

Republican Party of Minnesota
Senate District 62 BPOU Convention
February 27, 2021

STANDING RULES

1. RULES OF ORDER

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Constitution of the BPOU, 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

- a. The order of business for this convention shall be as specified in the Convention Agenda.
- b. The Convention Chair, at his or her discretion, may change the order of the items of business to meet time constraints.
- c. Except for the special cases defined in 4a and 4b, a motion to adjourn shall be out of order until elections have been disposed of.

3. SEATING OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

- a. The permanent voting roll of this convention shall be composed of the delegates and those alternates seated per 3b, who were elected to this BPOU Convention at the February 25, 2020 precinct caucuses, who currently reside in the precinct from which they were elected, and whose registration has been received 72 hours in advance of the convention by the Republican Party of Minnesota, whether sent online or via USPS mail.
- b. Following the adoption of the preliminary Credentials Report and the adoption of section 3 of these rules, alternates shall be seated as specified in the BPOU constitution, article VII, section 2.
- c. No unregistered delegate or alternate may be seated at any time during the convention.
- d. Registered delegates and seated alternates remain part of the voting strength of the convention even if they leave the convention prior to adjournment.

4. QUORUM

- a. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the total number of registered delegates as established by the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee.
- b. Once a quorum has been established, the call for a quorum thereafter shall be out of order. However, no action except adjournment shall be transacted by the convention without the affirmative vote of at least one-fourth of the seated delegates and alternates as established by the updated report of the Credentials Committee.

5. VOTING

- a. Items without objection may be passed by unanimous consent.
- b. The vote on all other questions shall be by a counted show of hands, roll call, or secret ballot.
- c. Only persons who are seated delegates or alternates to this convention shall be permitted to vote. A delegate or alternate may only vote for the Vice Chair for the House District in which he or she resides.
- d. There shall be no voting by proxy or unit rule.
- e. The Convention Chair shall declare the polls open or closed and shall appoint a Chief Teller to assist in counting votes and adjudicating disputes.

6. DEBATE

- a. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same motion or for more than one (1) minute each time.
- b. The total debate per motion shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) minutes.

7. ADDRESSES TO THE CONVENTION

- a. The Convention Chair at any time may invite holders or candidates of public office or distinguished guests to address the convention (including taking and answering questions if they choose) for a period not to exceed five (5) minutes.
- b. The Convention Chair shall appoint a Timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions, debates, and speeches during the meeting. Time limits shall be strictly observed.
- c. No delegate or seated alternate may speak on behalf of a candidate for public office without the prior consent of that candidate's campaign committee.

8. ELECTIONS

- a. No nominations from the floor shall be in order, except as provided in 8e.
- b. Voting for uncontested races shall be by a counted show of hands.
- c. Voting for contested office races shall be by secret ballot.
- d. After the Search/Nominations Committee has placed the names into nomination, each nominee may address the convention for no more than two (2) minutes.
- e. The delegate and alternates to the State Central Committee shall be elected as follows: Delegates and seated alternates shall vote for at most one nominee. The nominee receiving the most votes shall be delegate. The first alternate shall be the candidate with the most votes who failed to win a delegate spot and who accepts the position; the second alternate shall be determined likewise. If any alternate positions remain unfilled, nominations may be accepted from the floor and a separate election held for the unfilled position(s).
- f. A tie may be broken by drawing of lots or other random methods.

9. DECORUM

- a. The Convention Chair 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 or not germane to the agenda.

10. AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION OF THESE RULES

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