

*The Committee on Permanent Organization establishes the operating rules to be adopted by the District Assembly.
Credentials must declare a quorum before the Permanent Organization is approved by the delegates.*

La Plata County Democratic Party 2026 Assembly
Saturday, March 7th, 2026 at 2:30pm in the Durango Public Library

Report of the Committee on Permanent Organization for Assembly

1. **Officers** of the Assembly shall be: County party officers and parliamentarian.
2. **Agenda:** The agenda for the Assembly shall be printed in the “Final Call and Schedule” that is attached to this Permanent Organization Report. At the discretion of the Assembly Chair, the order of business may be interrupted for introductions, announcements, addresses, presentations and reports appropriate to the business of the Assembly.

The order of the agenda may not be changed until permanent officers are elected. The order of the agenda may be changed upon motion of a permanent officer which is seconded by another permanent officer, and then approved by a voice vote of the majority of the delegates present and voting.

3. **Credentials:**
 - a. The report of the Credentials Committee shall be considered as a motion to adopt. The committee shall recommend the certification of delegates. If any challenges have been heard, the committee Chair shall report the findings and recommendations of a majority of the committee. A minority report may be submitted upon a vote of 10% or more of the total committee, and signed by those members.
 - b. Any Delegate arriving after the Call to Order must report to the Credentials Committee immediately. The Committee will certify that Delegate as a voting Delegate.
 - c. **Latecomers** are entitled to take part in the business of the Assembly transacted after their arrival only.

4. **Quorum:** Forty percent of the full membership of the Assembly present in person, by proxy of elected delegates, or by alternates shall be a quorum for the purpose of commencing business. A majority of the delegates in attendance at the commencement of business shall be sufficient to carry on business.

5. **Delegate apportionment to the State Assembly:** The La Plata County Delegation to the 2026 State Democratic Assembly shall be apportioned based on the votes actually cast in a preference poll for **US Senate** conducted during the County Assembly. Delegates shall indicate whether they do or do not want to be a delegate to the State Assembly on the credential sheets for candidate preference upon signing in or prior arranged electronic method.
6. **Preference Poll:** Each Delegate may declare candidate preference for US Senate based upon a procedure established prior to the assembly. Each Delegate shall vote for one of the designated Democratic candidates for US Senate or for *Uncommitted* (no preference). National party rules prohibit a secret ballot past the caucus level, and proxies are permitted at Assembly.
7. **Delegate apportionment to the Congressional Assembly:** The La Plata County Party delegation to the Congressional District 3 Assembly shall be 18 members.
8. **Eligibility:** To be eligible to be elected as a Delegate to the State Assembly and/or the State House, State Senate, or Congressional District Assembly, a person must be a Delegate to the County Assembly and have registered their attendance (or have a proxy) at the County Assembly.
9. **Designation of County and District Candidates:** Each County will designate a person responsible for all Designation of Assembly Forms and Candidate Acceptance Forms for county candidates and candidates for single-county State House, State Senate, and Congressional districts within the county. This includes County Commissioner District Candidate forms and Acceptance Forms. This responsibility includes ensuring all forms are signed and submitted to the respective Clerk and Recorder or Secretary of State, with a copy to the Colorado Democratic Party.
10. **Withdrawal:** Candidates may voluntarily withdraw from the assembly process in writing, to the chair of the assembly, at any time before the assembly is gavelled to order.
11. **Speaking Time Limit:** The County Chair has specified that local candidates for various races will be assigned a maximum of 5 minutes. State and Federal level candidates will have the opportunity to deliver a 1 minute address, or have someone deliver it on their behalf.
12. **Platform and Debate Rules:** The LaPlata County Party will convene a platform committee at a later date to be announced on the day of assembly, on which any registered Democrat in La Plata County may sign up for. They will meet at a later date to discuss platform planks, which will then be presented to the County Central Committee to be approved at a later date. All meetings related to this will be open to any registered Democrat voters in La Plata County, but only Central Committee members will have the opportunity to vote on adoption.

13. **Petition-only excluded:** Candidates who seek ballot access through the petition process only, and who do not go through the caucus and assembly process, shall not be granted speaking privileges or campaign space (such as tables) at any caucus or assembly meeting.

14. **No regular business:** A county assembly is distinct from a county central or executive committee meeting, and no standard business may be conducted during the assembly.