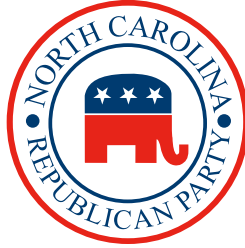


NC GOP

2021 STATE CONVENTION

PAID FOR BY THE NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY

WELCOME



I'm excited to welcome you to the annual North Carolina Republican Party State Convention in Greenville. Our State Conventions have been an essential Party function for over one hundred and fifty years, but this year is especially significant. Republicans have never been so energized, focused, or united on electing leaders who will put North Carolina - and America - first. At this event, Activists, Delegates, Alternates, and Guests will gather to hear from top Republican lawmakers, meet candidates, vote on statewide Party leadership, and conduct official business.

Last year, we were all deeply disappointed that Governor Roy Cooper's COVID-19 mandates prevented us from holding a physical State Convention. While our virtual State Convention was a success, we are more eager than ever to come together as the North Carolina Republican Party.

I am thrilled we are able to hold a physical component to this year's State Convention while also offering a virtual component for those needing that option. To ensure the safety of all attendees, all events comply with state, federal, and local COVID-19 regulations. We are grateful for the cooperation and support of public health experts, the Greenville Convention Center staff, our host hotels, and vendors who have made this event possible.

The North Carolina Republican Party's tremendous accomplishments in the past election cycle have given us so much to celebrate. We delivered our state for President Trump and Senator Tillis, won all contested Congressional seats, won six seats on the Council of State (the most ever), swept our statewide judicial races, secured historic down-ballot wins, and much more. We have a lot of work before us as we prepare for the 2022 election cycle, and I am excited to kick off our efforts this weekend as we organize our Party. Thank you for joining us at this year's State Convention. I look forward to a memorable, successful, and productive weekend!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael".

Michael Whatley
Chairman, NCGOP

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 3

- 4:00PM Registration Pick-up Closes at 7:00PM Convention Center, Concourse
- 7:00PM Welcome Reception..... Convention Center, Emerald Room

Friday, June 4

- 8:00AM Registration Pick-up Closes at 4:00pm Convention Center, Concourse
- 9:00AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS Convention Center, Gallery 2-3
Digital Overview, and Data Center
- 10:00AM Central Committee Meeting..... Convention Center, Emerald Room
- 12:00PM County Chairman Lunch..... Convention Center, Exhibit Hall
- 2:00PM Afternoon Business Session..... Hilton, Carolina Ballroom
- 5:00PM VIP Reception North Carolina Council of State Convention Center, Emerald Room
- 6:00PM The Old North State Dinner Convention Center, Exhibit Hall
Speakers: Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson,
Congressman Madison Cawthorn, State Senator Deanna Ballard,
Charlotte City Councilman Tariq Bokhari
- 8:00PM Chairman's Reception Convention Center, Emerald Room

Saturday, June 5

- 8:00AM Registration Pick-up Closes at 2:00PM Convention Center, Concourse
- 8:00AM Judicial Victory Fund Breakfast..... Convention Center, Exhibit Hall
Speaker: Chief Justice Paul Newby

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Saturday, June 5

9:30AM	Morning Business Session	Hilton, Carolina Ballroom
12:00PM	Congressional Lunch with The Honorable Kristi Noem.....	Convention Center Exhibit Hall
2:00PM	Afternoon Business Session.....	Hilton, Carolina Ballroom
5:30PM	VIP Reception with President Donald J. Trump	Convention Center, Emerald Room
5:30PM	Saturday Night Dinner with President Donald J. Trump.....	Convention Center, Emerald Room
8:00PM	State Legislative Reception.....	Convention Center, Emerald Room

Sunday, June 6

9:00AM	NCGOP Prayer Breakfast	Convention Center, Exhibit Hall
10:30AM	Executive Committee Meeting	Convention Center, Emerald Room

ELECTION BUDDY

Election Buddy Instructions

Due to the hybrid format of the Convention this year, we will be using a tool called Election Buddy for voting. Election Buddy enables secure and anonymous live voting during the Convention, right from your phone or computer.

In order to be prepared on Convention day, we ask all participants to complete the process below in advance.

1. A few days prior to the Convention, an email with the subject line “Practice Ballot for NCGOP State Convention – State Convention Notification Ballot (Please Open)” will be sent to everyone who has been credentialed. This email will contain an access key, password, and a link to the Election Buddy system. *Please keep an eye out for this email and complete the instructions below.*
2. Click the link, which will open Election Buddy in your web browser window. Then click the button labeled “StateNotify” to begin.



3. The Sign In to Vote screen will appear. Login using the credentials provided in the email. Usually, the access key will look something like 12345 and the password will be four digits (e.g., 1456). After entering the credentials, click “Authenticate” to complete login.

A screenshot of the 'Sign in to vote' screen. The page has the 'electionbuddy' logo in the top left and a language selector set to 'English' in the top right. The main heading is 'Sign in to vote'. Below it is a prompt: 'Please enter your identifier and password below to vote:'. There are two input fields: 'Access Key' containing the text '12345' and 'Password' containing four dots. At the bottom is an orange button labeled 'Authenticate'.

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- After logging in, the current active ballots will appear. (During this initial login, the “ballot” will simply be a Notification/Practice Test.) Select the choice(s) you wish to vote for and click Verify Your Selection. Please ensure you fill out all of the votes even if you are abstaining, or else the process can’t continue.

The screenshot shows the 'Ballot' screen of the Election Buddy application. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'electionbuddy' logo on the left and a language dropdown menu set to 'English' on the right. Below the navigation bar is a progress indicator with three steps: 'Ballot' (highlighted in orange), 'Verify', and 'Confirmation'. The main heading is 'NCGOP State Convention' followed by 'Test State Convention Notification Ballot 2'. A message states: 'Your choices will be visible to the election administrator.' Below this is an orange box with instructions: 'This is a practice ballot for the upcoming NCGOP State Convention. Please fill out this ballot to ensure that you are able to vote. If you have any questions please email elections@ncgop.org. After you have finished voting and submitted your ballot, it will say thank you for voting and that the voting is closed. This is normal.' The main question is 'What Is Your Favorite Ice Cream?'. Below the question is a note: 'Candidates are randomly presented — Select exactly 1 of 4 candidates or choose abstain to vote for none of the candidates.' A table lists the candidates: Vanilla, Chocolate, Oreo, Strawberry, and Abstain, each with a radio button. At the bottom right is an orange button labeled 'Verify your selection'.

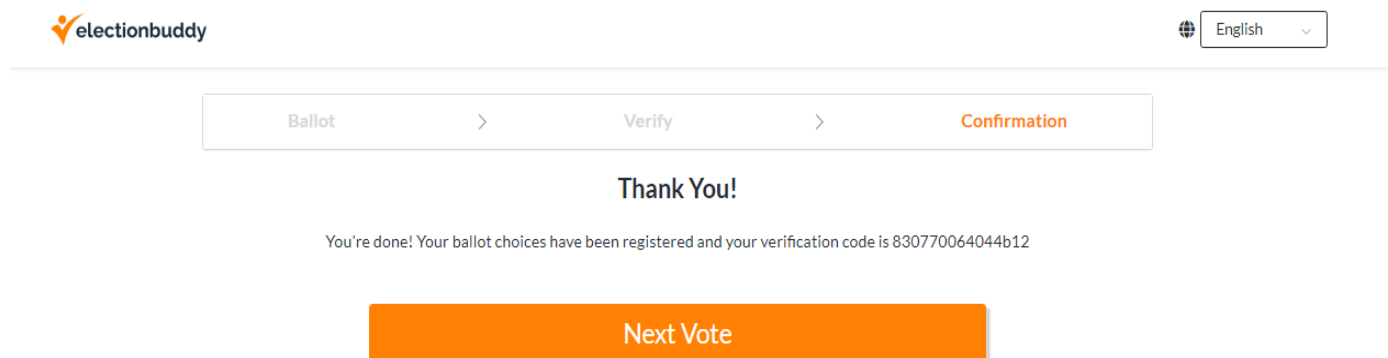
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Chocolate	<input type="radio"/>
Oreo	<input type="radio"/>
Strawberry	<input type="radio"/>
Abstain	<input type="radio"/>

- On the Verify screen, the ballot will be shown back to you with the selection(s) you made. Review it carefully, then click Submit Ballot. *Once a ballot is submitted, it can no longer be changed*, so be sure your choices are accurately reflected on the Verify screen before submitting.

The screenshot shows the 'Verify' screen of the Election Buddy application. The navigation bar and progress indicator are the same as in the previous screen, but the 'Verify' step is now highlighted in orange. The main heading is 'NCGOP State Convention' followed by 'Test State Convention Notification Ballot 2'. An orange box contains the instruction: 'Review your choices below. To change, choose 'Edit ballot' or to finalize and vote, choose 'Submit ballot''. Below this is the question 'What Is Your Favorite Ice Cream?' with the answer 'Vanilla' displayed in an orange box. At the bottom left is a button labeled '« Edit ballot »' and at the bottom right is an orange button labeled 'Submit ballot »'.

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6. You have now voted. You should see a “Thank You!” Confirmation screen acknowledging that your vote has been registered for that ballot.



7. Click the Next Vote button to go to the page that shows any additional ballots (e.g., approving the slate of officers, voting for/against a resolution, etc.), as each comes up for a vote. When the next ballot becomes available, it should automatically open if you remain on the page. However, if you are having difficulty finding the next ballot, try refreshing the Next Vote page or return to the email and follow the link on the bottom of the email. This should take you to the next ballot.



8. If you experience technical difficulties and need to contact someone for help with Election Buddy during the Convention, send an email to { HYPERLINK "mailto:elections@ncgop.org" } which will be constantly monitored throughout the Convention.

Thank you for your cooperation!