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SECTION I.
INTRODUCTION & DESCRIPTION OF DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Oklahoma has a total of 42 delegates and 3 alternates. (Call I & Appendix B)

2. The delegate selection process is governed by the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (“Rules”), the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (“Call”), the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (“Regs.”), the rules of the Democratic Party of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma election code, and this Delegate Selection Plan. (Call II.A)

3. Following the State Party Committee’s adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan, the State Party shall submit the Plan for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The State Party Chair shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Party Chair and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. (Reg. 2.5, Reg. 2.6 & Reg. 2.7)

4. Once this Plan has been found in Compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the State Party must be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. (Reg. 2.9)

B. DESCRIPTION OF DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Oklahoma will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Party-Run Primary for apportioning delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

2. The “first determining step” of Oklahoma’s delegate selection process will occur on March 3, 2020, with a Presidential Preference Primary that is managed by the Oklahoma State Election Board.

The Oklahoma 2020 Statutory election dates and Deadlines indicate Special Elections for candidates and propositions coincide with Presidential Preference Primary election. Resolutions due (75 days before elections) December 18, 2019, with the last day to begin special filing period of December 10, 2019.
C. VOTER PARTICIPATION

1. Participation in Oklahoma’s delegate selection process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. *(Rule 2.A and Rule 2.C.)*
   
a. The deadline to register to participate in the first step of the delegate selection process is February 26, 2020.

b. *An overview of the state’s declaration process:*

   (1) Whether the state has registration by party; Oklahoma has a closed primary system with exceptions. Generally, only voters who are registered members may vote for the party's candidates in primary and runoff primary elections. However, registered Independent voters may be eligible to vote in the party's primaries and runoff primaries if authorized by the party. **The Democratic Party has authorized Independent voters to vote in their primary and runoff elections since 2018.** Before the end of November 2019, the State Party Chair will authorize Independent voters to vote in the Party’s primaries and runoff primaries in 2020 & 2021. The dates to authorize are November 1 - November 30, 2019.

   (2) Voters who are not registered or enrolled as Democrats are able to participate in the process; the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Furthermore, Democratic voters who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded (i.e. register to vote as a democrat) can participate in the process. *(Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.B)*

c. To encourage participation by youth in the delegate selection process, any individual who will have turned 18 by the date of the general election will be allowed to participate in the delegate selection process *(Reg. 4.3.C)*

d. At no stage of Oklahoma’s delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation. *(Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4)*

e. No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding election. *(Rule 2.E)*

f. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or State Chairs or Vice Chairs, who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in a process that is the first determining stage of the delegate election process and in which all individual voters who wish to participate as Democrats are eligible to do so. *(Rule 2.F)*

g. No person shall vote in more than one (1) meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate selection process. *(Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)*
2. The State Party has taken steps [or is taking steps] to seek enactment of legislation, rules, and policies at the state and local level to enhance voter and election security, to accomplish the following seven goals:

(1) Maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible American who registers to vote has their personal information protected and secure; (Rule 2.H.1)

(2) Implement transparent and accurate voter registration list maintenance procedures that comply with federal requirements and ensure that every eligible voter stays on the rolls; (Rule 2.H.2) In furtherance of this the State Party has acquired the most recent list of voters purged by the State Election Board and is conducting outreach to ensure that every eligible voter stays on the rolls;

(3) Promote the acquisition, maintenance, and regular replacement of precinct based optical scan voting systems; (Rule 2.H.3)

(4) Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record; (Rule 2.H.4)

(5) Implement risk limiting post-election audits such as manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records; (Rule 2.H.5)

(6) Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures; (Rule 2.H.6)

(7) Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately. (Rule 2.H.7)

3. In accordance with the Democratic Party’s requirement to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection process the State Party has taken steps to establish, with DNC assistance, year-round voter protection programs to support educational, administrative, legislative, and litigation-based efforts to expand the vote and advance election fairness and security. (Rule 2.I and 2.I.1)

a. Expand access to voting, including by early voting, no excuse absentee, same-day voter registration, and voting by mail; (Rule 2.I.1.a)

In 2015, Senate Bill 313 was adopted by the Oklahoma State Legislature and signed into law by the Governor. This legislation authorized the Secretary of the Oklahoma State Election Board to develop a secure online system where a citizen with a current and valid Oklahoma driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety may submit a voter registration application electronically.

26 O.S. § 4-109.4. Electronic Voter Registration
State law (Title 26, Section 4-109.4, Oklahoma Statutes) authorizes the Secretary of the State Election Board to establish a secure system for online voter registration.

Phase One of online voter registration launched in 2018 allows registered voters to update their address or to change their party affiliation online.
Phase Two, or full online voter registration, will allow new voter registrations, name changes, and address changes to another county. It is required by state law to link with the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety's (DPS) driver's license system to verify information submitted and to retrieve an electronic signature. (DPS is in the process of upgrading its computer system and should be able to accommodate the requirements of online voter registration after the new system is in place.) We expect full online voter registration (Phase Two) to be available at a future date.

b. The Oklahoma Democratic Party will take steps to ensure that voting locations are accessible, placed fairly, and adequate in number, and have a sufficient number of voting machines by; (Rule 2.1.1.b)

(1) Promoting the acquisition, maintenance and regular replacement of accessible precinct based optical scan systems, wherever possible.

(2) Seeking enactment of legislation, rules, and policies at the state and local level to ensure that direct recording electronic systems include a voter verified paper trail and that voting machine counts are posted in publicly accessible locations at the close of elections (e.g. the windows of polling locations after 7 PM on election day).

(3) Seeking enactment of legislation, rules and policies at the state and local level to ensure that both optical scan and direct recording electronic systems include recognized security measures. These measures include automatic routine manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records following every election and prior to certification or results where possible; parallel testing on election day; physical and electronic security for equipment; banning use of wireless components and connections except where required to provide a voter with disability a secure and approved means to access voting materials and exercise the right to vote; public disclosure of software design; use of transparent and random selection for all auditing procedures; and effective procedures for addressing evidence of fraud or error.

c. Speed up the voting process and minimize long lines; (Rule 2.1.1.c)

Any registered voter in Oklahoma may vote by absentee ballot. It is not necessary to give a reason for voting absentee. Applications for absentee ballots must be made in writing or using the Oklahoma State Election Board's Online Absentee Voting Application. Absentee ballot application forms are available from all county election boards and from the State Election Board. Or, download a form on their website at www.elections.ok.gov. You are not required to use the form, however. You may write a letter to your county election board to apply for absentee ballots. The letter must contain the following information:

• your name
• your birth date
• the address at which you are registered to vote
• the election or elections for which you are requesting ballots
the address to which the ballots should be mailed
• your signature

You may apply for absentee ballots for one election, for several elections or for all elections in which you are eligible to vote during the calendar year in which the application is submitted.

You may mail your absentee ballot application to the county election board, you may fax it to 405-521-6457 or you may deliver your own application personally to the county election board office. (You may not deliver an application for another person, however. It’s the law.) You may scan your signed application and e-mail it to your county election board. You also may send a telegram to apply.

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you is always 5 p.m. on Wednesday preceding the election.

Returning Your Ballot

If your absentee ballot is mailed to you, you must return it to the county election board by mail. An absentee ballot must be received by the county election board before 7 p.m. on election day to be counted. Absentee ballots may also be delivered in-person to your county election board during regular business hours. Ballots delivered by hand must be returned no later than the end of business hours on the day before the election. Only standard absentee ballots may be returned in-person. Those who request absentee ballots under the special conditions listed below for those who are physically incapacitated or care for physically incapacitated persons who cannot be left alone may only return their ballots by mail.

In-person Absentee Voting

Voters may cast an absentee ballot in person at the county election board office from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday before all elections. For state and federal elections only, in-person absentee voting also is available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. In-person absentee voters must fill out and sign an application form when they arrive to vote.

Special Conditions

Physically incapacitated voters and voters who care for physically incapacitated persons who cannot be left alone may vote by absentee ballot. These voters may submit their applications only by mail, fax, or by an agent. If these voters choose to have their applications submitted to the County Election Board by an agent, the agent must be at least 16 years old and may not be employed by or related within the third degree by blood or marriage to a candidate whose name is on the ballot. The agent may act for only one voter per election. The agent will be asked to sign a form at the County Election Board office providing his or her name and attesting to these facts.
Physically incapacitated voters and voters who care for physically incapacitated persons who cannot be left alone are not required to have their signatures on the absentee affidavits notarized. They are required to have their signatures witnessed by two people.

Voters in nursing homes in the same county where they are registered voters may vote absentee. They may submit their applications only by mail or fax, or telegraph. An Absentee Voting Board will go to the nursing home a few days before the election to allow these voters to cast their ballots.

Oklahomans who are in the military or who are living overseas and their spouses and dependents may apply for an absentee ballot even if they are not registered to vote. (They must be eligible to be registered, however.) Military and overseas voters may submit their applications only by mail, fax or e-mail. Military voters should contact the Voting Assistance Officers in their units for application forms and information. Overseas voters may obtain the same materials at United States military installations, embassies and consulates, or online from the [Federal Voting Assistance Program website](https://www.fvap.gov/). Military and overseas voters who need to contact their County Election Board in Oklahoma can find e-mail addresses at [https://www.ok.gov/elections/County_Election.Board.Email.Addresses.html](https://www.ok.gov/elections/County_Election.Board.Email.Addresses.html)

**Emergency Absentee Voters**

Voters who become incapacitated after 5 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding an election may receive an absentee ballot through special emergency procedures. These voters must make a written request to the county election board. The request must be accompanied by a statement from a doctor that the voter is incapacitated and will be unable to vote in person on election day. The voter's request and the doctor's statement must be taken to the county election board office by a person the voter chooses. The person becomes the voter's "agent."

The county election board can provide a form to be used for both the voter's request and the doctor's statement.

The agent will receive the voter's ballot and will deliver it to the voter. After the voter marks the ballot, the agent must return it to the county election board office before 7 p.m. election day.

**First Responder Absentee Voters**

A voter who is deployed within 10 days of an election as a first responder or emergency worker to assist with the rescue, recovery or relief efforts of a declared natural disaster or state of emergency may request an emergency absentee ballot from their county election board. The request must be made in writing and may be made in person at the appropriate county election board.

The county election board can provide a form to be used for requesting first responder absentee ballots.
WARNING
Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes provides that any person who knowingly executes a false application for an absentee ballot shall be deemed guilty of a felony. Any person deemed guilty of a felony under provisions of Title 26 shall, upon conviction, be confined in the State Penitentiary for not more than five (5) years, or fined not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00), or both.

d. Eliminate onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements; *(Rule 2.I.1.d)*

Oklahoma’s proof of identity law (sometimes called the "voter ID" law) was contained in State Question 746 (Legislative Referendum No. 347). The question appeared on the ballot at the November 2, 2010, General Election, and it was approved by 74% of the votes cast.

The proof of identity law requires every voter who votes in person at the precinct polling place or during early voting at the County Election Board to show proof of identity before receiving a ballot.

There are three ways to prove your identity.

**1) PHOTO IDENTIFICATION**

A document used for proof of identity for voting must have been issued by the United States government, the State of Oklahoma, or a federally recognized tribal government.

The law requires a document used for proof of identity for voting to contain the following information:

- The name of the person to whom it was issued
- A photograph of the person to whom it was issued
- An expiration date that is after the date of the election, unless the identification is valid indefinitely

The law requires the voter’s name on the proof of identity document to "substantially conform" to the voter's name in the Precinct Registry. In other words, your name on your proof of identity must match your name in the Precinct Registry.

**2) COUNTY ELECTION BOARD VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD**

In addition, voters may use the free voter identification card they received by mail from the County Election Board when they registered to vote. The law allows use of the voter identification card even though it does not include a photograph.
(3) AFFIDAVIT WITH PROVISIONAL BALLOT

If you do not have or if you refuse to show proof of identity, you may vote by provisional ballot and prove your identity by signing a sworn affidavit.

Provisional ballots are sealed inside special envelopes and are not put through the voting device. After election day, County Election Board officials will investigate the information provided by the voter on the affidavit and either will approve the provisional ballot for counting or will reject it based on the outcome of that investigation.

A provisional ballot cast by a voter who declines or is unable to produce proof of identity shall only be considered verified and approved for counting if:

- The voter's name on the affidavit substantially conforms to the voter's name in the voter registration database.
- The voter's residence address on the affidavit substantially conforms to the voter's residence address in the voter registration database.
- The voter's date of birth matches the information in the State's voter registration database.
- The voter's Oklahoma driver license number or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number on the affidavit matches the information in the voter registration database. (This provision does not apply if the voter was not required to provide a driver license number or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number at the time of registration.)
- The provisional ballot meets the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 7-116.1 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statues.

e. Count and include in the final total ballots from voters who are eligible to vote but cast their ballots in the wrong precinct, for offices for which they are eligible to vote; and (Rule 2.I.1.e)

4. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, (Rule 2.I.2)

a. Pre-registration of high school students six months before so that they are already registered once they reach voting age; (Rule 2.I.2.b)

b. Restoration of voting rights to all people who have served the time for their criminal conviction, without requiring the payment of court fees or fines; (Rule 2.I.2.c) Felons - A convicted felon may not register for a period equal to the time of the original sentence. A convicted felon who has been pardoned may register.

— AND —

c. 2018 the State Party conducted GOTV coordinated efforts concentrated on Vote-By-Mail campaign.
5. The State Party and the Affirmative Action Committee are tracking HB 2429 which would give the Secretary of the State Election Board authority to conduct a data validation of the state voter registration database with other state or federal databases that contain information regarding the citizenship status of a person. The deadline for the Senate to hear bills from the house is Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

If you need to change your political affiliation, you must fill out another voter registration application form, or you can update your voter registration information online https://services.okelections.us/VoterAppChange/.

You may change your registration at any time with one exception. You may not change your political affiliation during the period from April 1 through August 31, inclusive, in any even-numbered year. The last day on which you may change your political affiliation before the closed period is March 31; the first day on which you may change your political affiliation after the closed period is September 1. (Rule 2.J and Rule 2.J.1)

6. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings

The dates, times and places for all official Party meetings and events related to the state’s delegate selection process must be scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Such meetings must begin and end at reasonable hours. The state party is responsible for selecting the dates and times and locating and confirming the availability of publicly accessible facilities for all official meetings and events related to this process. In addition, the scheduling of meetings shall consider any religious observations that could significantly affect participation. Such meetings will begin and end at reasonable hours. (Rule 3.A & Reg. 4.)
SECTION II.
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

A. BALLOT ACCESS

1. Requirements

A presidential candidate gains access to the Oklahoma presidential preference primary ballot, or is eligible to participate in the Oklahoma’s first-tier caucuses, by the following:

- Only candidates who are members of political parties currently recognized in the State of Oklahoma may file a Statement of Candidacy for the 2020 Presidential Preferential Primary. As of May 2018, Oklahoma officially recognized three political parties: the Democratic, Libertarian, and Republican parties. Oklahoma does not allow candidates to use political party designations. Candidates for the nomination for President of the United States shall file with the Secretary of the State Election Board. Such candidates shall be members of political parties recognized under the laws of the State of Oklahoma and shall have filed a Statement of Candidacy with the Federal Election Commission.

- Candidates must swear or affirm that they are fully qualified to become a candidate for the office of President of the United States and that they will be fully qualified to hold said office.

- Candidates must also swear or affirm that they have filed a Statement of Candidacy with the Federal Election Commission and have raised and expended not less than $5,000 for said office.

2. Where to File

A Statement of Candidacy, accompanied by a filing fee or a petition in support of the candidacy must be submitted to the Secretary of the State Election Board. The office of the Secretary of the State Election Board is located within the Oklahoma State Capitol Building at:

Oklahoma State Capitol
State Election Board, Room G28
2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

3. How to File

Candidates, or an agent of the candidate, must appear in person to submit a Statement of Candidacy for the candidate. Statements of Candidacy forms will not be accepted by mail, fax, or by e-mail. Candidates must personally sign the Statement of Candidacy form. The form submitted to the Secretary of the State Election Board must bear the candidate’s original signature and their signatures shall be witnessed by a notary public. When the the Statement of Candidacy is submitted it shall be accompanied by one of the following:
• A petition supporting the candidacy signed by one percent (1%) of the registered voters in each congressional district eligible to vote for a candidate in the Presidential Preferential Primary Election,

— OR —

• One thousand (1,000) registered voters in each congressional district eligible to vote for a candidate, whichever is less, as reflected by the latest January 15 registration report; For the 2020 election, a petition supporting a candidacy requires a minimum of 1,000 signatures per Congressional district for a minimum total of 5,000 signatures. Each page of a petition supporting a candidate's filing shall identify the county, the congressional district, and shall contain the names of registered voters in only one congressional district and in only one county. Each page of a petition supporting a candidate's filing shall be verified. Verification shall be made in substantial compliance with the provisions of Section 6 of Title 34 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Added by Laws 1986, c. 4, § 2, eff. Nov. 1, 1986. Amended by Laws 1987, c. 86, § 4, eff. Nov. 1, 1987; Laws 2003, c. 485, § 24; Laws 2011, c. 196, § 18, eff. Nov. 1, 2011.

— OR —

• By a cashier's check or certified check, payable to the Secretary of the State Election Board in the amount of $5,000. Campaign checks, personal checks, and cash are not acceptable.

4. Candidate Name

A candidate's name will be printed on the ballot as it is entered on the first line of the Statement of Candidacy; however, no candidate shall have any prefix, suffix, or title placed before or after the candidate's name. A candidate's full legal name also must be provided on the Statement of Candidacy.

The State Election Board shall cause the names of all candidates who have filed within the proper time to be printed on the official ballots. The ballots shall be prepared as provided for by law. Voters shall be restricted to one vote for the candidate of his or her choice of the political party in which the voter is registered.

5. When to File

Filing beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the first Monday in December and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the next succeeding Wednesday, or at a time prescribed by the State Election Board for a Presidential Preferential Primary to be held on a date other than the first Tuesday in March.

2020 Oklahoma Presidential Preferential Primary Election Candidate Filing Dates

• Monday, December 2, 2019
• Tuesday, December 3, 2019
• Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Candidates may submit Statements of Candidacy during the hours, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day.
6. Voter Registration Deadlines

- For Presidential Preferential Primary (PPP) Election: Friday, February 7, 2020
- For Primary Election: Friday, June 5, 2020
- For Runoff Primary: Friday, July 31, 2020
- For General Election: Friday, October 9, 2020

7. Elections

- Presidential Preferential Primary (PPP) Election: Tuesday, March 3, 2020
- Primary Election: Tuesday, June 30, 2020
- Runoff Primary Election: Tuesday, August 25, 2020
- General Election: Tuesday, November 3, 2020

B. Other Requirements

1. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State Democratic Chair, the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by December 15, 2019. (Rule 13.D.1)

2. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I)
SECTION III.
SELECTION OF DELEGATES

A. DISTRICT-LEVEL DELEGATES


2. District-level delegates shall be elected by a: Convention system
   - There will be no secret ballots at any stage of the national delegate selection process.
   - Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded.

3. Timeline and Process
   a. January 6, 2020
      All individuals interested in being a potential District-Level, Pledged PLEO, At-Large, or Alternate Delegate to the Democratic National Convention may obtain a Declaration of Candidacy and Pledge of Support form along with filing instructions from the Oklahoma Democratic Party’s Headquarters; in-person, by mail, or from State Party’s web site at, www.okdemocrats.org.

      *Note: Individuals may declare candidacy for more than one position at a time. I.e. candidates may file for District-Level, Pledged PLEO, At-Large, and Alternate positions at the same time.*

   b. February 26, 2020
      All potential National Delegate candidates shall deliver a signed, and notarized original Declaration of Candidacy form to the following location, no later than 5 p.m.:

      The Oklahoma Democratic Party
      3700 N. Classen Blvd.
      Suite 100
      Oklahoma City, OK, 73118

      All State Delegates shall deliver a signed original Pledge of Support form to the Oklahoma Democratic Party Headquarters no later than 5 p.m.

      *Note: If Declaration of Candidacy or Pledge of Support forms are mailed they must be received at the Oklahoma Democratic Party Headquarters by the 5:00 p.m. deadline, on February 26, 2020. No exceptions.*

   c. March 10, 2020
      Deadline for State Party to provide list of delegate candidates for District-Level, Pledged PLEO, At-Large Delegate, and Alternate candidates to respective Presidential campaigns.

   d. March 30, 2020
      Deadline for Presidential candidates to provide list of approved candidates for District-Level delegate to the Oklahoma Democratic Party.
e. **April 4, 2020**

Presidential Preferential Primary (PPP) District Caucuses and State Convention Convenes. Only candidates declaring a given Presidential candidate preference that is received before the deadline, vetted, and recorded by the State Party shall receive credentials of their declared presidential preference, and two ballots. One ballot containing the names of male candidates approved by presidential candidates or their authorized representatives, and one ballot containing names of female candidates approved by presidential candidates or their authorized representatives.

1. Congressional District delegates are elected by Presidential Preference caucus. Each caucus shall elect the number of male and female delegates to which they are allocated. Elections shall be conducted separately for male and female positions at all levels. Candidates must receive a majority of those votes cast in order to be elected.
   - **First Ballot:** Any female or male candidate for delegate who receives more than 50% of the vote from the congressional district presidential caucus shall be declared elected as a national convention delegate, provided that the number of candidates receiving a majority vote does not exceed the number of delegates of that gender allocated to the congressional district as reflected in the allocation chart. If the number of candidates who receive 50% or more of the votes is greater than the number of delegates allocated for their gender, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes and those receiving the next highest totals (in descending order) shall be elected until all allocated positions of that gender have been filled.
   - **Run-Off Procedure:** If a sufficient number do not receive a majority of the first ballot a second vote will be taken, dropping those receiving less than 15% of the vote from the list. On this and subsequent ballots, convention delegates shall have only as many votes as the number of delegate positions of the appropriate gender left to be filled. This procedure shall be repeated until a sufficient number of candidates of the appropriate gender have been elected by a majority vote to fill the allocated positions for that gender.
   - **After the election of district-level delegates and prior to the selection of DNC, PLEO, At-Large and alternate delegates, the State Party chair shall certify pledges and be responsible for preparing ballots and recording election results.**

3. **Apportionment of District-Level Delegates**

   a. Oklahoma’s district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2016 presidential and the most recent gubernatorial elections. *(Rule 8.A, Reg. 4.12, Reg. 4.11 & Appendix A)* This plan is selected because it provides for the greatest representation of Democratic voters. *(Rule 8.B)*

   b. The number of men and the number of women in the state’s total number of district-level delegates will not vary by more than one. *(Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9)*

   c. The district-level delegates and alternates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following table:
d. The Call for the 2020 PPP Convention shall state the base delegation for each level. Seventy-five percent (75%) of each state’s base delegation shall be elected at the Congressional District-Level or smaller, Twenty-five percent (25%) of each state’s base delegation shall be elected At-Large, and Fifteen (15%) of each state’s base delegations shall be elected PLEO. *(Rule 8. C&D)*

e. After the election the State Democratic Party Chair shall certify all delegates in writing to the Secretary of the DNC within 10 days of their election.

4. District-Level Delegate Requirements

a. A district-level delegate candidate may run for election only within the district in which they are registered to vote. *(Rule 13.H)*

b. Any Democrat can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention by filing a Statement of Candidacy designating their singular presidential preference and a signed Pledge of Support for the presidential candidate and deliver it to the State Party Headquarters located at 3700 N. Classen Blvd., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK, 73118, by February 26, 2020, no later than 5:00 p.m.. *(Rule 1.A.7, Rule 1.A.8 & Reg. 4.23)*

(1) Individuals interested in being a National Delegate may obtain the Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support forms and filing instructions from State Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party’s website at [WWW.OKDEMOCRATS.ORG](http://WWW.OKDEMOCRATS.ORG). *(Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.A)*


d. Candidates may submit a Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support for more than one delegate position. *(Reg4.31 Rule15)*
5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates

   a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), not later than March 10, 2020 by 5:00 p.m., a list of all persons who have filed for delegate, alternate, at large and PLEO candidates pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 13.D & Rule 13.F)*

   b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair by March 30, 2020, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that approval be given to at least three (3) separate individuals for each position for delegate. *(Rule 13.E.1, Reg. 4.24 & Reg. 4.25)*

   c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than March 30, 2020.

   d. National convention delegate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 13.E & Reg. 4.24)*

   e. *Within three (3) business days the State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee* whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan upon returning the list of approved candidates in Section III.A.5.b of this Plan. *(Rule 6.I & Reg.4.10.C)*

6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

   a. Presidential Primary - Proportional Representation Plan *(Rule 14.A, Rule 14.B & Rule 14.D)* The Oklahoma presidential primary election is a “binding” primary. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates and alternates selected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates.

   b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner. *(Rule 14.F)*

7. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates

   a. *To ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women (determined by gender self-identification) delegate positions within each district will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-
getting presidential preference. Following that determination, the state will then designate the remaining positions for that presidential preference and any subsequent preferences alternating by gender, as mathematically practicable. This assignment of delegate positions will continue with the next highest vote-getting preferences in descending order, with positions assigned to either male and female alternating by gender as mathematically practicable, until the gender of each position has been assigned. In the case of non-binary gender delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category. (Rule 6.C., Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.10)

8. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of the state’s district-level delegates to the Democratic National Convention within 10 days after their election. (Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)

B. AUTOMATIC DELEGATES

1. Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials

   a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:

      (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; (Rule 9.A.1, Call I.F, Call I.J, & Reg. 4.15)

      (2) Democratic President and Vice President (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.2 & Call I.G)

      (3) All of Oklahoma’s Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; (Rule 9.A.3, Call I.H & Call I.J)

      (4) The Democratic Governor (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H & Call I.J)

      (5) “Distinguished Party Leader” delegates who legally reside in the state (if applicable); all former Democratic Presidents or Vice Presidents, all former Democratic Leaders of the U.S. Senate, all former Democratic Speakers of the U.S. House of Representatives and Democratic Minority Leaders, as applicable, and all former Chairs of the Democratic National Committee. (Rule 9.A.5, Call I.G & Reg. 4.14)

   b. An Automatic delegate may run and be elected as a Pledged delegate. If an Automatic delegate is elected and certified as a Pledged delegate, that individual shall not serve as an Automatic delegate at the 2020 National Convention. (Call I.J)

   c. The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:

      (1) Not later than March 6, 2020, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State Democratic Chair the names of the Automatic delegates who legally reside in Oklahoma. (Rule 9.A)

      (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the Automatic delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call IV.B.1)

      (3) The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of state’s Automatic delegates 10 days after the completion of the State’s Delegate Selection Process. (Call IV.C)
2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women within the state’s entire convention delegation (determined by gender self-identification), the entire delegation includes all pledged and Automatic delegates, including those who identify as male or female. *(Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)*

C. **PLEDGED PARTY LEADER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL (PLEO) DELEGATES**

1. Oklahoma is allotted 5 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. *(Call I.D, Call I.E & Appendix B)*

2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
   
   a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. Automatic delegates who choose to run for PLEO delegate will be given equal consideration with big city mayors and state-wide elected officials. *(Rule 10.A.1 & Reg. 4.16)*

   b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by filing a Statement of Candidacy designating their singular presidential preference and a signed Pledge of Support for the presidential candidate and deliver it to the State Party Headquarters located at 3700 N. Classen Blvd., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK, 73118, by February 26, 2020, no later than 5:00 p.m.. *(Rule 1.A.7, Rule 1.A.8 & Reg. 4.23)*

   c. A PLEO candidate may modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated Pledge of Support no later than the filing deadline. *(Rule 13.B, Rule 15.F & Reg. 4.23)*

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
   
   a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), not later than March 10, 2020, a list of all persons who have filed for a PLEO delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. *(Rule 10.A.3 & Rule 13.D)*

   b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), must file with the State Democratic Chair, by April 4, 2020, thirty (30) minutes after the election of district level candidates, a list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least 2 names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. *(Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)*

   c. Presidential candidates or their authorized representatives shall not be required to exercise their right of candidate approval with respect to PLEO delegate candidates until such time after the district-level delegates have been elected. *(Rule 13.D.3, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)*
d. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than 30 minutes after the election of the district level delegates on April 4, 2020. *(Rule 13.D)*

e. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in Section III.C.3.b of this Plan. *(Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10.C)*

4. Selection of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates


b. Selection of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of district level delegate election on April 4, 2020, at the State PPP Convention, which is after the election of DNC Committee and Committee woman and prior to the selection of At-Large delegates and alternates.

c. PLEO delegates will be selected by the PPP Convention delegates. *(Rule 10.B)*

5. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state’s pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within 10 days after their election. *(Call IV.A & Reg. 5.4.A)*

**D. AT-LARGE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES**

1. The state of Oklahoma is allotted eight (8) At-Large delegates and three (3) At-Large alternates. *(Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, Appendix B & Reg. 4.34)*

2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements

a. Effective January 2020 persons desiring to seek At-Large delegate or alternate positions may file a Statement of Candidacy designating their singular presidential preference and a signed Pledge of Support for the presidential candidate and deliver it to the State Party Headquarters located at 3700 N. Classen Blvd., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK, 73118, by February 26, 2020, no later than 5:00 p.m.

c. The Statement of Candidacy for At-Large delegates and for At-Large alternates will be the same. After the At-Large delegates are elected by state convention those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for At-Large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. \(\text{(Rule 19.A)}\)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

a. The State Democratic Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), not later than April 4, 2020, thirty (30) minutes after the PLEO election a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. \(\text{(Rule 13.D)}\) \(\text{(Reg. 4.24.D & Reg. 4.31.C)}\)

b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), must then file with the State Democratic Chair, by April 4, 2020, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, two \(2\) names remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. \(\text{(Rule 13.D.4, Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)}\)

c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State Democratic Chair not later than April 4, 2020, thirty (30) minutes after the election of PLEO delegates.

d. \text{The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee} whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective At-Large delegate candidates and At-Large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion section of this Plan within three \(3\) business days of returning the list of approved At-Large delegate candidates and At-Large alternate candidates as indicated in this Section.

4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

a. At-Large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences according to the state-wide primary vote.

b. Preferences which have not attained a 15\% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any At-Large delegates. \(\text{(Rule 14.E)}\)

c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15\% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner. \(\text{(Rule 14.F)}\)

d. If a presidential candidate otherwise entitled to an allocation is no longer a candidate at the time of selection of the At-Large delegates, their allocation will be proportionally divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation. \(\text{(Rule 11.C)}\)

e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one \(1\) or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one \(1\) At-Large alternate position. \(\text{(Rule 19.B, Call I.I & Reg. 4.33)}\)
5. Selection of At-Large Delegates and Alternates
   
a. The selection of the At-Large delegates and alternates will occur forty five (45) minutes after National Committee Positions and Pledged PLEO delegate elections on April 4, 2020, at the state PPP Convention. (Call III)

b. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the state convention.

c. Priority of Consideration

   1. In the selection of the At-Large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women, if such priority of consideration is needed to fulfill the affirmative action goals outlined in the state’s Delegate Selection Plan. (Rule 6.A.3)

   2. To continue the Democratic Party’s ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability. (Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3, Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8)

   3. The election of At-Large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan. (Rule 6.A, Rule 6.C and Reg. 4.9)

   4. Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. (Rule 6.C.1, Rule 11.A, Reg. 4.9 & Reg. 4.20)

6. The State Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of the state’s At-Large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within 10 days after their election. (Rule 8.C & Call IV.A)

E. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates

1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:

a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 19.D.3)

   1. A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the national convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.

   2. Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and gender of the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
(a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.

(b) If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of a different gender, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 19.D.2, the State Party Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of a different gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (Reg. 4.36)

(3) If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not certified to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies, or is no longer eligible to serve, they shall be replaced, after consultation with the State Party, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom they are pledged. (Rule 19.D.2)

b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 19.D.4)

(1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate’s place.

(2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference as the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be of the same gender and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.

c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: The alternate who receives the highest number of votes becomes the delegate. (Rule 19.D.1)

d. Certification of Replacements

(1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. (Rule 19.D.3)

(2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the Oklahoma’s Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (Call IV.D.1)

(3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. (Call IV.D.1 & Reg. 4.35)

(4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate’s vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate’s vote on the delegation tally sheet. (Call IX.F.3.e, Call IX.F.3.c & Reg. 5.6)
e. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference, of the same gender and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. *(Rule 19.E)*

2. Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: *(Call IV.D.2 & Reg. 4.37)*

a. Members of Congress and the Democratic Governor shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the state’s Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in the state’s office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors’ Association. *(Call IV.D.2.a)*

b. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where the state’s DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary’s official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of Automatic delegates. *(Call, IV.D.2.b)*

c. Automatic distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.(5), shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. *(Call IV.D.2.c)*

d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an Automatic delegate. *(Call IX.F.3.e)*
SECTION IV.
SELECTION OF CONVENTION STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Oklahoma has been allocated 1 member(s) on each of the three (3) standing committees for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform, and Rules), for a total of 3 members. *(Call VII.A & Appendix D)*

2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. *(Call VII.A.3)*

3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures below. *(Rule 1.G)*

B. STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Selection Meeting

   a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Oklahoma’s National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on April 4, 2020, immediately following the adjournment of the state convention. This date must be no more than 14 days after the At-Large delegates are selected, and not later than June 27, 2020. *(Call VII.B.1)*

   b. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. *(Call VII.B.1)*

2. Allocation of Members

   a. The members of the standing committees allocated to Oklahoma shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates receiving the threshold percentage used in the state’s delegation to calculate the At-Large apportionment pursuant to Rule 14.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. *(Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.9)*

   b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to Oklahoma. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. *(Call VII.C.2)*

   c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results
in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the
presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next
rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. *(Call VII.C.3)*

d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be
proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three (3) standing
committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing
committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to
distribute the additional positions. *(Call VII.C.4)*

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), shall be
given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state’s
delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. *(Call VII.D.1)*

b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), must
submit to the State Democratic Chair, by March 30, 2020, after the election of State’s
National Convention delegates, a minimum of (1) name for each slot awarded to that
candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing
committee members from among names submitted by the presidential candidates.
Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one
(1) person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing
committees. *(Call VII.D.2)*

4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division

a. Presidential candidates *shall use their best efforts* to ensure that their respective
delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Oklahoma’s affirmative
action, outreach and inclusion goals and that their respective male and female
members are equally divided between the men and women determined by gender
self-identification. *(Rule 6.1 & Reg. 4.10)*

b. *Each position on each standing committee shall be assigned by binary gender as
self-identified.* For example, the first binary position on the Credentials Committee
of the presidential candidate with the most standing committee positions shall be
designated for a male, and the next binary position, if one occurs, will be designated
for a female; and the remaining binary positions, to the extent they occur, shall be
designated in like fashion, alternating between males and females, where applicable.
*For avoidance of doubt: there is no requirement that positions be assigned to gender
non-binaries, but the described alternation of binary genders may not be used to
exclude a gender non-binary from consideration for a committee position.* Positions
for presidential candidates on each committee shall be ranked according to the total
number of standing positions allocated to each such candidate. After positions on
the Credentials Committee are designated by gender, the designation shall continue
with the Platform Committee, then the Rules Committee.

(1) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing committee.
(2) The male and female membership of the standing committees shall be as equally divided among the men and women as possible under the state allocation; the variance between men and women in any committee or among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. (Call VII.E.2)

(3) Gender non-binary committee members shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). (Call VII.E.1)

(4) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-getter(s) of the appropriate gender.

5. Certification and Substitution

a. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. (Call VII.B.3)

b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected but not later than 48 hours before the respective standing committee meets, except in the case of death. (Call VII.B.4)
SECTION V.
DELEGATION CHAIR AND CONVENTION PAGES

A. INTRODUCTION

Oklahoma will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and two (2) to serve as Convention Pages. (*Call IV.E, Call IV.F.1 & Appendix C*)

B. DELEGATION CHAIR

1. Selection Meeting

   a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the state’s National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on April 4, 2020. Selection of the Delegation Chair should be made at the same time the standing committee members are chosen, or no later than seven (7) days after the At-Large delegates have been selected but no later than June 27, 2020. (*Call IV.E & Call VII.B.1*)

   b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. (*Rule 3.C*)

2. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their selection. (*Call IV.E*)

C. CONVENTION PAGES

1. Two (2) individuals will be selected to serve as Oklahoma’s Convention Pages by the State Democratic Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place at the State Convention on April 4, 2020 or not later than the date by which the state selects its standing committee members. (*Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7*)

2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible, the Affirmative Action and Outreach and Inclusion guidelines in the state plan. In the case of gender non-binary pages, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the pages shall be equally divided. (*Reg. 5.7.A*)

3. The State Democratic Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Oklahoma’s Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. This certification shall be made not later than the time the state certifies its standing committee members. (*Call IV.F.3 & Reg. 5.7.B*)
SECTION VI.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

A. INTRODUCTION

Oklahoma will select seven (7) individuals to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2020 Presidential election.

B. SELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

1. A political party recognized by the laws of the State of Oklahoma automatically receives a ballot line for the party’s nominees for President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, and Presidential Electors.

2. The nominees for Presidential Electors of any recognized political party shall be approved by the State Central Committee.

3. There shall be one (1) nominee from each congressional district, to be nominated by the congressional district chair, and two (2) selected from the State at large, by the State Chair.

4. The names of the nominees shall be announced at the State Presidential Preferential Primary Convention called to select delegates to the Democratic National Nominating Convention. The PPP convention is scheduled April 4, 2020.

5. The nominees for Presidential Electors shall be certified by the party’s chair to the Secretary of the State Election Board no later than July 15, 2020 of a presidential election year.

6. Failure of a political party to properly certify the names of its nominees for Presidential Electors within the time specified shall bar such party from placing any candidates for Presidential Elector on the ballot at the General Election. (Call VIII)

C. AFFIRMATION

1. Each candidate for Presidential Elector shall certify in writing that they will vote for the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice-Presidential nominees. (Call VIII)

2. In the selection of the Presidential Electors, the State Party will take the following steps to ensure the persons selected are bona fide Democrats who are faithful to the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States:

   (1) The State Party will verify electors are registered members of the Democratic party and will require them to certify under oath.

   (2) If a situation occurs where an elector can no longer serve by death, illness or removal the State Central Committee is empowered to replace the electoral by a majority vote. (Call VIII)
SECTION VII.
GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURAL GUARANTEES

A. The Oklahoma Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the “six basic elements” as listed below. As our Party strives to progress in the fight against discrimination of all kinds, these six basic elements have evolved and grown along with the constant push for more inclusion and empowerment. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. (Rule 4.A, Rule 4.B & Rule 4.C)

1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Oklahoma should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). (Rule 4.B.1)

2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party in Oklahoma should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.2)

3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party in Oklahoma on all levels should be publicized fully and, in such manner, as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. (Rule 4.B.3)

4. The Democratic Party in Oklahoma, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.4)

5. The Democratic Party in Oklahoma should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of the State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. As part of this, the State Democratic Party should develop a strategy to provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. (Rule 4.B.5)

6. The Democratic Party in Oklahoma should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the State Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. (Rule 4.B.6)
B. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. *(Rule 5.B)*

C. Oklahoma's delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, i.e. the number of men and women shall not vary by more than one. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all automatic delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division as determined by gender self-identification. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. *(Rule 6.C)*

D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. *(Rule 13.A)*

E. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. *(Rule 13.I)*

F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. *(Rule 13.J)*

G. Each delegate, alternate and standing committee members must be a bona fide Democrat, who is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribes to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. *(Rule 13.H, Call VII.A.4 & Reg. 4.26)*

H. Forty (40) percent of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. *(Rule 16)*

I. An accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having established credentials, may register a non-transferable proxy with (i.e., deliver a signed proxy to) another duly accredited participant at that meeting (except where an accredited alternate is present and eligible to serve as a replacement), provided that no individual may hold more than one (1) proxy at a time. *(Rule 17 & Reg. 4.32)*

J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.A)*

K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 18.B)*
L. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs. (Rule 1.F & Rule 12.B)

M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention, the State Democratic Party hereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in Oklahoma, a full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action and outreach and inclusion plans toward that end; that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention; and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention. (Call II.B)
SECTION VIII.
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN AND OUTREACH AND INCLUSION PROGRAM

A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION

1. Purpose and Objectives

   a. To make sure that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action is hereby adopted by Oklahoma. (Rule 5.A)

   b. Discrimination based on “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B)

   c. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in Oklahoma are open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). (Rule 4.B.1)

   d. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or disability, Oklahoma has established goals for these groups. (Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.8)

   e. To encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the Oklahoma Democratic Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, the State Party has established goals and timetables for other underrepresented groups, including the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth. (Rule 6.A & Rule 7)

(1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. (Rule 6.A.1)

(2) For the delegate selection process, “Youth” is defined as any participant younger than 36 years old at the time of election. (Reg. 5.3.A)

(3) For the delegate selection process, individuals identifying as Native Americans should provide their tribal affiliation and indicate if they are enrolled in a tribe. (Reg. 5.3.B)

(4) These goals shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party’s imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs. (Rule 6.A.2)
2. Organizational Structure

a. As established by the State Party Constitution, there shall be a permanent Affirmative Action Committee of the Oklahoma Democratic Party and shall consist of:
   • One (1) man and one (1) woman to be elected by each Congressional District Convention at its organizational meetings April 2019
   • Two (2) men and two (2) women elected At-Large by the State Convention, June 2019
   • Five (5) members, two (2) men, two (2) women, and one (1) member, either a man or woman, to be appointed by the State Chair, August 2019. (Rule 6.F)

b. Members in good standing act as the affirmative action committee under future Oklahoma Delegate Selection Plans. Roll Call submitted to Party Chair December 2018.

c. January, 2019, State Democratic Chair appoints additional members to fill vacancies.

d. **February 11, 2019**, the State Democratic Chair certified in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State’s Affirmative Action Committee member and appointees with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and contact information of the members no later than 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.J)

e. The Committee shall consist of members who are regionally diverse and represent the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.

f. The Affirmative Action Committee shall be responsible for:

   (1) Helping develop and design the proposed Affirmative Action Plan, and Outreach and Inclusion Program and making recommendations to the State Democratic Chair. (Rule 6.F)

   (2) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action Plan, and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.

   (3) Implementing a specific outreach and financial assistance program for persons of low and moderate income to encourage their participation and representation in the national convention delegation. (Rule 6.G)

   (4) Ensuring, on behalf of the State Party Committee, that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (Rule 6.E)

g. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be provided by the State Party Committee to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers, and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.

3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program shall begin on **August 1, 2019**, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate selection process. (Rule 1.F)
B. REPRESENTATION GOALS

1. In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the state’s Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. *(Rule 6.A)*

2. In cooperation with the National Committee, the State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth in the state’s Democratic electorate. The State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. *(Rule 7 & Reg. 4.8.C.iii)*

   a. In cooperation with the National Committee Data and Analytics Team Oklahoma’s percentage in Democratic electorate for 2020. Below is a state-specific estimate of the demographic makeup of Democratic supporters. The Report is here:

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   *Note: Oklahoma does not conduct exit polling and the State Election Board voter registration application does not include full or partial Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses or voters' race, color, gender or ethnic origin.*

   b. According to Appendix B of the 2020 DNC Call (delegate/alternate allocation chart approved by the DNC at its meeting on August 23, 2018) Oklahoma is allotted 45 total delegates, including alternates.

3. When selecting the At-Large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and Automatic) shall be compared with the State Party’s representation goals to achieve an At-Large selection process that helps to bring about a representative balance. *(Rule 11.A)*

4. Although the selection of the At-Large delegation may be used to fulfill the affirmative action goals established by this Plan, the State Party will conduct outreach and inclusion activities such as recruitment, education and training at all levels of the delegate selection process. *(Rule 6.A.3)*
C. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process

1. Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning July 1, 2019. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection process, including apprising potential delegate and alternate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities.

   The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting electorate. *(Rule 3.A, Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)*

2. A speaker’s bureau of volunteers from the State Party, including the Affirmative Action Committee, shall be comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information concerning the process. March-July 1, 2019

3. The State Party’s education efforts will include outreach to community leaders within the Democratic Party’s constituencies and making sure that information about the delegate selection process is available to Democratic clubs and Party caucuses representing specific constituencies.

4. The State Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the State Party Rules, the Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, and relevant state statutes at no cost. Copies of documents related to the state’s delegate selection process will be prepared and the State Party and Affirmative Action Committee will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than September 1, 2019. *(Rule 1.H)*

5. Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded. *(Rule 2.A)*

6. The State Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated voters and new voters to register or enroll, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so and help eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters whom wish to register or change their party enrollment status. *(Rule 2.C)*

7. The Affirmative Action Committee will develop a State Party strategy to be implemented beginning **August 1, 2019**, that will provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. *(Rule 4.B.5)*
D. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process

1. The State Party shall direct special attention to publicizing the delegate selection process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate selection process, and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in the State Party communications and on the State Party’s website. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. (Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D)

2. The State Party shall have a Delegate Selection Media Plan (included in the timetable) for using all available and appropriate resources, such as social media, websites, newspapers, radio and television, to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate selection process. Specifically, the Delegate Selection Media Plan will provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Regular updates should be posted/released throughout the state’s delegate selection process to ensure broad and timely coverage and awareness about the process to all interested persons. (Rule 4.B.3 & Rule 6.D)

3. A priority effort, as described in the Delegate Selection Media Plan, shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party’s constituencies.
   a. Information about the delegate selection process will be posted on and made available to social and specialty media directed toward the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the introduction of this Affirmative Action Plan, and Outreach and Inclusion Program.
   b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of Party Primary shall be effectively publicized, multilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. (Rule 6.D)

4. Not later than August 1, 2019, the State Party will make information about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:
   - Materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective delegate candidates;
   - Summary explaining the role of the 2020 Convention in nominating the Party’s Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates and adopting the National Platform;
   - Summary of the State Party’s delegate selection process including all pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process; and
   - Map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district, along with filing forms or information on how to obtain the filing forms.
E. OBLIGATIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TO MAXIMIZE PARTICIPATION

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the Oklahoma Democratic Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (Rule 6.H)

2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State Democratic Chair by October 15, 2019, which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation by their supporters in Oklahoma’s delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H.1)

3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H.2)

4. Presidential candidates shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegates, alternates and standing committee members shall achieve the affirmative action goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and that the number of men and the number of women in their respective delegations shall not differ by more than one (as determined by gender self-identification). Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate, alternate, and standing committee candidates who meet applicable equal division and affirmative action considerations to promote and achieve the state’s affirmative action, outreach and inclusion goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (Rule 6.C., Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10)

5. Oklahoma Democratic Party is committed to the success of our affirmative action and inclusion efforts. As part of this commitment, Oklahoma Democratic party strongly encourages all presidential candidate to visit Oklahoma at least once prior to the primary to learn about the various traditions, cultures, and people of Oklahoma.

6. Oklahoma Democratic Party strongly encourages all presidential candidates to develop plans and programs for providing financial assistance to their low and moderate- income delegates, to help defray convention related expenses of those delegates/alternate who would otherwise be unable to participate in the National Convention.

F. OUTREACH AND INCLUSION PROGRAM

1. As inclusion and diversity is more of a process than just an event, policies are necessary in order to compensate for centuries of racial, social, and economic oppression. Inclusion, diversity and affirmative action programs encompass more than outreach and recruitment, but efforts to prevent discrimination by eliminating barriers to equal opportunity. The State Party is committed to help achieve full participation of those groups of Americans who have historically been explicitly denied the right to vote or who have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices that have denied them voting rights and full participation in the delegate selection process and other Party meetings, events and elections, along with other groups of Americans who are also underrepresented in Party affairs.
2. As such, the State Democratic Party has developed outreach and inclusion programs and is committed to fully implementing the programs so that all persons who wish to participate as Democrats understand they are welcome and encouraged to be a part of the delegate selection process and in the Party at the local, state and national levels.

3. The State Party will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation by people with disabilities. All meetings and trainings held by the State Democratic party, Affirmative Action Committee and Presidential Campaigns regarding any aspect of the delegate select process will be held in easily accessible location for people with disabilities and in compliance with the American Disabilities Act. In further Oklahoma law, any vision impaired individual may select any other individual to accompany them to meetings.

4. In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, the Outreach and Inclusion committee will host a breakfast panel discussion “Emerging Constituencies” June 9, 2019, at the state party convention, train the party staff on the process, have our speakers bureau speak at local Democratic club and group meetings, host events at constituency-based community centers, provide written materials to businesses owned and patronized by the particular base communities for distribution (e.g., bookstores, markets, restaurants, cafes, and clubs).

5. The ODP Affirmative Action Committee submit to the State Constitution and By-Laws committee an amendment to ODP Bylaws 54, 55, 56, and 57 - giving recognition to Disability, African American, LatinX, and Native American Federations as Auxiliary Organizations.

Upon unanimous adoption, these amendments gave the presidents of each Federation a seat on the State Central Committee who shall be voting ex-officio members.

As elected by the State Central Committee, first order of business June 8, 2019, at State Convention will be a vote to add Bylaws 56, 57, 58, and 59, so that two new delegates from each Federation may be Credentialed and be voting members of Convention business that day.

So be it, as part of Oklahoma Democratic Party efforts to emphasize inclusion and diversity it will: equip under-represented communities with necessary resources to form statewide federations or caucuses, giving these groups a platform to voice their concerns both visible and invisible, to level the playing field, and to make sure everyone is given equal opportunity.
SECTION IX.
CHALLENGES

A. JURISDICTION & STANDING

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (Reg. Sec. 3), and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.” (Call Appendix A)

2. Under Rule 21.B. of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (Rule 21.B & Call Appendix A)

3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention. (Call Appendix A & Reg. 3.1)

4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.” (Call Appendix A)

5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (Call VII.B.5)

6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (Appendix A), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.

7. Any group of 15 Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (Appendix A, Sec. 2.A), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

B. CHALLENGES TO THE STATUS OF THE STATE PARTY AND CHALLENGES TO THE PLAN

1. A challenge to the status of the State Party Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 30 calendar days prior to the initiation of the state’s delegate selection process. (Rule 21.A & Reg. 3.4.A)
2. A challenge to the state’s Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the Chair of the Oklahoma Democratic Party and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and Bylaws Committee within 15 calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Party. (Reg. 3.4.B)

3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the RBC Regulations, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

C. CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTATION

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.1.C)

2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Party Committee and with the Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 15 days after the alleged violation occurred. The State Party has 21 days to render a decision. Within 10 days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within 10 days after expiration of the above 21-day period. (Reg. 3.4.C, Reg. 3.4.E & Reg. 3.4.H)

3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. (Rule 6.B) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Programs of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than 30 days prior to the initiation of the state’s delegate selection process. (Reg. 3.4.C)

4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.
A. SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Oklahoma will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Party-Run Primary apportioning its delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Oklahoma’s delegate selection process will occur March 3, 2019, with a Presidential Preferential Party-Run Primary.

Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

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* Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: DNC Members, the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, all Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, the Democratic Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules.
B. SELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Standing committee members will be selected by the state’s National Convention delegates from an approved list of committee member candidates provided by Presidential candidates, or their designated representative, summarized below:

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<td>March 30, 2020, Presidential candidates provide approved lists of candidates for standing committee members to State Party. April 4, 2020, National Convention delegation elects Standing Committee members. (This date must be no more than 14 days after the At-Large delegates are selected and not later than June 27, 2020).</td>
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C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on April 4, 2020.

Two (2) Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on April 4, 2020.

D. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

Presidential Candidate Filing Dates: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., December 2 - 4, 2019

A Statement of Candidacy form for the 2020 Oklahoma Presidential Preferential Primary must be filed during the Candidate Filing Period and shall be accompanied by either:

- A $5,000 (Five-Thousand Dollar) filing fee in the form of a cashier’s check or certified check made payable to the Secretary of the State Election Board; or

Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair by December 15, 2019.

E. Timetable (Reg. 2.2.B)

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<td>Affirmative Action Committee members names submitted to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee; including contact information and demographic data.</td>
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<td>2019-02-27</td>
<td>DNC Rules and Bylaws committee grant the Oklahoma Democratic Party an extension from May 3 to June 3, 2019, to submit its 2020 Delegate Selection Plan.</td>
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<td>Public Comments are solicited on the proposed DSP and AAOIP. Press releases are mailed and posted announcing the public comment period.</td>
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<td>2019-05-05</td>
<td>Period for public comment on State DSP and AAOIP is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the state party committee.</td>
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<td>2019-05-18</td>
<td>State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts Delegate Selection and AAOIP for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed and posted announcing the approval of the Plan.</td>
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<td>AAOIP committee meeting; brochure is designed for the public explaining how the delegate selection process works.</td>
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<td>Brochures, one-page overviews, PowerPoint infographics designed by ODP staff to explain the process for Democratic groups and clubs.</td>
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<td>2019-05-24</td>
<td>Delegate Selection and AAOIP is submit to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.</td>
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<td><em>Deadline for DSP to be submit to the DNC RBC for approval</em></td>
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<td>State Party begins implementation and education on the delegate selection process across Oklahoma.</td>
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<td>Educational breakfast “Emerging Constituencies” at the Oklahoma Democratic Party State Organizational Convention to leverage outreach.</td>
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<td>2019-06-20</td>
<td>ODP staff and officer training.</td>
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<td>2019-08-31</td>
<td><em>Application for financial assistance becomes available to public online</em></td>
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<td>Buttons on social media accounts and state party website linked to plan and “Speakers Bureau” request form for interested groups to learn more about the process.</td>
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<td>July - January</td>
<td>Canvass state counties to educate and train. Earn media, book radio talk shows and implement outreach as described in section VIII, paragraph F, number 4.</td>
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<td>2019-09-01</td>
<td>State Party begins implementation of the AAOIP. Press kits, as described in the AAOIP, are sent to all state media. Deadline for documents related to delegate selection process prepared by State Party Staff to be distributed at the county level party organizations and allied groups.</td>
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<td>2019-10-15</td>
<td>Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.)</td>
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<td>Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition of candidacy with Oklahoma Election Board and a copy to the State Party.</td>
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<td>Deadline for Presidential candidate(s) to certify the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.</td>
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<td>2020-01-06</td>
<td>All individuals wishing to be district, pledged PLEO, At-Large delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support forms and filing instructions from the State Party's Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party's web site at [<a href="http://www.okdemocrats.org">www.okdemocrats.org</a>].</td>
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| 2020-02-26 | *5 PM Deadline for submission of Delegate Statement of Candidacy and Pledge of Support forms to the State Party HQ*  
*Deadline to enroll in financial assistance program* |
| 2020-02-27 | Early voting begins at the County Election Board office in the county where you are registered to vote from 8 AM to 6 PM on Thursday and Friday before all elections. For state and federal elections only, early voting is available from 9 AM to 2 PM on the Saturday before the election. |
| 2020-03-03 | >>> PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY <<<  
Deadline for Secretary of the DNC to officially confirm to the State Chair the names of unpledged delegates who legally reside in Oklahoma. |
<p>| 2020-03-10 | Deadline for State Party to provide list of delegate candidates for District, Pledged PLEO, At-Large, and Alternates to respective Presidential campaigns.                                                      |</p>
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<td>Deadline for ODP Chair to certify to the DNC RBC whether each presidential candidate has used the ODP DSP representation considerations and goals on list of approved district-level delegate candidates.</td>
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<td>2020-04-04</td>
<td><strong>State Presidential Preferential Primary Convention convenes</strong>&lt;br&gt;• District delegates are elected by Congressional District caucus&lt;br&gt;• Presidential Electors of the party shall be selected&lt;br&gt;• Elections for Democratic National Committee positions&lt;br&gt;• Deadline for Presidential candidates to provide list of approved candidates for PLEO&lt;br&gt;• Election of pledged PLEO Delegates <em>(to be held 30 minutes after conclusion of district caucuses)</em>&lt;br&gt;• Deadline for Presidential candidates to provide list of approved candidates for At-Large and Alternates.&lt;br&gt;• Elections for At-Large and Alternate Delegates <em>(to be held 30 minutes after conclusion of pledged PLEO elections)</em>&lt;br&gt;• National Convention delegation meeting <em>(to take place 30 minutes after conclusion of At-Large and alternates elections)</em>&lt;br&gt;Press release announcing Oklahoma Democratic Delegation members.</td>
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<td><strong>National Convention delegation meeting</strong>&lt;br&gt;Delegation elects:&lt;br&gt;• National Convention Standing Committee Members&lt;br&gt;• Delegation Chair.&lt;br&gt;State Chair names two (2) Convention Pages.</td>
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<td>State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of District, Pledged PLEOs, and At-Large Delegates and Alternates.</td>
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<td>State Party certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the State's Delegation Chair, Convention Pages, and Standing Committee Members.</td>
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<td>Presidential Electors shall be certified by the State Party’s Chair to the Secretary of the State Election Board no later than July 15 of a presidential election year. <em>(Failure of a political party to properly certify the names of its Presidential Electors within the time specified shall bar such party from placing any candidates for Presidential Elector on the ballot at the General Election)</em></td>
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ATTACHMENTS

1. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION
   a. List of Affirmative Action Committee Members with relevant demographic data about each member (i.e. African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, gender, LGBTQ+, youth, people with disabilities, seniors, ethnicities, labor, and any other applicable Democratic constituency group as set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program).
   b. Statement from the State Chair confirming that the composition of the State Affirmative Action Committee complies with Rules 5.C, 6.A., and 7 and that the names, demographic data and contact information of members was submitted to the RBC 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.K)

2. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO BE FORMALLY SUBMIT WITH THE STATE’S DSP
   a. A summary of the process for selecting delegates, alternates, standing committee members, the delegation chair and convention pages, and Presidential Electors, along with related deadlines. [It is recommended that this information be incorporated as part of the state’s Delegate Selection Plan - see Section X. of the Model Plan.] (Reg. 2.2.A)
   b. A timetable reflecting all significant dates in the state’s delegate selection process. [It is recommended that this information be incorporated as part of the state’s Delegate Selection Plan - see Section I. of the Model Plan.] (Reg. 2.2.B)
   c. A copy of the press release distributed by the State Party Committee announcing its adoption of the Plan and summarizing the major components of the Plan. (Reg. 2.2.D)
   d. A statement from the State Democratic Chair certifying the following:
      (1) The Plan submit to the RBC was approved by the State Party Committee. (Reg. 2.2.C)
      (2) The proposed Plan, including all attachments and appendices, was placed on the State Party website during the 30-day public comment period. (Reg. 2.2.E)
      (3) Compliance with Rule 1.C which requires a 30-day public comment period prior to the adoption of the Plan by the State Party Committee, provided that the State Party has published specific guidance for the submission of public comments. (Reg. 2.2.F)
   e. A statement from the Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee certifying compliance with Rule 6.F., which requires that the Affirmative Action Committee has reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action outreach plan, including any numerical goals established. (Rule 6.F & Reg. 2.2.I)
   f. A copy of all written public and online comments submitted through the process provided above about the Plan. [Include information identifying each person and/or organization making the comment and where appropriate, a description of the person or group so represented, if such information has been provided or is available to the State Party.] (Rule 1.C & Reg. 2.2.G)
g. **A blank copy of forms** to be filed with the state and the State Party by delegate and alternate candidates. *(Rule 1.A.7, Rule 1.A.8 & Reg. 2.2.H)*

h. **Copies of all state statutes and other relevant legal authority** reasonably related to:

i. the Delegate Selection Process *[For example, include any and all state statutory requirements related to: ballot access for presidential candidates; filing requirements for delegate and alternate candidates; timing of the presidential primary, caucuses, and/or the state convention; participation in the state’s presidential primary or caucuses, including Party registration or enrollment provisions; and any other stipulations made by the state regarding the selection process or the role of National Convention delegates.]* *(Reg. 2.2.L)*

ii. The election of Presidential Electors *[i.e., state statutory requirements related to the selection of Presidential Electors, including whether the Electors are required to vote for the Party’s nominee and how that is enforced.]* *(Call VIII)*

i. A copy of all **presidential candidate qualifying forms** to be filed with the state and the State Party. *(Reg. 2.2.M)*

j. A copy of the **State Delegate Selection Media Plan**, describing how the State Party will communicate information about the process to all available and appropriate sources, including social and specialty media directed toward Democratic constituency groups as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.