

STANDING RULES OF THE 2009 O‘AHU COUNTY CONVENTION

1. **Registration Required.** All Delegates to the O‘ahu County Convention must register at Kapolei High School on May 9, 2009 between 7:30 and 9:00 AM, at which time registration will close.
2. **Delegate Eligibility.** The following persons are eligible to be delegates to the O‘ahu County Convention after payment of a \$35.00 registration fee:
 - a. O‘ahu County Committee (“OCC”) - Executive Committee 1) Chairperson, 2) Vice-Chairperson, 3) Secretary, 4) Assistant Secretary, 5) Treasurer, 6) Assistant Treasurer, 7) Nine Regional Chairs, and 8) O‘ahu County State Central Committee Representatives (one female and one male)
 - b. District Council Chairpersons of Districts 17 through 51
 - c. Precinct Presidents, Precinct First Vice Presidents, and Precinct District Council Persons or their respective designees. (Sec. 13, OCC Rules (2008))
 - d. Elected federal, state, county Democratic officials.
 - e. Former Democratic Governors, Lt. Governors, O‘ahu Mayors, State Party Chairs, and O‘ahu County Committee Chairs
3. **Replacement for Precinct Presidents, Precinct First Vice-Presidents, or Precinct District Council Person.** If a Precinct President, Precinct First Vice-President, or Precinct District Council Person is elected Chairperson of a District Council, he/she automatically vacates the respective precinct office upon election (Art. III, Sec. 2(A), General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i (“General Laws”)). If the Precinct President, Precinct First Vice-President, or Precinct District Council Person cannot attend as a Delegate, he/she may designate in writing to the County Chair another officer or other member of the Precinct Club to serve as Delegate (Sec. 13, OCC Rules (2008)).
4. **Convention Committees.** Convention Committees shall consist of Committee Co-Chairpersons and members appointed from O‘ahu. The convention committees shall be the Credentials Committee, Convention Rules Committee, and Elections Committee.
5. **Floor Participation.** Participation in the deliberations on the convention floor shall be limited to Delegates wearing official delegate badges.
6. **Limitation on Speaking.** A Delegate may not speak more than two (2) times on any question. Delegates shall be limited to two (2) minutes on each question. In contested elections, candidates shall have up to three (3) minutes to address the delegates.

7. **Voice Vote.** Voting shall be by “AYE” and “NO” voice vote unless the Convention Chair specifies a standing vote or a roll call vote by Representative Districts.
8. **Elections.** The election of officers shall be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. Election of Executive Committee Officers shall be by secret ballot unless there is only one nominee for a particular position in which case election shall be by voice vote. OCC members shall not hold more than one office on the Executive Committee.

Delegates shall elect candidates for contested positions using a single, first ballot; provided, however, Delegates from each Region shall have separate ballots to elect Regional Chairs where more than one candidate is running for the same position. If no candidate receives a simple majority on the first ballot, then a second ballot between the top two vote-getters shall be conducted. Ties shall be decided by the flip of a coin.
9. **Nominations.** Pursuant to the Rules of the O‘ahu County Democratic Party and the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, nominations for county officers shall not be accepted from the floor. Candidates must have filed nomination papers ten (10) days before the O‘ahu County Convention.
10. **Agenda.** The County Convention shall act on recommended credentials, and elections.
11. **Observers.** Observers may sit with their precincts, but the Convention Chair may ask observers to move to designated areas when votes are taken.
12. **Minutes.** O‘ahu County Convention minutes may be approved at a subsequent OCC general membership meeting.
13. **Parliamentary Procedures.** Except as qualified above or provided in the General Laws of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i, or the Rules of the O‘ahu County Committee, *Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall apply to the Convention proceedings.
14. **Pages and Cell Phones.** Pagers and cellular phones shall be off, silent, or on vibrate mode and cellular phones or other communication devices shall not be used in the assembly hall.
15. **Order of Business.** No Consideration of Resolutions or proposed amendments to OCC Rules shall be in order.

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