

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LYON COUNTY
CONVENTION RULES
Saturday, February 20, 2021

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 Chair. The Convention Chair, 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 AND 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. 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 he 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 chair or designee.

4. QUORUM

- a. A quorum shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the total number of delegates elected at the February 25th, 2020 precinct caucuses.
- b. Once a quorum has been established, the call for a quorum thereafter shall be out of order.

5. VOTING

- a. The vote on all questions shall be considered a rising vote by voting yea or nay.
- b. Items without objection can be passed by unanimous consent.
- c. There shall be no voting by proxy or unit rule.
- d. The Convention Chair 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 Chair shall appoint a Chief Teller to assist in counting votes and adjudicating disputes.
- g. Voting will proceed until the Chair rules balloting closed.
- h. Valid ballots shall be those cast for any names put forth by the Nominations Committee or those names nominated from the floor.

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 chair will call on pro and con speakers alternately. If no opposing speaker rises the debate will end.

7. REMARKS TO THE CONVENTION

- a. The Convention Chair at any time may invite any office holder within the BPOU or distinguished guest to address the convention for a period not to exceed two (2) 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 designee, representing all or part of this BPOU, which shall be limited to five (5) 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 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- a. Nominations shall be those reported by the Nominations Committee or those made from the floor.
- b. All voting for contested offices shall be conducted by secret electronic ballot.
- d. Once nominated, candidates for County Co-Chair shall be granted up to three (3) minutes to address the convention.
- e. Candidates for other offices or Executive Committee positions shall be granted up to two (2) minutes to address the convention.
- f. A majority vote is required for election to Co-Chair, Secretary or Treasurer.
- g. The top four (4) vote-getters shall be declared elected for the At-Large Member positions.
- h. The top five (5) vote-getters shall be declared elected for the Commissioner District Member positions, provided they live in different districts.
- g. A tie may be broken by drawing of lots or other random methods.

9. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

- a. Nominations shall be those reported by the Nominations Committee or those made from the floor.
- b. All voting for contested offices shall be conducted by secret electronic ballot.
- d. Once nominated, candidates for State Central Committee Delegate shall be granted one minute to address the convention.
- f. A tie may be broken by drawing of lots or other random methods.
- g. The top vote-getter will be elected as State Central Committee Delegate. The top three unelected candidates will be declared elected as Alternates, ranked according to the number of votes received.

10. DECORUM

- a. The Chair may electronically muffle background noises and disruptions so long as a method for individuals to be recognized is maintained.
- b. Participants may be electronically muted or removed for repeated interruptions or violations of the peaceful order of the convention.

11. AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION

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