



Issue Date: February 24, 2026

**OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE 2026 NEW KENT COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE PARTY
CANVASS**

March 24, 2026, 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM

Providence Forge Recreation Center, 9900 Carraige Road, Providence Forge Va 23140

As Chairman of the New Kent County Republican Committee (NKCRC) of the Republican Party, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, Donald J. “Jake” Westbrook, do hereby issue this call for a Party Canvass to be held at Providence Forge Recreation Center, 9900 Carraige Road, Providence Forge Va 23140 ,or its alternate site, on Tuesday March 24th , Starting at 3:00 PM and ending promptly at 7:00 PM local time, for the following purposes

PURPOSE OF THE NEW KENT COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY CANVASS

The purposes of the Party Canvass shall be:

- A. To elect a Unit Committee Chairman;
- B. To elect at-large members of the Unit Committee;

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

All citizens of the United States who are legal and qualified voters of New Kent 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 in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions or primaries encompassing their respective election districts.

Voters must be registered to vote in Virginia on or before March 11, 2026, to participate in the Party Canvass.

A voter who, subsequent to making a statement of intent, publicly supports a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee shall not be qualified for participation in party actions as defined in Article I of the NKCRC Bylaws for four (4) years.

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 here under shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party within the last five years. A single exception 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 the writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. Any voter that utilizes the foregoing exception and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of the exception thereafter. Party Canvass voters must present one of the forms of identification listed in Title 24.2-643 of the Code of Virginia in order to participate.



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To receive a ballot, the voter must present a valid, non-expired photo identification issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States government. Voters are encouraged to have their voter identification card available. No ballot will be given to any voter who has not signed and submitted this statement of intent.

No absentee voting, proxies, or provisional ballots are permitted. Votes will be counted only for those candidates whose names appear on the official ballot. No write-in votes will be permitted.

APPLICABLE FEES

A voter registration fee will be charged in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) in association with the Party Canvass.

Chairman Candidates for election as unit chairman shall pay a filing fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00)

NKCRC Membership All candidates for membership to the New Kent County Republican Committee shall pay a non-refundable fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for a two-year membership.

NKCRC Associate Membership All candidates for associate membership to the New Kent County Republican Committee shall pay a non-refundable fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for a two-year membership.

All applicable fees must accompany the applicable Official NKCRC Filing Form. All payments must be made with the filing form by personal check or money order, payable to the New Kent County Republican Committee. No cash, credit/debit card numbers, corporate checks, or political action committee checks will be accepted with paper filings. Each filing form shall have a separate personal check or money order for any applicable filing fees attached to such form. The only exception, payment may be combined for up to 2 filing forms of members from the same household, each must still file individually. All such a personal check or money order shall be dated before or on **March 11, 2026**. All filing forms must be reasonably legible and contain all mandatory information requested therein. All non compliant forms shall be subject to rejection, and funds attached to such non compliant forms shall be deemed contributions to the New Kent County Republican Committee. If the accompanying payment is less than what should be stated as the total fees, monies paid will be applied in the following order, as required, to satisfy fee requirements for the respective positions sought: first, to New Kent County Republican Committee membership; then, to Canvass voter registration. If there are inadequate fees submitted to cover any positions applied for, any residual monies following the application of adequate fees to the respective categories will be considered a donation to the New Kent County Republican Committee.

PRE-FILING REQUIREMENTS

Chairman. Candidates for election as unit chairman shall pay a filing fee of \$500.00 and submit an official New Kent County Republican Committee Official 2026 Filing Form no later than **5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, to Laura M Ecimovic, Arrangements Chairman**, to make arrangements to deliver form, with payment for fees, in person contact the Laura M Ecimovic (804) 512-9764. Alternately, the arrangements committee, Pat Bell or Virginia Kelm, will be available for application drop off at the Old Cider School House, 9302 Eastview Lane, Providence Forge, VA 23140 on March 11, 2026, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, local time. Call or text (804) 937-5820, upon arrival.



The completed filing form shall also serve as an application for membership, and the filing fee shall include two years of committee membership. Filing forms must be received by the stated deadline. Postmarks do not govern.

Membership, Associate Membership and Canvas Voter. Candidates for Membership in the New Kent County Republican Committee, or any combination of the foregoing categories, must file in writing using the official paper New Kent County Republican Committee Official 2026 Filing Form, and be received no later than **5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at New Kent County Republican Committee, P.O. Box 831, Quinton, VA 23141**, or To make arrangements to deliver membership forms, with payments for fees, in person contact the Arrangements Chairman, Laura M Ecimovic (804) 512-9764. Alternately, the arrangements committee, Pat Bell or Virginia Kelm, will be available for application drop off at the Old Cider School House, 9302 Eastview Lane, Providence Forge, VA 23140 on March 11, 2026, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, local time. Call or text (804) 937-5820, upon arrival. (Postmarks do not govern.)

All candidates shall sign such filings. All necessary fees for each separate filing shall be attached to such filing, and all filing forms and personal checks or money orders for filing fees (see below) shall be **dated prior to or on March 11, 2026**.

The official filing forms shall be posted on the NKCRC website (newkentRepublicans.org) and Republican party of Virginia Website (virginia.gop)

Balloting for Chairman. Balloting for NKCRC Chairman will begin promptly at 3:00 PM and will end promptly at 7:00 PM, except that anyone in the registration line at 7:00 PM may continue the registration process. Balloting and election shall be in accordance with the Party Canvass rules published in this call.

There is pre-filing is a requirement to vote in the Party Canvass. Pre-filing can be completed by downloading the form at <https://newkentRepublicans.org/>. The completed form must be received by New Kent County Republican Committee, P.O. Box 831, Quinton, VA 23141, or To make arrangements to deliver membership forms, with payments for fees, in person contact the Arrangements Chairman, Laura M Ecimovic (804) 512-9764, no later than **5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 11, 2026**. Forms must be received by the stated deadline. Postmarks do not govern.

CANCELLATION

If not more than the number of persons to be nominated or elected shall file for any office, then such properly filed persons shall be declared nominated or elected as the case may be, and no election will occur for that office. In such case, the Party Canvass will be canceled.



RULES FOR NKCRC 2026 PARTY CANVASS

The New Kent County Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia, pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, hereby adopts these Rules for the conduct of this Party Canvass.

1. The Republican Party Canvass shall be held on March 24, 2026, 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM Providence Forge Recreation Center, 9900 Carriage Road, Providence Forge, VA 23140. The purpose of the Canvass shall be electing a Unit Chairman and members.
2. This party canvass shall, to the extent applicable, be governed by and conducted in accordance with the following (giving precedence as listed): the State Party Plan, District or Unit Plan or By-Laws, these rules, and otherwise in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (12th Edition).
3. Only eligible voters duly registered by the Credentials Committee may vote. No proxies are allowed at any time.
4. All voters shall meet the requirements as specified in the Call of the Party Canvass.
5. Laura M Ecimovic, Arrangements Chair, shall appoint a Credentials Committee to register those persons who offer to vote and to count the ballots once the polls are closed. The members of the Credentials Committee shall remain inside the room in which voting is conducted during the period in which voting takes place and until the ballots are counted.
6. The Credentials Committee shall decide any question that may arise concerning a candidate's qualifications or eligibility to vote.
7. No one will be allowed in the voting area without proper authorization. Candidates shall not loiter or campaign in the room in which voting is taking place.
8. No resolutions may be introduced.
9. The Credentials Committee shall prepare ballots listing the names of all qualified candidates for contested nominations or elections who have properly filed as required in the Call of the Party Canvass.
10. As soon as the polls are closed, the Credentials Committee shall immediately proceed to ascertain the vote given at the Canvass and shall continue without adjournment until they declare the canvass results. Only the members of the Credentials Committee and two representatives of each candidate, if any, shall be permitted to remain in the room once the polls have closed and until the ballots are counted. Ballots shall then be placed in a sealed envelope and preserved and secured by the Credentials Committee for at least thirty (30) days in case of any challenge to the results.
11. Candidates shall be elected based on a plurality of votes received. If two or more persons have an equal number of votes and a higher number than any other person, the Arrangements Committee shall proceed publicly to determine by lot which of the persons shall be declared elected after those persons have been notified and are allowed an opportunity to be present.
12. The Arrangements Committee shall preserve order inside and outside the polling place(s). No person shall hinder, intimidate, or interfere with any qualified voter to prevent the voter from casting a secret ballot. The Arrangements Committee may order a person violating this Rule to cease such action and, if such action continues, may remove such person from the polling place.

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