



## **CALL TO THE 2026 STATE CONVENTION OF THE INDIANA DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

**May 12, 2026**

Dear Fellow Democrat,

*You are receiving the Call to Convention (Call) because you were either elected or appointed to represent your county as a delegate to our upcoming State Convention. The Call details the rules and procedures for the convention which will be held on June 6, 2026, at the Indiana Convention Center and the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. Please continue to check the State Party website for updates on Convention details at <https://indems.org/2026-state-convention-central/>, and note that there will be caucus meetings starting earlier in the day. We look forward to seeing you in June!*

WHEREAS, Indiana law and the Rules of the Indiana Democratic Party (“State Party”) require the State Party to hold a State Convention (“Convention”) every two years at a time and place set by the Indiana Democratic Party’s State Central Committee (the “State Committee”); and

WHEREAS, Indiana law requires the State Party to nominate at its State Convention candidates for Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and State Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the Rules of the State Party require the Party in congressional district caucuses to elect one member to the State Convention Committees on Rules\*, Resolutions\*\*, and Credentials, and one vice-president of the State Convention, one assistant secretary of the State Convention, and one assistant sergeant-at-arms of the State Convention; and

WHEREAS, the Rules of the State Party and the Temporary Rules of the 2026 State Convention, as approved by the State Central Committee, require all candidates for Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and State Treasurer to file with the Indiana Democratic Party before noon EDT, Friday, May 22, and district representatives to the State Convention Committees on Rules, Resolutions, and Credentials elected at the State Convention to file with the Indiana Democratic Party before noon EDT, Friday, April 24;

WHEREAS, due to the rare circumstances that the primary election falls close to the deadline to sending the Call to Convention, the State Central Committee suspended the Rules of the State Party requiring a Call to the State Convention at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of said Convention at the February 7, 2026 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the State Party is issuing a Call to the State Convention prior to the convening of said Convention.

NOW, LET IT BE SAID, THEREFORE, that I, the Indiana Democratic State Party Chair, do hereby issue the following Call to the 2026 Indiana Democratic State Convention:

Paid for by the Indiana Democratic State Central Committee, [www.indems.org](http://www.indems.org).  
Not authorized by any candidate or candidate’s committee.

1. The Convention General Session of the State Party will be convened at 1:30 PM EDT (Indianapolis time), on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at the Indiana Convention Center, 100 S. Capitol Avenue in Indianapolis, Indiana.
2. The State Chair, with the approval of the State Central Committee, made all arrangements for the Convention.
3. Congressional district caucus meetings of the state delegates to the Convention will take place at 9:00 AM EDT (Indianapolis time), on June 6, 2026, at the Indiana Convention Center and the Indianapolis Marriott in Indianapolis, Indiana.
4. The names of all duly elected delegates to the Convention, by law, are forwarded to the State Party by the County Clerk of the County in which the elected delegates reside. All elected delegates to the Convention who cannot attend the Convention must make notification in writing of their intention to be absent to the County Chair of the County in which they reside. The County Chair will then certify and authorize the elected alternate. The County Chair will also submit to the State Party names to fill state delegate vacancies. Names of alternates and delegate vacancies must be filed with the State Party no later than 5:00 P.M. EDT Friday, May 22, 2026.
5. Per the Temporary Rules for the 2026 State Convention, all candidates for the Democratic nomination for Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and State Treasurer to file with the Indiana Democratic Party before noon EDT, Friday, May 22, 2026, and district representatives to the State Convention Committees on Rules, Resolutions, and Credentials elected at the State Convention must file with the Indiana Democratic Party before 12:00 PM EDT, Friday, April 24 2026. Filings started to be accepted on April 7, 2026. Any candidate may withdraw their name as a candidate at any time prior to nomination. The State Chair may reject any declaration or application of any candidate for any office if the State Chair determines that the candidate is not affiliated with the Indiana Democratic Party.
6. Election for the Democratic nomination for Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and State Treasurer shall, if contested, be on Indiana Election Commission certified election equipment.
7. Constituency Caucus meetings of state delegates to the Convention will take place at 10:30 AM EDT (Indianapolis time), on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at the Indiana Convention Center and Indianapolis Marriott in Indianapolis, Indiana. The following caucus meetings are already planned – College Democrats, Young Democrats, African-American Caucus, Stonewall Democrats, Latino Caucus, Labor Caucus, and Women’s Council.
8. The State Committee of the Indiana Democratic Party shall meet to conduct State Convention-related business June 5, 2026, at 12:00 PM EDT in downtown Indianapolis. Final details will be on our website.
9. The State Committee approved 2,560 state delegates amongst the 92 counties.
10. Official results of the congressional district caucus elections will be announced at the Convention.
11. Official results of the election for the State Party’s nomination of Secretary of State, State Comptroller, and State Treasurer will be announced at the Convention and transmitted to the Secretary of State of the State of Indiana.

05/12/2026

Date

Karen Tallian, Chair

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\*The Rules Committee of the Convention may only consider and adopt the Temporary Rules of the 2026 State Convention. Changes to IDP Party Rules can only be made by the State Central Committee and will not be considered by the Rules Committee of the Convention.

\*\* Draft resolutions to be considered by the Resolutions Committee of the Convention should be submitted with the required 550 signatures by 5:00 PM EDT on Wednesday, June 3 to Resolutions@indems.org for review and distribution to members of the Temporary Resolutions Committee prior to the State Convention.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### Credentialing

- Delegates must pick up their credentials by 9:00 A.M. EDT on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at the designated area in the Indiana Convention Center. No delegate credentials will be distributed after that time. County Chairs may gather their delegation's credentials prior to the pick-up deadline if the Chair signs for the credentials and informs State Party Staff by 3:00 PM EDT Friday, June 5, 2026.

#### Resolutions Procedures

- Resolutions for consideration should be submitted to Resolutions@indems.org by 5:00 PM EDT on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.
- Per the Temporary Rules of the State Convention:
  - a) Both the Temporary and Permanent Resolutions Committee members may sponsor a resolution. Members do not need to fulfill the signature requirement as outlined in b.
  - b) Delegates wishing to offer a resolution for consideration may submit a proposal to be considered by the Temporary Resolutions Committee. Such resolutions require a minimum of 550 delegate signatures and must be submitted by Wednesday, June 3, 2026 by 5 P.M. to resolutions@indems.org.
  - c) In order to give adequate time for obtaining signatures, a delegate wishing to submit a resolution may request from the State Chair the final list of delegates that was provided to candidates by the May 29 deadline.
  - d) Temporary Resolutions Committee shall meet on Friday, June 5, 2026, at 3 P.M. and shall prepare a report for the Permanent Resolutions Committee. Resolutions considered by the Temporary Resolutions Committee and found to be meritorious by a two-thirds majority of the members shall be included in the Report of the Resolutions Committee.
  - e) The Permanent Resolutions Committee shall meet on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 10:30 A.M. The Permanent Resolutions Committee shall consider all resolutions in the report, but they may also consider other resolutions offered by the Permanent Resolutions Committee. The Permanent Resolutions Committee may ratify or amend the report by a two-thirds majority.