**OFFICIAL CALL**

**Party Canvass of the Buckingham County Republican Committee**

**of the Republican Party of Virginia**

As Acting Chair of the Buckingham County Republican Committee pursuant to the Republican Party Plan of Organization, and as directed by the Fifth Congressional District Republican Committee, I, Contessea (Tess) Dye, do hereby issue this call for a Party Canvass (Firehouse Primary) to be held at the Buckingham County Public Library and Community Center located at 16268 North James Madison Highway Dillwyn, VA 23936, or an alternative site as determined by the Acting Chair, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM EDT on Saturday, April 13 2024, for the following purposes:

1. Electing up to 170 Delegates and an equal number of Alternate Delegates to the Virginia Republican Convention, to be held on May 31 to June 1 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666, or an alternative site, if necessary, for the following purposes.
	1. ~~Election of a State Committee Chair~~
	2. Election of a National Committeeman and Committeewoman
	3. Election of two (2) Presidential Electors for the Electoral College
2. Electing up to 170 Delegates and an equal number of Alternate Delegates to the Fifth Congressional District Republican Convention, to be held on Saturday, April 27 at the Drakes Branch Volunteer Fire Department, 4801 Drakes Main Street, Drakes Branch, VA 23937, or an alternate site, if necessary, for the following purposes.
	1. ~~Election of a District Committee Chair~~
	2. Election of three (3) State Central Committee members
	3. Election of a Presidential Elector for the Electoral College
3. Election of the Buckingham County Republican Committee Chairman.
4. Electing members of the Buckingham County Republican Committee.

Fully qualified voters in line to vote by 12:00 PM EDT may participate in the Party Canvass. Voters not in line by 12:00 PM EDT may not participate in the Party Canvass.

**Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters of Buckingham County 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, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election, may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia, and may participate in this Party Canvass, subject to the provisions in Article I of the Plan of Organization.

In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party within the last five years.

In accordance with the Republican Party of Virginia Plan of Organization, a single exception to this shall be approved for a voter who renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends, at the time of this writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. Any voter that utilizes the forgoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, or supports a candidate other than the Republican nominee(s), shall not have the benefit of the exception thereafter.

All persons seeking to participate in the Party Canvass must present one of the forms of identification listed in § 24.2-643 of the Code of Virginia in order to participate. Specific information can be found at the link below.

Link: https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title24.2/chapter6/section24.2-643/

**Virginia & Fifth District Republican Conventions Delegate Filing Requirements**
Delegate candidates for election at said canvass shall pre-file a separate application for the Virginia and/or Fifth District Republican Conventions along with the mandatory delegate filing fees by Friday, April 12, 2024 at 4:30 PM. Completed delegate applications and filing fees are to be hand delivered to Contessea Dye by mail at P.O. Box 84, Buckingham, VA 23921 or in person at the Buckingham County Public Library and Community Center located at 16266 North James Madison Highway Dillwyn, VA 23936. The available email to confirm filing or needing assistance to file is brctempchair@gmail.com. Postmarks do not govern, and it is the responsibility of the delegate to confirm receipt of application with the Chair. The delegate application forms for both the Virginia and Fifth District Republican Conventions are attached to this call.

The Fifth Congressional District Republican Committee is requiring a $20 filing fee from all individuals seeking election as a delegate or alternate delegate to the Fifth Congressional District Republican Convention. A separate check needs to be made out to the “Buckingham County Republican Committee”. Cash can be accepted. Those applicants who have previously submitted a delegate application form and paid the mandatory filing fee for the Fifth Congressional District Republican Convention will be required to submit a new delegate application but shall not be required to submit a new filing fee.

The Republican Party of Virginia is requiring a $45 filing fee for each person standing for election as a delegate or alternate delegate to the RPV Convention. A separate check needs to be made out to the “Buckingham County Republican Committee”. Those applicants who have previously submitted a delegate application form and paid the mandatory filing fee for the RPV Convention will be required to submit a new delegate application but shall not be required to submit a new filing fee.

**Buckingham County Republican Committee Chairman Filing Requirements**
Candidates for Unit Chairman at said canvass must file a written statement by mail, email or in person declaring intent to run and a $100.00 nonrefundable filing fee via a check made payable to the “Fifth Congressional District Republican Committee” fiscal agent for the Buckingham County Republican Committee, to Contessea Dye, by mail at P.O. Box 84, Buckingham, VA 23921, in person at the Buckingham County Public Library and Community Center located at 16266 North James Madison Highway Dillwyn, VA 23936, or email at brctempchair@gmail.com at which must be received no later than 12:00 PM on April 8, 2024.

**Buckingham County Republican Committee Membership**
Candidates for committee membership at said canvass shall pre-file the application for membership to the Buckingham County Republican Committee by April 12, 2024 at 4:30 PM. Completed applications along with membership dues of $15.00 are to be delivered to Contessea Dye by mail at P.O. Box 84, Buckingham, VA 23921 or in person at the Buckingham County Public Library and Community Center located at 16266 North James Madison Highway Dillwyn, VA 23936. Checks need to be made out to the “Buckingham County Republican Committee”. The available email to confirm filing or needing assistance to file is brctempchair@gmail.com. Postmarks do not govern, and it is the responsibility of the prospective member to confirm receipt of application and dues. The membership application is attached to this call.

**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) who comply with these filing requirements shall not be required to be elected, but shall be declared delegates pursuant to Article VIII, Section H. of the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia.

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. Instructions regarding the casting of candidate preference ballots are available in the Call for the Convention, which is available on the website of the Republican Party of Virginia https://virginia.gop and http://www.5thdistrictva.gop.

**Further Information**

No credit/debit card numbers, corporate checks, political action committee checks will be accepted. Personal checks and money orders must be dated prior to or on the last day of the pre-filing period.

The Acting Chair shall be at the Buckingham County Public Library and Community Center located at 16266 North James Madison Highway Dillwyn, VA 23936 to accept all filings on the following dates and times:

Monday April 1 from 4:00-6:00 PM

Wednesday April 3 from 4:00-6:00 PM

Saturday April 6 from 3:00-5:00 PM

To confirm filing or to request assistance in filing the required paperwork and fees, please email at brctempchair@gmail.com.

**Resolutions**

Resolutions shall not be considered at this Canvass.

**Registration Fee**

There will be NO registration fee to participate in this Canvass.

**Cancellation Notification**
Should fewer than 170 delegates pre-file for both the Virginia Republican Convention and the Fifth District Republican Convention, then those candidates shall be duly elected by acclamation. Should only one candidate properly file for Chairman, then that candidate shall be duly elected as Chairman. The canvass shall be cancelled should all the above apply. Should the canvass be cancelled, all delegates to the Virginia Republican Convention and Fifth District Republican Convention, and all individuals who apply to become members of the Buckingham County Republican Committee and the Unit Chairman will be elected by acclamation.

Paid for and authorized by the Fifth Congressional District Republican Committee