

RULES FOR THE 2021 BROWN COUNTY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

1. RULES OF ORDER

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the statutes of the State of Minnesota, any special rules of order the party may adopt, as well as the official call of this convention and the rules adopted by this convention.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business for this convention shall be as specified in the Convention Agenda or by the discretion of the Convention Chairperson. The Convention Chairperson, at his or her discretion, can change the order to the Convention Agenda in order to meet time constraints. A motion to adjourn the convention shall be debatable until all items on the agenda have been addressed on the convention floor excluding agenda item titled other business.

3. SEATING OF DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

- a. The permanent voting roll of this convention shall be composed of the delegates elected February 25th, 2020 at the precinct caucuses to this BPOU Convention. If any duly elected delegate to this Convention is absent, then a duly elected alternate from that precinct shall be seated in his stead. Only those delegates and properly seated alternates are eligible to be seated which allows them the privilege to vote and speak on business before the convention. If a duly elected delegate or alternate is not properly registered, then they shall not be allowed to be seated at the convention. To be properly registered, the registration must have been received 72 hours in advance of the convention by the Republican Party of Minnesota whether sent online or via the USPS mail.
- b. Following the preliminary Credential Report and in the absence of any duly elected delegate, a duly elected alternate shall be seated according to rank in the precinct or by vote of the precinct's delegation if no rank is known.
- c. Cross seating of alternates will not be allowed.
- d. No unregistered delegate or alternate may be seated at any time during the convention.
- e. Once a delegate or a seated alternate has registered for the convention, they remain part of the voting strength of the convention even if they leave the convention prior to the convention's official adjournment.
- f. Seating of alternates after the preliminary Credential Report shall be the duty of the chairperson or their designee.

4. QUORUM

- a. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the duly elected delegates registered for the convention in the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee and shall be superseded by a majority of the duly elected delegates and seated alternates as given in the final report of the Credentials Committee. Once a quorum has been established, there shall be no further question as to the quorum number.

5. VOTING

- a. The vote on questions may be done by voice vote or the raising hand feature on Zoom. If a secret vote is needed, state party staff may assist by setting-up and operating an online voting system.
- b. Items without objection can be passed by unanimous consent.
- c. There shall be no voting by proxy or unit rule.
- d. The Convention Chairperson and the Chief Teller will decide any voting dispute and they may request a new vote.
- e. Only persons who are delegates or seated alternates to this convention shall be permitted to vote.
- f. The Convention Chairperson shall appoint a Chief Teller to assist in counting votes and adjudicating disputes.
- g. Voting will proceed until the Chairperson rules balloting closed.
- h. Valid ballots shall be those cast for any names put forth by the Nominations Committee.

6. DEBATE

- a. Debate on any general issue or motion shall be limited to one (1) minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same question and the total debate is limited to a maximum of six (6) minutes. The Convention Chairperson will call on Pro and Con speakers alternately. If no opposing speaker rises the debate will end.

7. ADDRESSES TO THE CONVENTION

- a. The Convention Chairperson at any time may invite any office holder within the BPOU or distinguished guest to address the convention for a period not to exceed ten (10) minutes, with the exception of the House Republican Minority Leader, Senate Majority Leader and federal office holders or federal candidates as well as the state party chair or her designee, representing all or part of this BPOU, which shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes.
- b. The Chair shall appoint a Timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions, debates, and speeches during the meeting. Time limits shall be strictly observed.

8. ELECTION OF BPOU OFFICERS AND BPOU COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- a. Nominations shall be those reported out by the Nominations Committee, having met the requirements of the convention call.
- b. If a passed Nominations Committee report contains the same number or fewer candidates for an office than the number of positions to be filled for that office then no further balloting is required. The nominated candidate(s) for that office shall be declared elected.
- c. The voting for contested office races shall be by secret ballot.
- d. Candidates for BPOU Chair or Deputy Chair shall be given one (1) minutes to address the convention during the election process, if the election is contested.
- e. Candidates for other BPOU offices shall be given one (1) minutes to address the convention during the election process, if the election is contested.
- f. The winner of each election shall be the candidate earning a majority of the ballots cast.
- g. A tie may be broken by holding another vote.
- h. A ballot for BPOU office containing more names than the number of positions to be filled shall be invalid and shall not be counted as a ballot cast.

9. ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND TO THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CENTRAL COMMITTEE

- a. Nominations shall be those reported out by the Nominations Committee, having met the requirements of the convention call.
- b. If a passed Nominations Committee report contains the same number or fewer candidates than the allotment for delegates and the same number or fewer candidates than the allotment for alternates then no further balloting is required. The nominated candidates shall be declared elected.
- c. The voting for contested delegate or alternate races shall be by secret ballot.
- d. Nominations shall be for Delegates and Alternates to the Republican Party of Minnesota State Central Committee and to the First Congressional District Central Committee.
- e. Candidates shall be given one (1) minute to address the convention during the election process, if an election is contested.
- f. A ballot for Delegates to the Republican Party of Minnesota State Central Committee or the First Congressional District Central Committee containing more votes than the number of allotted delegates will be considered spoiled.

10. Decorum

- a. The Convention Chairperson may use a mute function to avoid background noises and disruptions so long as a method for individuals to be recognized is provided.
- b. A participant to the convention must not disrupt order and decorum, and may be removed or muted for repeated interruptions that are out of order nor germane to the agenda.

11. AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION

- a. After adoption of these rules, they may be suspended or amended only by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the convention.