PM on Friday, June 10, 2022 will be released to the Convention delegates prior to the election.

All forms received no later than 11:59 PM on Friday, June 10, 2022 will be posted on the website.

Candidates wanting to remove their names from the ballot must do so by withdrawing their candidacy prior to the seating of the Convention.

Candidate Messages:

Candidates shall be permitted to produce up to three (3) messages to the Convention delegates. These messages may be produced in written, image, or video format. All messages must include the following language: “This message produced and approved by [Candidate’s Name]. [Candidate’s Address]. [Candidate’s Email Address].”

Messages will be distributed to the Convention delegates and posted on the website. Candidates must submit their messages to elections@nvdems.com.

The first candidate messages will be distributed and posted on Thursday, June 16, 2022. First candidate messages must be received no later than 9:00 PM on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

The second candidate messages will be distributed and posted on Monday, June 20, 2022. Second candidate messages must be received no later than 9:00 PM on Friday, June 17, 2022.

The third candidate messages will be distributed and posted on Thursday, June 23, 2022. Third candidate messages must be received no later than 9:00 PM on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

Nomination Process and Candidate Speeches

Candidates who have submitted a form will be vetted for eligibility before being announced to the Convention delegates. Party affiliation and residency of all candidates will be verified using the Democratic Party's Voter Activation Network (VAN).

Candidates who have been successfully vetted will be formally nominated during the Convention on **Saturday, June 25, 2022.**

Each Candidate shall be allotted a total of **three (3) minutes** to address the Convention delegates which shall include a one (1) minute nominating speech, a 30-second seconding speech, and a 1-minute and 30-second acceptance speech. Candidate speaking order will be in alphabetical order by last name.

Only seated Convention delegates may address the Convention on behalf of a candidate. The total allotted time for each candidate shall not be extended.

Nominations from the Floor:

- i. Nominations for E-Board members from Clark County shall be taken from the Convention floor only if forms for fewer than eight (8) eligible candidates are received no later than 11:59 PM on Friday, June 10, 2022.
- ii. Nominations for E-Board members from Washoe County shall be taken from the Convention floor only if forms for fewer than four (4) eligible candidates are received no later than 11:59 PM on Friday, June 10, 2022.
- iii. Nominations for E-Board members from the Rural Counties shall be taken from the Convention floor only if forms for fewer than two (2) eligible candidates are received no later than 11:59 PM on Friday, June 10, 2022.
- iv. Individuals who self-nominate or who accept a nomination from the Convention floor shall be allotted time to address the Convention delegates as described above.

- v. Individuals who self-nominate or who accept a nomination from the Convention floor must submit a signed form immediately upon nomination.
- vi. Candidates who are nominated from the Convention floor must be vetted.

Credentials Committee

The Convention Credentials Committee shall be the credentials committee for this election.

The Credentials Committee will resolve all election disputes concerning eligibility to vote, and such resolutions will occur upon a majority vote of the Committee.

All decisions of the Credentials Committee are final.

Tellers Committee

The Tellers Committee shall be appointed by the Chair of NV Dems (“Chair”) to conduct tasks related to this election as needed and assigned.

Members of the Tellers Committee may not be a candidate for office and must be prepared to work throughout the Convention to count votes as needed and assigned and assist with the distribution of ballots as needed and directed by the Chair.

Members of the Tellers Committee who choose to run for an office must notify the Chair and resign their position on the committee before declaring their candidacy.

Voter Eligibility

Only seated Convention delegates may vote in the election.

Seated Convention delegates from Clark County may only vote for E-Board members from Clark County.

Seated Convention delegates from Washoe County may only vote for E-Board members from Washoe County.

Seated Convention delegates from the Rural Counties may only vote for E-Board members from the Rural Counties.

Proxy votes are not permitted. Convention delegates must be present to vote.

Attendees who believe they are Convention delegates but are not listed on the roster of Convention delegates will be referred to the Credentials Committee for their status to be determined.

Election Process

The election shall be conducted by non-secret digital ballot, with the validity of each Convention delegate's vote verified by name and electronic credentialing or declared void.

Convention delegates from Clark County may vote for up to eight (8) candidates for E-Board members from Clark County.

Convention delegates from Washoe County may vote for up to four (4) candidates for E-Board members from Washoe County.

Convention delegates from the Rural Counties may vote for up to two (2) candidates for E-Board members from the Rural Counties.

The top eight (8) vote-getters for E-Board members from Clark County, the top four (4) vote-getters for E-Board members from Washoe County, and the top two (2) vote-getters for E-Board members from the Rural Counties shall be elected to the E-Board.

In the event of a tie, the higher vote-getter shall be determined by a draw of cards, with aces being high. The suit order shall be clubs (lowest), followed by diamonds, hearts, and spades (highest). The Chair shall call for the drawing of cards in alphabetical order by the last name of the tied candidates.

The Chair shall announce the results.

Challenges

Challenges must be brought no later than 9:00 AM on Sunday, June 26, 2022.

The Convention Rules and Bylaws Committee with the assistance of the Tellers Committee shall determine the outcome of any challenge to the election within forty-eight (48) hours and take any necessary and appropriate action no less than thirty (30) days but not more than forty-five (45) days after the date of the challenge.

In the absence of a challenge, results are final once they have been announced, and the ballots shall be destroyed after 9:00 AM on Sunday, June 26, 2022.