

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

April 10, 2021 State Central Committee Meeting

PROPOSED RULES

1. Parliamentary Rules

The current edition of Robert's Rules Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority governing this meeting in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-laws of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the statutes of the State of Minnesota, or rules this meeting may adopt.

2. Order of Business

The order of business of this meeting shall be as outlined in the agenda and shall be adopted by a majority vote. A motion to adjourn the meeting shall be out of order until the completion of the official business as stated in the agenda.

3. Quorum

Once a quorum has been established, the call for a quorum thereafter shall be out of order. It is the responsibility of the Chair to ensure that no business is conducted without a quorum.

4. Registration and Seating of Alternates and Seated Alternates

a. Registration for this meeting shall be conducted in accordance with procedures established in the Meeting Call and shall close at 12:00 PM CST, April 7, 2021. There will be no registration options after the close of Registration.

b. A member, as specified in the state party Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, or seated alternate is automatically granted all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of a delegate and is automatically included in any statement in these rules that uses the term delegate.

c. Only registered delegates, members, and alternates who are present before the updated credentials report are eligible to be seated. Being present is demonstrated by logging in and participating in a credentialing roll call vote via the electronic voting technology being utilized for the meeting.

d. Delegates shall be seated as determined by the state party and congressional district constitutions based on the latest credentials report available. Alternates shall be seated as follows:

1. When duly elected BPOU delegates from a congressional district are absent, alternates shall be seated within the respective BPOUs from which those delegates are absent, based upon the rank in which they were elected in said BPOU in numerical order (*i.e.* Alternate 1 seated first, Alternate 2 seated second, Alternate 3 seated third).

2. If a BPOU has exhausted all elected delegates and alternates in numerical order, and still has vacancies within the BPOU, cross seating among the BPOUs within the congressional district may begin.

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3. The congressional district chairs shall provide the credentials committee chair a list of the alternates in the proper order to be cross seated within their delegations not later than 10:00 AM CST, Friday, April 9, 2021.
 4. At-large congressional district alternates may only be seated if one of three of the at-large Delegates from the congressional district are absent. They may not be cross seated into the congressional district's allotted BPOU delegation.
 5. Affiliate alternates may only be seated if the Affiliate group's allotted delegate is absent. There is no cross seating among Affiliates.
 6. The appointees of any member of the State Central Committee as specified in the State party Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, may only be seated if the appointing member is absent.
- e. Once a delegate is seated, the delegate shall remain seated through the duration of the meeting. Once an alternate is seated, the alternate shall remain seated unless an updated credentials report shows delegates or higher ranked alternates are present in their delegation. A delegate or seated alternate who chooses to leave the meeting or vacate his/her seat for the duration of the meeting shall notify the credentials chair prior to the next credentials report that his/her seat is vacant. That seat shall be filled by the appropriate alternate.

5. Addressing the Meeting

- a. When a delegate wishing to speak is unmuted and recognized by the Chair, the delegate shall state his/her name, delegation, and the purpose for rising.
- b. All requests for delegates to be recognized shall be submitted through the Request to Speak function on Vvoter, not by using the raise hands function in Zoom. The delegate shall choose from the options provided to indicate whether they wish to make a motion, second the motion, speak for the motion, speak against the motion, move to end debate, make a point of order, or ask a question. The requests will be processed in the order received.
- c. A delegate wishing to object to a motion or an action the Chair intends to adopt by unanimous consent shall promptly (within approximately 15 seconds) use the Request to Speak function on the voting portal.
- d. The Chair may recognize and allow elected officials, party officers, and other invited guests the privilege of addressing the meeting for a period of up to five (5) minutes each.
- e. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to one (1) minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject and no person shall speak a second time on a given subject until all those desiring to speak have first had an opportunity to do so.
 1. Discussion of an issue will begin with a delegate who wishes to speak in favor of the issue, followed by a delegate who wishes to speak in opposition to the issue. If no delegates wish to speak in support of the issue, discussion may begin by a delegate who wishes to speak in opposition to the issue.
 2. Additional discussion is allowed in an alternating order of one (1) speaker in favor of the issue, followed by one (1) speaker opposed to the issue.

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3. A motion to end debate shall not be in order until at least two (2) speakers in favor and two (2) speakers against the motion have had the opportunity to speak.
- f. The Chair shall appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions, debates, and speeches during the meeting. Time limits shall be strictly observed.

6. Nomination and Election of Officers

- a. The state party officers to be elected at this meeting shall be voted on separately in the following order:
 1. Chair
 2. Deputy Chair
 3. Secretary
- b. Prospective nominees to appear on the ballot and be granted a speaking slot at the State Central Committee meeting for state party officer positions shall:
 1. Submit to the Nomination Committee Chair a signed candidate form via email only at SenateDistrict18Chair@Gmail.com, and for redundancy copy MNGOP staff at MJ@mngop.com, not later than 5:00 PM CST, March 30, 2021.
 2. Submit to the Nomination Committee Chair not later than 5:00 PM CST, March 30, 2021, the names and electronic signatures of at least fifteen (15) delegates from at least two (2) congressional districts stating that the delegate will vote for the nominee on the first ballot. Signatures must be submitted via the State Central Election 2021 Nomination Form available at mngop.com/action-center. The form is automatically timestamped upon receipt. Individual delegates may not sign the Petition of more than one candidate per office. In the event duplicate signatures would cause a candidate to fail to meet the required number of delegate signatures, the earliest time stamp on the online form will determine which candidate can claim the delegate's signature to qualify for nomination.
 3. Appear before the Nominating Committee (not later than 10:00 PM CST, April 9, 2021) at a time and place determined by the Nominating Committee.
 4. There will be no nominations from the floor.
- c. The Nominating Committee shall report to the State Central Committee and place in nomination the names of those candidates seeking party office who meet the requirements of these rules. It may report those candidates it considers qualified or unqualified.
- d. The order in which the Nominating Committee report presents the names of the nominees for state party offices shall be determined by lot. Each person nominated in that order shall have up to five (5) minutes to address the meeting, including any seconding speeches or related presentations.
- e. A candidate for state party office shall declare via a signed candidate form the office that he/she seeks. Candidates may run for only one office as is indicated on their candidate form.
- f. A nominee is elected to the party office of Chair, Deputy Chair, and Secretary upon receiving a majority of the valid ballots cast for that office. If no nominee receives a majority on the first ballot, balloting shall continue for each office until a nominee receives a majority in accordance with the procedures below:

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1. If a nominee does not receive a majority of votes after the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken. Nominees receiving less than ten percent (10%) of the votes shall be excluded from the second and subsequent ballots.
 2. If after the second ballot more than two (2) nominees for an office remain, then the balloting shall continue until a nominee is elected by a majority vote. Each nominee with the fewest votes on the third ballot and on subsequent ballots shall be excluded from the election until two (2) nominees for the office remain on the ballot.
- g. Once a nominee is eliminated from an election for party office on any round of balloting, each remaining nominee prior to the next ballot may address the meeting for no more than two (2) minutes in an order determined by drawing lots.

7. Balloting Procedures

- a. An at-large delegate who is also a duly elected delegate from a BPOU will vote only one ballot, and will vote as a part of the at-large delegation. The resulting congressional district vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the respective district constitution.
- b. The three (3) at-large congressional district delegates each shall have only one vote and shall cast the vote with their respective district delegation. If they were duly elected delegates within their own BPOU/counties, their vacancy shall be open to seat an alternate.
- c. The Chair shall appoint a Chief Teller.
- d. Balloting/voting will proceed until the Chair rules balloting/voting closed.
- e. The Chief Teller (or designee) will then confirm the ballots through the Vvoter system. The Chief Teller will certify the results and report them to the Chair. Electronic voting results will be announced immediately at the close of voting.
- f. Ballots shall contain only the names of candidates placed into nomination by the committee and that have not been eliminated on previous ballots.

8. Voting

- a. All voting shall be via online through the Vvoter portal provided by Option Technologies.
- b. There shall be no voting by unit rule.
- c. Items without objection may be passed by unanimous consent.
- d. The Chair will decide any voting dispute and may order a new vote.
- e. Excluding the roll call votes used for credentialing, Option Technologies shall conceal the identities of any identifying information of voting members from the Republican Party of Minnesota, candidates, and any participating member or group of this meeting. Candidates for party office shall be provided with an opportunity to verify the method by which Option Technologies certifies the voting process prior to the meeting being called to order. An audit report shall be provided after the meeting adjourns upon the request of the State Party Chair.

200 f. Each state party officer's campaign will be allowed to have one (1) person present at state party
201 headquarters to observe the proceedings as long as they have submitted the required petitions.
202 Observers shall not be disruptive or interfere with staff, volunteers, or the proceedings.

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204 g. The voting roster's composition shall be as follows:
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206 1. The voting roster shall be set to receive responses for all members of the State Central Committee
207 members or their alternates, or designees prior to every credentials roll call vote.
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209 2. The voting roster shall be set to receive responses from only properly registered delegates prior
210 to the ability to seat alternates except when performing a credentialing roll call vote.
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212 3. The voting roster shall be set according to the latest available adopted credentials report.

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216 After adoption of these rules, they may be suspended or amended only by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the
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219 **10. Committee Reports**

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221 No second shall be required to a motion to adopt the majority report of any committee. A minority report of
222 any committee may be presented if signed by at least two (2) of the committee members, unless otherwise
223 specified by the State Constitution or By-laws.

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225 **11. Other Business Motions**

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227 a. In order to facilitate productive debate and ensure that delegates and seated alternate delegates have
228 the opportunity to consider any motions under the agenda item "Other Business," delegates and seated
229 alternate delegates wishing to propose any other business shall submit a written motion not later than
230 10:00 AM CST, Friday, April 9, 2021. Any motion must be submitted via the Other Business Submission
231 Form available at mngop.com/action-center and include the name, congressional district, and BPOU of
232 the movant, and the text of the motion. Motions shall be germane to other business properly before the
233 State Central Committee.
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235 b. Any motions to be considered during "Other Business" are made a part of the agenda only if added to
236 the agenda by an appropriate motion and approved by a majority vote as required under these rules. No
237 motions to consider additional other business from the floor shall be in order.
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239 c. A majority vote is required to take up any motions submitted as Other Business after the titles of the
240 submitted motions have been displayed to the members of the State Central Committee present. Debate
241 regarding whether to consider Other Business is not allowed.
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243 d. If the majority votes to consider other business, motions shall be considered in the order in which they
244 were received. The author of the motion shall be recognized by the Chair to move the motion as
245 submitted. Debate shall be governed by rule 5.e. of these rules and shall be passed by majority vote.