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REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

October 2, 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. Seating of Alternates and Seated Alternates

- a. Alternates shall be seated in delegations that have open seats where the number of seated delegates is less than the delegation's allocation starting 30 minutes prior to the scheduled Call to Order based on the current credentials status being reported by the Credentials Committee.
- b. Alternates will be allowed access to the delegation seating area by possessing voting cards distributed by the Chair of their delegation or his/her representative.
- c. Alternate seating order shall be in accordance with the Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution and the Congressional District constitutions where applicable.
- d. If a Congressional District constitution does not provide for a method of seating alternates the method of seating Congressional District alternates shall be determined by the Congressional district chair or their designee.
- e. A 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.

5. Addressing the Meeting

- a. A delegate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Chair and when recognized by the Chair state his/her name, delegation and the purpose for which he/she rises.
- b. 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.
- c. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to two (2) minutes 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.

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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.
 3. A call for the previous question 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.
- d. The Chair shall appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions, debates, and speeches during the meeting. Time limits shall be strictly observed.

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6. **Nomination and Election of Officers**

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- a. The state party chair to be elected by the meeting shall be voted on.
 - b. Prospective nominees to appear on the ballot and be granted a speaking slot at the convention for state party officer positions shall:
 1. Submit to the Nominating Committee a signed candidate declaration form on or before September 24th. A paper copy must arrive at the Republican Party of Minnesota office by 5:00 PM or an electronic version via email must arrive by 11:59 PM.
 2. Submit to the Nominating Committee thru a Google Docs form, at least 12 hours prior to the start of the convention (10:00 AM CDT, Oct 2nd, 2021) a petition containing the names of a least (15) delegates from at least 2 congressional districts, stating that they will vote for the nominee on the first ballot. Signatures will be submitted through a Google Docs form, electronically to the party. Individual delegates may not sign the Petition of more than one candidate. If a delegate is found to have signed multiple Petitions, the time stamp of the 1st signature is the valid one, the remaining duplicates are invalid and do not count towards the required total of (15).

Find the candidate Nomination Form at: [Nominations Petition at MNGOP.com](https://www.mngop.com/nominations-petition)
 3. Appear before the Nominating Committee at least twelve (12) hours prior to the start of the convention (10:00 AM CDT, Oct 2nd, 2021) at a time and place determined by the Nominating Committee.
 - 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. There shall be no nominations from the floor.
 - 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 seven (7) minutes to address the meeting, including any seconding speeches or related presentations.
 - e. A nominee is elected to the party office of Chair upon winning a majority of the valid ballots cast for that office. If no nominee receives a majority on the first ballot, balloting shall continue until a nominee receives a majority in accordance with the procedures below.
 1. If a nominee does not receive a majority of votes after the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken. Nominees with 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

105 on subsequent ballots shall be excluded from the election until two (2) nominees for the office remain on
106 the ballot.

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108 f. Once a nominee is eliminated from an election for party office on any round of balloting, each remaining nominee
109 prior to the next ballot may address the meeting for no more than two (2) minutes in an order determined by drawing
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112 **7. Balloting Procedures**

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114 a. A state delegate who is also a duly elected delegate from a BPOU will vote only one ballot, and will vote as a part
115 of the state delegation. The resulting Congressional District vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the respective
116 district constitution.
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118 b. The three (3) at-large Congressional District delegates each shall have only one vote and shall cast the vote with
119 their respective district delegation. If they were duly elected delegates within their own BPOU/counties, their vacancy
120 shall open up to seat an alternate.
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122 c. Each Congressional District shall have two tellers, appointed by the District Chair, who shall be responsible for the
123 distribution and collection of ballots or electronic voting devices (EVD) for eligible voters of the district. The meeting
124 Chair shall appoint two tellers for the state delegates who are seated separately.
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126 d. The Chair shall appoint a Chief Teller.
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128 e. Congressional District and state tellers will distribute a single ballot or EVD to each eligible voting member seated
129 in their respective sections.
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131 f. No one other than delegates, seated alternates, candidates for the contested office(s), officials conducting the
132 balloting and officials authorized by the Chair shall be permitted on the floor during the distribution, marking, and
133 collection of all ballots or while electronic voting is open.
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135 g. Balloting/voting will proceed until the Chair rules balloting/voting closed. CD Chairs will confirm to the Chief Teller
136 that their delegation has not had any problems voting with the electronic balloting process.
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138 h. Ballots will be collected by the tellers, who will verify the number of ballots cast by their respective delegations before
139 the ballots (including any unused) are returned to their envelope and the envelope returned to the Chief Teller.
140 EVDs will not be collected between votes.
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142 i. Tellers, under the direction of the Chief Teller, will then count the ballots. The Chief Teller will certify the results and
143 report them to the Chair. Electronic voting results will be displayed immediately at the close of voting. The Chair
144 will give time to challenge the vote before the Chief Teller certifies the results.
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146 j. A ballot will not be considered valid if it contains a vote cast for more than one candidate/answer, if it is cast for other
147 than a properly nominated candidate or eligible answer, if it is left blank or if it is spoiled.
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149 k. A ballot marked "none", "no", "abstained", "undecided" or "no preference" shall not be counted for any
150 candidate/answer, but shall count in the total of valid ballots cast for determination of a majority.
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152 l. Voting by EVD shall occur at the discretion of the Meeting Chair, with a minimum of ten (10) minutes between ballots.
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154 m. At the conclusion of electronic voting, the EVDs will be collected by the tellers, who will verify the number of EVDs
155 distributed to the respective delegations before the EVDs are returned to their envelopes and the envelope returned
156 to the Chief Teller.
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158 **8. Voting**

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- 160 a. All voting for contested offices shall be by secret ballot or electronic vote.
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- 162 b. Each candidate duly nominated for office may appoint a person to observe the counting of the ballots, or verify the
- 163 electronic vote. The name of this person shall be submitted to the Chief Teller immediately after the close of
- 164 nominations for that office.
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- 166 c. A Sergeant-at-Arms shall be assigned to the Chief Teller during the voting process.
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- 168 d. If there is a dispute as to the number of ballots or electronic votes cast by any delegation, the challenge shall be
- 169 made before the ballots from that delegation are tabulated or the electronic votes certified by the Chair of the
- 170 convention and Chief Teller. Upon such a challenge, the Chair shall appoint a special judge and two (2) special
- 171 tellers who shall verify the number of ballots or electronic votes cast by said delegation. The delegation shall be
- 172 required to vote again only if the original count reveals more ballots cast than votes allowed to that delegation.
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- 174 e. The vote on all other matters shall be by voice vote, except as otherwise provided herein. Any call for division shall
- 175 require a total of at least seven (7) delegates, from at least two (2) different congressional districts. The EVD may
- 176 be used to determine the outcome of a vote.
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- 178 f. There shall be no voting by unit rule.
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- 180 g. If the Chair is in doubt as to the result of a rising vote, the Chair may order a polling of the meeting by the tellers,
- 181 who shall report the vote to the Chair.

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183 **9. Amendment or Suspension**

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185 After adoption of these rules, they may be suspended or amended only by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the delegates.

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187 **10. Campaign Materials**

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- 189 a. No posted signs are allowed on the stage walls or stage.
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- 191 b. All sign sizes, locations, and a method of attachment must comply with the rules of the host facility. No sign may
- 192 cover any artwork, and campaign signs must use only chart mount for attaching signs to the walls.
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- 194 c. All literature distributed must have its source(s) prominently displayed. All campaign materials require a disclosure
- 195 with the name of the candidate or State Central delegate or alternate responsible for the materials and will be subject
- 196 to approval by the Sergeant of Arms for compliance. Any materials deemed out of compliance by the Sergeant of
- 197 Arms will not be permitted on the floor and will be removed immediately.
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- 199 d. Removal of literature following the meeting is the responsibility of the source(s). All signs must be stricken within
- 200 thirty (30) minutes of the close of the meeting, and removed from the premises. The State Party may recover
- 201 reasonable cleaning costs from those campaigns, individuals or groups that fail to remove their campaign materials
- 202 from the convention site.
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204 **11. Committee Reports**

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206 No second shall be required to a motion to adopt the majority report of any committee. A minority report of any committee

207 may be presented if signed by at least two (2) of the committee members, unless otherwise specified by the Constitution

208 or By-laws.