



Summary: Updated 2020 Kansas Delegate Selection Plan

April 29, 2020

Kansas Democrats will not use a Presidential Preference Caucus in 2020; instead, the KDP will administer a primary selection system with mail-in ballots and ranked-choice voting for the 2020 Delegate Selection Process.

A summary of the 2020 Delegate Selection Plan is as follows:

A. Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Kansas will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the DNC's formula, giving equal weight to total population and to the average vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2012 and 2016 presidential elections, when apportioning its delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

The "first determining step" of Kansas's delegate selection process will be a mail-in ballot Party-Run Primary. To participate in Kansas's presidential primary, a voter must be a registered Democrat with the Secretary of State's office to receive a ballot. Ranked choice ballots will be mailed to all active registered Democrats in Kansas on March 30, 2020. A supplemental ballot mailing will be sent to newly registered Democrats on April 7, 2020. Any voters who register as a Democrat after the April 7 mailing, or who did not receive their ballot for any reason by April 10th, may request a ballot on KDP's website through **April 24, 2020**.

Each ballot will be accompanied by a postage-paid return envelope. All ballots must be received at the Party's presidential primary PO Box in Topeka **on or before the last delivery on Saturday, May 2, 2020**. Determined by the status of the COVID-19 outbreak, we will continue to explore same-day drop locations, but advise all voters to mail their ballot in advance of the receiving deadline.

The vote-by-mail schedule as of March 20, 2020 is as follows:

- On March 30, 2020, all active registered Democrats in Kansas will automatically be mailed an official 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary ballot, along with a secrecy sleeve and return envelope to enclose and return their ballot.
- If you are a registered Democrat and have not received your ballot by April 10, 2020,* you can request a mail-in ballot be sent to your address until April 24, 2020 by calling the KDP office or filling out an online form on our website.

**Please Note: The mail-in ballot request form will not be available online until April 10, 2020 to ensure adequate time for ballots to be delivered by mail.*

- Voters should follow the instructions included with the ballot and take necessary steps to ensure their ballots are received at the Party's presidential primary PO Box in Topeka **on or before the last delivery on Saturday, May 2, 2020**. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, we will continue to explore same-day drop locations, but advise all voters to mail their ballot in advance of the receiving deadline.

Any registered Democrat may qualify as a delegate candidate. **District level delegates** are elected from throughout a congressional district. Persons eligible to be elected as a **Party Leaders and Elected Officials delegate** must be a party leader or an elected official in the state of Kansas. **At-Large delegates** are elected from throughout the state with no requirement that a certain number come from any certain area of the state.

To qualify to be a **District level delegate**, an individual should complete the [Declaration of Candidacy for Delegate](#) form and return it to the Kansas Democratic Party Headquarters by no later than 5:00p.m. on May 15, 2020. [Declaration of Candidacy for Delegate](#) forms for the **Party Leaders and Elected Officials and At-Large** delegates must be received at the Kansas Democratic Party Headquarters by no later than 5:00p.m. on May 22, 2020.

District level delegates shall be elected through an online election with [Simply Voting](#) starting at noon on Friday, May 29, 2020 and concluding at 4:00pm on Saturday, May 30, 2020. The District Level candidate qualifying period began on February 1, 2020 and ends by no later than 5:00p.m. on May 15, 2020.

Beginning May 4, 2020 and ending by 5:00 p.m. on May 28, 2020, any Democrat registered in the state of Kansas will be able to register to vote in the online election by submitting their name to the District Chair of the Congressional District in which they are registered. Voters may submit their request online at the KDP website, by email directly to the District Chair, or by phone call to the District Chair. Once the registration is received by the District Chair, we will data-match the voter to the voter file and access to the online election will be sent to the email address provided by the voter after 5:00pm on Thursday, May 28, 2020. Contact information for District Chairs can be found on the KDP website at: kansasdems.org/partyofficers

Information regarding the online election can be found on the KDP website, by calling the KDP office, or by emailing a special email address.

State Party Headquarters Information:

Kansas Democratic Party

Website: www.kansasdems.org

Phone: (785) 234-0425

Email: info@kansasdems.org

The Diversity Action Committee and State Party will advertise widely the process for participating in the online election and empower candidates to outreach to their networks to vote by accessing the online election.

PLEO and At-large delegates and Alternates shall also be elected through an online election with [Simply Voting](#). In the event that a person who runs for a PLEO delegate position and doesn't win, they may then run for an At-large delegate or Alternate position. To provide for this, the PLEO delegate election will take place 24 hours before the At-large delegates and Alternates election. The **PLEO and At-large delegates and Alternates** candidate qualifying period began on February 1, 2020 and ends no later than 5:00p.m. on May 22, 2020.

Selection of the pledged **PLEO delegates** will occur online from noon on June 3, 2020 to noon on June 4, 2020, which is after the election of **District level delegates** and prior to the selection of **At-large delegates and Alternates**. These delegates will be selected by the Kansas Democratic Party State Committee by majority vote alternating by gender. In the case of non-gender binary delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category.

The **DNC Committeeman and DNC Committeewoman** shall be selected by the Kansas Democratic Party State Committee through an online election with [Simply Voting](#) from noon on June 3, 2020 to noon on June 4, 2020.

The selection of the **At-large delegates and Alternates** will occur online from noon on June 5, 2020 to noon on June 6, 2020, which is after all pledged **Party Leader and Elected Official delegates** have been selected. These delegates and alternates will be selected by the Kansas Democratic Party State Committee by majority vote alternating by gender. In the case of non-gender binary delegates, they shall not be counted in either the male or female category.

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

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates	26	0	5/30/2020	Selecting Body: Congressional District Online Election: starting at noon on May 29, 2020; Ending at 4:00pm on May 30, 2020
District-Level Alternates				May run for election only within the district in which they are registered to vote and only if they are registered as a Democrat according to the Kansas Secretary of State's voter file. Filing Deadline: May 15, 2020

Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	6	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	4	**	6/4/2020	Selecting Body: Kansas Democratic Party State Committee Online Election: starting at noon on June 3, 2020; Ending at noon on June 4, 2020
				May run by filing a Declaration of Candidacy for Delegate form designating their singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status). Filing Deadline: May 22, 2020
At-Large Delegates Alternates	9	3	6/6/2020	Selecting Body: Kansas Democratic Party State Committee Online Election: starting at noon on June 5, 2020; Ending at noon on June 6, 2020
				May run by filing a Declaration of candidacy for Delegate designating their singular presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status). Filing Deadline: May 22, 2020
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	45	3		

- **Automatic Delegates** include the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee 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*. The exact number of Automatic Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

B. Selection of **Standing Committee Members** (For the Credentials, Platform and Rules Committees)

- **Temporary Standing Committee Members**

Temporary members for the Credentials, Platform, and Rules Standing Committee, will be selected by the Kansas Democratic Party Executive Committee on May 16, 2020. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the Kansas Democratic Chair, by 3:00 pm on May 6, 2020, a minimum of (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each Temporary Standing Committee. The Executive Committee meeting shall be held by online virtual conference the morning of May 16, 2020. Members of Kansas Democratic Party Executive Committee shall receive timely notice of the meeting, in accordance with State Party rules.

Temporary members serve only in the event that the respective standing committee is called to meet prior to completion of the state’s delegate selection process and subsequent selection of permanent standing committee members. No temporary member may continue to serve after the selection of the permanent standing committee members unless they are elected as a permanent member.

- **Permanent Standing Committee Members** will be selected by the state’s National Convention delegates on June 13, 2020 as summarized below:

Type	Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
Temporary Standing Committees	1	3	5/16//2020	Presidential candidates submit names to the state party by May 6, 2020. The Kansas Democratic Party Executive Committee will choose a temporary committee member for the Credentials, Platform, and Rules Committee.
Permanent Standing Committees	1	3	6/13/2020	Presidential candidates submit names to the Kansas Democratic Chair by 3:00 pm on June 10, 2020. Members of the Convention Standing Committees do not need to be delegates or alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages

- The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention Delegates on June 13, 2020 at a National Convention Delegation Meeting to be held in Topeka, KS at a place determined by the Chair of the Kansas Democratic Party. If necessary, the meeting may be conducted online.
- Convention Pages will be selected by the State Democratic Chair on June 13, 2020.

D. Selection of Presidential Electors

- The **Presidential Electors** shall be selected by the Kansas Democratic Party State Committee through an online election with [Simply Voting](#) from noon on June 5, 2020 to noon on June 6, 2020. The state committee shall elect, by a majority vote of its members, six electors (three must be males and three must be females). Any registered Democrat in the state of Kansas who is a member of the state committee may be nominated so long as such person accepts said nomination.
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E. Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline

- Presidential Candidate Filing Deadline: February 17, 2020. *(Rule 11.B & Rule 14.E)*
- Presidential candidates must certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State Democratic Chair and pay the filing fee by February 17, 2020.

- A presidential candidate gains access to the party run presidential preference primary ballot by paying the necessary filing fee of \$2,500 to the Kansas Democratic Party, along with a Presidential Statement of Candidacy Form filed with the Kansas Democratic Party Chair. The Statement of Candidacy form will be available by contacting the Kansas Democratic Party office on or after February 1, 2020. “Uncommitted” shall automatically appear on the ballot. Write-ins are not allowed.

Timetable

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Date	Activity
2019	
March 1	Delegate Selection Affirmative Action Committee members are appointed by the State Chair.
March 13	List of Affirmative Action Committee members submitted to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
April 7	Affirmative Action Committee meets to draft proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.
April 30	Proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is tentatively approved for public comment by the State Party Committee.
May 2	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
May 31	Period for public comment on State Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Party Committee.
June 1	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program for submission to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
June 3	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program is forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 13	The Kansas Democratic Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program, are sent to all state media.
2020	
January 10	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection 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.)
February 1	Presidential candidate petition forms are available from the Kansas Democratic Party Committee Headquarters.
February 1	Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from Kansas Democratic Party Committee Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from Kansas Democratic Party's web site at www.kansasdems.org
February 17	Presidential candidate deadline for certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State Party.
February 17	Presidential candidate deadline for filing the petition of candidacy with the State Party including the \$2,500 fee.

March 9	Mail information to registered active Democrats explaining each way a voter may cast a ballot in the 2020 Party-Run process.
March 30	First date on which Presidential Preference Primary vote-by-mail ballots are mailed to Kansas Democratic voters.
April 7	Supplemental mailing of ballots to voters who became registered Democrats after March 30, 2020.
April 10	Request form for mail-in ballot for Presidential Preference Primary available on-line.
April 24	Last day to request a mail-in ballot
May 2	Presidential Preference Mail-in Ballots must be received at Kansas Democratic Party Headquarters on or before the last delivery on Saturday, May 2, 2020. Determined by the status of the COVID-19 outbreak, we will continue to explore same-day drop locations, but advise all voters to mail their ballot in advance of the receiving deadline.
ASAP	Posting of results of Party-Run Primary - Presidential Preference Mail-in Ballots
May 4	Registered Democrats may request thru May 28, 2020 an online ballot for the District Level Delegate Election which will be held on May 29 - May 30, 2020.
May 6	Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), submits to the Kansas Democratic Chair, by 3:00 pm a minimum of (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each Temporary Standing Committee.
May 15	District level delegate candidates - DEADLINE for filing the <i>Declaration of Candidacy for Delegate</i> and pledge of support forms with the Kansas Democratic Party.
May 16	The Kansas Democratic Party Executive Committee will convene by virtual conference at 10:00am to choose temporary committee members for the Credentials, Platform, and Rules Committee.
May 18	The Kansas Democratic Party provides a list of District level delegate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates' authorized representative(s).
May 20	Presidential candidates' authorized representatives provide a list of approved District level delegate candidates to the Kansas Democratic Party.
May 22	Pledged PLEO and At-large delegate and Alternate candidates -DEADLINE for filing the <i>Declaration of Candidacy for Delegate</i> and pledge of support forms with the Kansas Democratic Party.
May 25	The Kansas Democratic Party provides a list of PLEO delegate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates' authorized representative(s).
May 28	DEADLINE for Registered Democrats to request online ballot for District Level Delegate Election
May 29/30	Online Election of District Level Delegates with <i>Simply Voting</i> will be open for 28 hours from 12:00 noon on May 29 to 4:00pm on May 30.
June 1	Presidential candidates' authorized representatives provide a list of at least 1 approved PLEO delegate candidates to the Kansas Democratic Party.
June 3/4	Online Election of PLEO delegates and DNC Committeeman and DNC Committeewoman with <i>Simply Voting</i> will be open for 24 hours from 12:00 noon on June 3 to 12:00 noon on June 4.
June 4	After 12:00 noon, the Kansas Democratic Party provides a list of At-large and Alternate delegate candidates to the respective Presidential candidates' authorized representative(s).
June 5	By 11:00am, Presidential candidates' authorized representatives provide a list of at least 1 approved At-large and Alternate delegate candidates to the Kansas Democratic Party.
June 5/6	Online Election of At-large and Alternate delegates and Presidential Electors with <i>Simply Voting</i> will be open for 24 hours from 12:00 noon on June 5 to 12:00 noon on June 6

June 8	The Kansas Democratic Party Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's District Level Delegates.
June 10	Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), submits to the Kansas Democratic Chair, by 3:00 pm a minimum of (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each Permanent Standing Committee.
June 13	National Convention delegation meeting. Delegates select National Convention Permanent Standing Committee Members and Delegation Chair. State Chair names Convention Pages.
June 16	The Kansas Democratic Party Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the remainder of elected delegates (PLEOs and At-large) and Alternates , along with Standing Committee members, Delegation Chair, and Convention Pages.
June 16	The Kansas Democratic Party Chair certifies in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's Automatic Delegates.