

**IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY**  
**2026 State Convention — Summer Convention**  
**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**

Capital Church, Meridian, Idaho  
 Wednesday — June 18, 2026

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Credentials Committee of the 2026 Idaho Republican Party State Convention was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Steve Bender. Also serving as officers of the Committee were Vice Chairman Dan McKnight, Secretary Vicki Keen, and Parliamentarian Cornel Rasor.

**Invocation:** Offered by Ben Chafetz.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Dan McKnight.

**ROLL CALL**

**Committee members present: 50**

**Committee members absent: 6**

**Total committee membership: 56**

A quorum was present. Under Rules of the Convention, Article III, Section 8, a majority of the committee constitutes a quorum; the presence of 50 of 56 members satisfied that requirement.

**CREDENTIALS STAFF REPORT**

**Total Delegates Allocated: 634**

**Registered Delegates: 630**

**Registered Alternate Delegates: 316 Seats including Dual Alternates; 297 individuals**

Nineteen Alternates are serving as Alternates for both their Legislative District and County delegations, resulting in 297 separate individual Alternates.

Pursuant to the Convention Delegate Allocation Formula, 634 Delegates and 634 Alternates were allocated to the County and Legislative District Central Committees. Four potential seats were not filled during the Delegate Election process—two from Camas County and one each from Clark and Lincoln Counties. The names of 630 Delegates and 297 Alternates were presented and a motion placed the roster of Delegates and Alternates before the Committee.

**CREDENTIAL CHALLENGES**

The Committee considered six challenges and took up the following challenges under Rules of the Convention, Article III, Section 3. As to each matter, the Committee provided notice and an opportunity to be heard before taking final action. Two challenges were brought by staff due to improper submissions to the State Office. A question was raised as to whether the staff was an aggrieved party. A motion was adopted that recognized that with respect to rosters and forms submitted to the state office the staff was empowered to notify the Credentials Committee when submissions were out of compliance with the rules.

Three staff objections were presented and following presentations and debate, each challenge was addressed by the committee. Dispositions are stated as “overruled” (challenge denied; the delegate or alternate is accepted) or “sustained” (challenge granted; the delegate or alternate is struck).

**Challenge No. 1 — Franklin County Delegation**

**Nature of challenge:** Staff challenge to the Franklin County delegation on two grounds: three members had no Delegate Pledge Form on file, and six delegates’ forms were signed after the county’s selection meeting.

**Members challenged:** 9, including Jayson Lower, Peggy Hamilton, James Hamilton, Tucker Garner, Barbara Bunderson, Erin Munson, Cheryl Lower, Jenny Lund, Jennie Hobbs, and Lucy Barton.

**Disposition:** The Committee voted to overrule the challenge as to the first seven delegates and the first alternate, and to recommend to the Convention that they be seated. The Committee further voted to sustain the challenge as to the second and third alternates, and to recommend to the Convention that they be struck from the delegation.

**Challenge No. 2 — Lincoln County Delegation**

**Nature of challenge:** Staff challenge to three Lincoln County delegates whose Delegate Pledge Forms were dated the day after the county’s selection meeting.

**Members challenged:** 3, including Chuck Rutler, Jennifer L. Hohnhorst, and Joann Hallie Rutler.

**Disposition:** The Committee voted to overrule the challenge and to recommend to the Convention that they be seated.

**Challenge No. 3 — Delegates with Unpaid Convention Fees**

**Nature of challenge:** Sixty-one Delegates and 124 Alternates had not yet paid their delegate fee as of 5:00 pm on Wednesday when processing was stopped until registration opened. As motion to authorize staff to issue credentials to those otherwise eligible once their fees were paid was debated and indefinitely postponed. This action was taken because of an announcement by the Vice Chairman.

**The Vice Chair announced that he had just secured a commitment that all fees would be covered by a donor who did not want delegates denied a credential solely on the basis of a fee.**

With no fees remaining unpaid, this challenge was rendered moot.

**Challenge No. 4 — Bingham County, No. 1 (Fuhriman)**

**Nature of challenge:** Challenge to the seating of delegate Ben Fuhriman over the designation and timing of his Delegate Pledge Form.

**Members challenged:** 1.

**Disposition:** The Committee voted to overrule the challenge and to accept the delegate as presented.

**Challenge No. 5 — Bingham County, No. 2 (Manwaring)**

**Nature of challenge:** Challenge to the seating of delegate Ginette Manwaring over the designation of her Delegate Pledge Form, which was corrected by committee action in her absence.

**Members challenged:** 1.

**Disposition:** The Committee voted to sustain the challenge and recommend to the Convention that the Delegate be not seated and the next available Alternate be elevated to the Delegate seat.

**Challenge No. 6 — Legislative District 30 Delegation**

**Nature of challenge:** Challenge by four Butte County precinct committeemen contending that the Legislative District 30 reorganization and delegate-selection meeting was not properly noticed to precinct committeemen under State Rules, Article VII, Section 1.

**Members challenged:** The entire Legislative District 30 delegation, including Delegates Amy Sorensen, Josh Sorensen, and Marci VanOrden and Alternates Sherrilyn Bair, Whitney Manwaring, and Jane Sorensen.

**Disposition:** The Committee voted to sustain the challenge and recommend to the Convention that the Delegation not be seated.

**CREDENTIALS REPORT**

Following the disposition of all challenges, the Committee moved to report to the Convention the submitted staff roster with the recommended modifications. The roster of Delegations and Allocation of Votes is attached to this report.

**With the forgoing actions of the committee, the Credentials Committee presents a roster of delegates as follows:**

**Total Delegates Recommended to be seated: 627**

**Total Alternates Recommended to be Credentialed: 295**

**RECESS**

There being no further business properly before the Committee, the meeting was recessed subject to the call of the Chair at 1:21 P.M.

**RIGHT TO BE HEARD BEFORE THE CONVENTION**

Under Rules of the Convention, Article III, Section 3(d), any aggrieved Delegate, Alternate, county, or district affected by the foregoing determinations is entitled to not more than five (5) minutes in which to present its contentions to the Convention, and the Credentials Committee shall have an equal time to support its report. No Delegate, Alternate, or Delegation whose eligibility, qualifications, or priority is in question shall be entitled to vote on that question.

**CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS ON ACTIONS BY THE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Chairman, as we prepare to debate the Convention’s actions on this report, I need to make Delegates aware of material facts that were brought to my attention by Mr. Cornel Rasor, the Committee Parliamentarian. By the point we both realized the procedural conundrum we faced, we agreed that we had gone too far down a bad path and the best solution was to recall that the Credentials Committee only makes recommendations to this Body. The decision is solely in the hands of you, the Delegates.

Robert’s Rules of Order Section 10:26(1) states:

*10:26 Below are stated a number of characteristics or conditions that cause a particular main motion to be out of order, and—where applicable—the alternative courses that are open for accomplishing the desired result:*

*1) No main motion is in order that conflicts with the corporate charter, constitution, or bylaws1 (although a main motion to amend them may be in order; see 35, 57); and to the extent that procedural rules applicable to the organization or assembly are prescribed by federal, state, or local law, no main motion is in order that conflicts with such rules.*

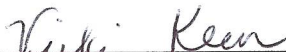
“Mr. Chair, for the information of the Convention: Article II, Section 1(2) of the Delegate Election Procedure requires that “Any person wishing to be nominated as a delegate or alternate must complete and sign the Delegate Pledge Form before being nominated.” The pledge form is a prerequisite under the rules. The Credentials Committee has made a recommendation on these individuals. The Convention may take that rule into account when deciding whether to adopt or amend the Committee’s recommendation regarding their seating.”

The opinion of the Parliamentarian, and I agree with his opinion, is that the actions taken by the Committee are a substantive violation of the State Party Rules, and it would have been proper for Mr. Razor to advise me to rule the motions that had the effect of overriding a State Party Rule should have been properly ruled out of order.

In the following three cases, the Credentials Committee adopted motions that were improper and we should have ruled them out of order. While the Credentials Committee is only recessed subject to the call of the Chair and could be recalled to correct their actions, it seemed more expeditious to deal with these during the consideration of any objections if they arise. The challenges in question are:

- Challenge No. 1 — Franklin County Delegation
- Challenge No. 2 — Lincoln County Delegation
- Challenge No. 4 — Bingham County, No. 1 (Fuhriman)

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Vicki Keen, Secretary, Credentials Committee

Approved by the Committee:

  
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 Steve Bender, Chairman, Credentials Committee

**Date approved:**

Initial Friday Roll Call Record Sheet

Central Committee Name	Delegate Allocation	Submitted Names If All are Present	Recommendation of the Credentials Committee
Ada	101	101	101
Adams	4	4	4
Bannock	19	19	19
Bear Lake	5	5	5
Benewah	6	6	6
Bingham	13	13	13
Blaine	6	6	6
Boise	5	5	5
Bonner	17	17	17
Bonneville	29	29	29
Boundary	7	7	7
Butte	4	4	4
Camas	3	1	1
Canyon	51	51	51
Caribou	5	5	5
Cassia	8	8	8
Clark	3	2	2
Clearwater	5	5	5
Custer	4	4	4
Elmore	8	8	8
Franklin	7	7	7

Initial Friday Roll Call Record Sheet

Central Committee Name	Delegate Allocation	Submitted Names If All are Present	Recommendation of the Credentials Committee
Fremont	7	7	7
Gem	9	9	9
Gooding	6	6	6
Idaho	8	8	8
Jefferson	12	12	12
Jerome	7	7	7
Kootenai	51	51	51
Latah	10	10	10
Lemhi	5	5	5
Lewis	4	4	4
Lincoln	4	3	3
Madison	12	12	12
Minidoka	7	7	7
Nez Perce	12	12	12
Oneida	4	4	4
Owyhee	6	6	6
Payette	9	9	9
Power	4	4	4
Shoshone	6	6	6
Teton	5	5	5
Twin Falls	19	19	19

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Central Committee Name	Delegate Allocation	Submitted Names If All are Present	Recommendation of the Credentials Committee
Valley	6	6	6
Washington	6	6	6
LD1	3	3	3
LD2	3	3	3
LD3	3	3	3
LD4	3	3	3
LD5	3	3	3
LD6	3	3	3
LD7	3	3	3
LD8	3	3	3
LD9	3	3	3
LD10	3	3	3
LD11	3	3	3
LD12	3	3	3
LD13	3	3	3
LD14	3	3	3
LD15	3	3	3
LD16	3	3	3
LD17	3	3	3
LD18	3	3	3
LD19	3	3	3

Initial Friday Roll Call Record Sheet

Central Committee Name	Delegate Allocation	Submitted Names If All are Present	Recommendation of the Credentials Committee
LD20	3	3	3
LD21	3	3	3
LD22	3	3	3
LD23	3	3	3
LD24	3	3	3
LD25	3	3	3
LD26	3	3	3
LD27	3	3	3
LD28	3	3	3
LD29	3	3	3
LD30	3	3	0
LD31	3	3	3
LD32	3	3	3
LD33	3	3	3
LD34	3	3	3
LD35	3	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>627</b>
<b>Quorum</b>		<b>316</b>	<b>315</b>