

# REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

June 14, 2025 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 Bylaws 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 for adjournment is out of order until either all business items on the agenda (before other business) have been considered or until 5:30PM CT has been reached.

### 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 presiding officer to ensure that no business is conducted without a quorum.

### 4. Registration and Seating of Alternates

- a. Registration for this meeting shall be conducted in accordance with procedures established in the Meeting Call.
- b. Alternates shall be seated in delegations that have open seats where the number of seated delegates is less than the delegation's allocation starting thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled Call to Order based on the current credentials status being reported by the Credentials Committee.
- c. Alternates will be allowed access to the delegation seating area by possessing voting cards distributed by the Congressional District Chair of their delegation or their representative.
- d. Alternate seating order shall be in accordance with the Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution and the Congressional District constitutions where applicable.
- e. If a Congressional District constitution does not provide for a method of seating alternates the method of seating Congressional District alternates shall be established by the Congressional District Chair and reported to the Credentials Chair.
- f. 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. Elected Delegates or higher-ranking Alternates arriving or returning to the floor shall always be seated, with the lowest ranking Alternate in the applicable BPOU relinquishing their seat and voting card as necessary.

### 5. Addressing the Meeting

- a. A delegate wishing to speak shall rise, address the presiding officer and when recognized by the presiding officer state their name, delegation, and the purpose for which they rise. Any person not recognized by the presiding officer prior to speaking will be out of order.
- b. The presiding officer may recognize and allow elected officials, party officers and other invited guests the

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48 privilege of addressing the meeting for a period of up to five (5) minutes each. If any declared candidate for  
49 state-wide office is permitted to speak, any other declared candidate for that office will be allowed to address  
50 the committee.  
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- 52 c. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to two (2) minutes by each speaker. No person shall be  
53 allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject and no person shall speak a second time on a  
54 given subject until all those desiring to speak have first had an opportunity to do so.  
55 1. Discussion of an issue will begin with a delegate who wishes to speak in favor of the issue,  
56 followed by a delegate who wishes to speak in opposition to the issue. If no delegates wish to  
57 speak in support of the issue, discussion may begin by a delegate who wishes to speak in  
58 opposition to the issue.  
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60 2. Additional discussion is allowed in an alternating order of one (1) speaker in favor of the issue,  
61 followed by one (1) speaker opposed to the issue.  
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63 3. A call for the question shall not be in order until at least two (2) speakers in favor and two (2)  
64 speakers against the motion have had the opportunity to speak.  
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66 d. The Presiding Officer may appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions, debates, and speeches  
67 during the meeting.  
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69 **6. Other Materials**

- 70 a. No signs are permitted to be fixed to any surface on the premises, inside or outside. No free-standing  
71 signage will be allowed inside or outside the building. Candidate signs may be displayed directly on that  
72 candidate's purchased vendor table or held on stage by supporters only during that candidate's allotted time  
73 to address the body.  
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75 b. No stickers are allowed to be distributed for the purpose of candidate support or having attendees or  
76 supporters wear them. Buttons are acceptable. The candidate or organization shall be fined \$150 for every  
77 sticker that is found adhered to any surface on the premises.  
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79 c. All literature distributed must have its source(s) prominently displayed. All campaign materials require a  
80 disclosure with the name of the candidate or State Central Delegate or seated Alternate responsible for the  
81 materials. No materials can be distributed on the floor unless done so with a disclaimer of the candidate  
82 for party officer's campaign or the name of the Delegate or Alternate to this body distributing the  
83 materials.  
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85 d. All non-compliant literature must be immediately removed and compliance is at the discretion of the presiding  
86 officer or their designee.  
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88 e. Removal of literature following the meeting is the responsibility of the source(s). All literature,  
89 materials, and signs must be stricken within thirty (30) minutes of the close of the meeting and removed  
90 from the premises. The MNGOP Executive Committee may recover reasonable cleaning costs from the  
91 campaign, person, or entity not removing their materials.

92 **7. General Decorum**

- 93 a. The presiding officer or a designee thereof shall have the discretion to remove any attendee for disorderly  
94 behavior such as repeated interruptions, attempting to disrupt the business of the meeting, or other behavior  
95 otherwise contradictory to the good order of the body.  
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97 b. No audio or video recording or electronic transmission of the State Central Committee meeting or any  
98 individual in attendance is permitted unless authorized by the Chair of the MNGOP, in advance of the  
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8. **Voting**

- a. A Sergeant at Arms may be assigned to the chief teller during the voting process if needed.
- b. The vote on all matters shall be by voice vote, except as otherwise provided herein. Any call for division shall require a total of at least seven (7) delegates, from at least two (2) different congressional districts.
- c. There shall be no voting by unit rule.

9. **Amendment or Suspension**

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

10. **Committee Reports**

A minority report of any committee to this meeting may be presented if signed by at least two (2) members of the committee, unless otherwise specified by the MNGOP Constitution.