

**2023 SHENANDOAH COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
OFFICIAL CALL**

**Party Canvass of Shenandoah County Republican Committee Of the Republican
Party of Virginia**

As Chairman of the Shenandoah County Republican Committee (SCRC) and pursuant to the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia and as approved by the SCRC, I, Timothy Carter, do hereby issue this Call for a Party Canvass to begin at 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **on 04 May 2023 at the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Company, 200 Stoney Creek Blvd., Edinburg, Virginia 22824.** The Chairman will appoint a canvass committee and a credentials committee which shall decide any questions that may arise concerning the canvass. The canvass rules will be posted to the Virginia RPV and SCRC websites. Anyone standing in line at 8:00 p.m. will be permitted to vote. The canvass is being held for the following purposes:

1. Nominating Republican candidates for the Offices of Clerk of the Circuit Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, Commissioner of the Revenue, Sheriff, and Treasurer to be voted on the General election on November 7, 2023.
2. Nominating Republican Candidates for the Offices of Board of Supervisors in the magisterial districts of D2, D3, and D6 of Shenandoah County to be voted on in the General election on November 7, 2023.

Qualifications for Participation:

All legal and qualified voters of Shenandoah 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 the Party Canvass encompassing their respective election districts.

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 State Party Plan for a period of four (4) years.

In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, a voter shall not have participated in the nominating process of a party other than the Republican Party within the last five (5) years. A single exception to this requirement shall be approved for a voter who renounces affiliation with any other party in writing and who expresses in writing that he or 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 identified in this paragraph thereafter.

Candidate Filing Requirements

Candidates for the nominations of said canvass shall file a written Declaration of Candidacy by mail or in person, to Timothy Carter, SCRC Unit Chairman, 528 Old School House Drive, Maurertown, Virginia 22644, which must be received not later than 4:00 p.m. on 16 March 2023. **Hand deliveries may be coordinated with Timothy Carter, SCRC Unit Chairman by telephoning or texting him at 540-325-8222.** Postmark date will not be considered.

If not more than one person to be nominated for each office properly files, then this person shall be declared nominated for their respective office.

There is a \$1,500 filing fee to seek the nomination for the Offices of Clerk of the Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Sheriff. There is a \$1,000 filing fee to seek the nomination for the Offices of Commissioner of the Revenue and Treasurer. There is \$250 filing fee to seek the nomination for Board of Supervisors.

As stated, the Declaration of Nomination must be made on a form prescribed by the Shenandoah County Republican Committee (attached) and is available from Chairman, Timothy Carter and other members of the Shenandoah County Republican Committee. The form can also be downloaded from www.rpv.org or the SCRC website. A check covering the required fees will be made payable to the **Shenandoah County Republican Committee** and must accompany this completed form.

Conduct of the Party Canvass

The Canvass will be conducted on **04 May 2023 to begin at 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Company, 200 Stoney Creek Blvd., Edinburg, Virginia 22824.** Rules for the canvass will be established by the Shenandoah County Republican Committee and will be available on the RPV and SCRC websites.

Voters must be properly registered to vote in Shenandoah County, must present a government issued photographic identification document or valid voter registration card. They must also sign a statement of intent to support the Republican Party's candidates in the general election on 07 November 2023. Persons who do not meet these requirements will not be allowed to participate.

There will be no fee assessed for participation (voting) in the Party Canvass.

**2023 Shenandoah County Republican Committee Party Canvass
Declaration of Candidacy Form**

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a candidate for the following:

- _____ Board of Supervisors, District 2
- _____ Board of Supervisors, District 3
- _____ Board of Supervisors, District 6
- _____ Commissioner of the Revenue
- _____ Treasurer
- _____ Sheriff
- _____ Clerk of the Circuit Court
- _____ Commonwealth's Attorney

___ I have included a mandatory non-refundable filing fee made payable to the Shenandoah County Republican Committee.

___ I certify that as of the date below I am a legal resident and duly registered voter in the County of Shenandoah, Virginia. I am in accordance with the principles of the Republican Party, and I pledge to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the Tuesday, November 7, 2023 General Election.

(Please Print) Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form with the required fee to Shenandoah County Republican Committee C/O Chairman, Timothy C. Carter, 528 Old Schoolhouse Drive, Maurertown, VA 22664. **Forms must be hand delivered or post delivered by March 16, 2023. Postmarks do not govern.** Hand deliveries may be coordinated by telephone or text message to Timothy Carter at 540-325-8222 no later than 4:00 PM on March 16, 2023.

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Republican Party of Shenandoah County

2023 Canvass

Rules of 2023 Party Canvass

The Shenandoah 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. This Party Canvass will be governed by the conduct in accordance with the following, and with precedence as listed: all applicable state and federal laws, the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, the Plan of Organization of the Shenandoah County Republican Committee, these Rules, and the SCRC 2023 Call to the Party Canvass.
2. The Republican Party Canvass shall be held **on 04 May 2023 at the Edinburg Volunteer Fire Company, 200 Stoney Creek Blvd., Edinburg, Virginia 22824**. The purposes of the SCRC Party Canvass shall be:
 - a. Nominating Republican candidates for the Offices of Clerk of the Circuit Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, Commissioner of the Revenue, Sheriff, and Treasurer to be voted on the General election on November 7, 2023.
 - b. Nominating Republican Candidates for the Offices of Board of Supervisors in the magisterial districts of D2, D3, and D6 of Shenandoah County to be voted on in the General election on November 7, 2023.
3. Only eligible voters verified 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 SCRC Party Canvass.
5. The Chairman of the Shenandoah County Republican Committee shall appoint a Credentials Committee of not more than 12 persons, to verify eligibility of those persons who offer to vote and to count the ballots once the poll is 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 ballots are counted.
6. The Credentials Committee shall decide any question that may arise concerning the qualification of a candidate 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 will take place.
8. No voter may change his/her ballot after it has been cast.
9. No resolutions may be introduced.
10. The Credentials Committee shall prepare ballots listing the names of all qualified candidates for contested nominations or elections, who have properly filed with the Call of the SCRC Party Canvass.
11. Voters standing in line at the polling site at 8:00 PM will be allowed to vote.
12. As soon as the poll is closed, the Credentials Committee shall immediately proceed to ascertain the vote given at the Canvass and shall continue without adjournment 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 the event of any challenge to the results.
13. Candidates shall be elected on the basis of plurality of votes received. If two or more persons have an equal number of votes and a higher number than any other person, the SCRC shall proceed publicly to determine by lot which of the persons shall be declared elected, after those persons have been notified and are allowed to be present.
14. The Shenandoah County Republican Committee shall preserve order inside and outside the polling place. No person shall hinder, intimidate, or interfere with any qualified voter so as to prevent the voter from casting a secret ballot. The Shenandoah County Republican 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.