

FINAL



**STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Jackpot Junction Casino
39375 County Highway 24, Morton, MN 56270
Saturday, September 13, 2025, at 10:00am**

- 10:12 Call to Order.
- 10:12 Moment of silence for Charlie Kirk
- 10:13 Invocation led by Joe Ditto, CD 2 Chair.
- 10:15 Pledge led by Donna Bergstrom, RPM Deputy Chair.
- 10:16 Reading of the meeting call waived with no objection.
- 10:16 First Preliminary Credentials Report
- Total: Allot 349, Total Delegates Seated 187, with 29 counties represented
- 10:16 Corum established
- 10:17 Appointment of Committee Meeting Officials**
Sen. Gary Dahms, Chair
Ms. Lucy Johnson, Parliamentarian
Mary Amlaw, Head Teller
Mark Swanson, Rules Committee Chair
Alec Beck, Credentials Chair
Tim Herstad, Chief Sgt At Arms
Jackson Harvey filling for Brian Wemerskirchen, Chair of Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- 10:18 POI – Chairman Alex Plechash reiterates no candidates are allowed to speak due to no endorsed candidates.
- 10:19 US Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach addresses the delegation.
- 10:30 MN Speaker of the House Lisa Demuth addresses the delegation.

- 10:41 Committee Chair Dahms greets State Central Committee.
- 10:41 **Rules Committee Report - Pass Rule 4 for seating of Alternates**
Mark Swanson, Rules Committee Chair, the committee moves rule 4 to allow the seating of alternates.
- 10:42 Discussion.
- 10:42 May Kay Moon, SD 13 – Motion to amend rule 2.
Chair Ruled out of order
- 10:43 May Kay Moon SD 13 – Motion to strike rule 4B and wait to seat alternates and when credentials are closed.
Chair determines there is not a second, amendment dies.
- 10:44 POI – David Meyers states there is already a quorum
- 10:44 David Hughes, Kittson County – Motion to change Rule 4f to amend the following after the first sentence to add “any delegate or seated alternate who leaves the floor for any reason shall give their voting card to the Sargent at Arms or their CD Chair to ensure the appropriate alternate promptly received the voting card” – (Second)
- 10:45 Discussion.
- 10:46 PI – Wendy Wall, CD7 – asked to see the Secretary’s screen.
Chair stated that is not available.
- 10:47 Discussion.
- 10:49 Chair reads Rule 4f with the motion to amend.
- 4f: 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. **Any delegate or seated alternate who leaves the floor for any reason shall give their voting card to the Sargent at Arms or their CD Chair to ensure the appropriate alternate promptly receives the voting card.** 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.
- 10:51 Sarah Rasque, CD4 HD66A – motion to amend the amendment of Rule 4f to strike out Sgt of Arms and just turn in voting card to CD Chair. (Second)

10:52 Voice vote of the amendment to the amendment of rule 4f, fails.

10:53 Division is called.

10:54 Amendment to the amendment passes by rising vote.

10:55 Joe Ditto CD2 calls the questions.

10:55 Motion to call the question fails.

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10:56 Parliamentarian reads the motion to amend Rule 4f:

4f: 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. **Any delegate or seated alternate who leaves the floor for any reason, other than a recess of the meeting, shall give their voting card to their BPOU or CD Chair, who shall immediately ensure that the appropriate alternate promptly received the voting card.** 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.

10: 58 PI – Bobby Benson CD6 – “Division has been called; shouldn’t we be we be voting on calling the question?”
Chair confirms.

10:59 Vote to call the question passes by rising vote.

10:59 Vote on the Motion to amend Rule 4f fails by voice vote.

11:00 Division is called and fails by rising vote.

11:00 PI John Kolber SD45 – has registration closed?
Chair states we have not adopted the rules, registration cannot be closed.

11:01 PI – David Hughe, Kittson County, CD7 – was there a numerical count on the Division?
Chair states it was not necessary.

11:02 Vote on Rule 4 unamended. Motion passes by voice vote.

11:02 Begin Seating of Alternates.

11:05 POI - Wendy Wall, Hennepin County/CD5 – requests to have more clarity on the motion and what we are voting on before we vote.

- 11:05 PI - Stan Hamilton CD 3- asks if after Rule 4 we would seat the alternates and then we would adopt the rules?
Chair confirms we have only adopted Rule 4.
- 11:06 PI - Diane Kruger Cottonwood County, CD7 – asks if we should we be seating alternates at this point?
Chair confirms alternates should be seated.
- 11:09 Chair calls for delegation to be seated.
- 11:11 Rules Committee Chair states the Rules Committee moves to adopt the balance of the rules. (seconded)
- 11:12 Jerry Euing SD56 – Amendment to Strike from the Rule 2, “Before other Business” (seconded)
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 3:30 PM CT has been reached.
- 11:14 Discussion
- 11:15 PI Jeff Robinson SD37, asked if he can offer a friendly amended.
Chair rules out of order
- 11:16 Voice vote of the amendment to the amendment to Rule 2, fails.
- 11:17 Jeff Robinson SD37 - Amendment of the Rules after adopted by majority vote. Strike balance and add:

“In order to ensure the members of the body are afforded the opportunity to raise issues during the other business, a motion for adjournment is out of order until a there has been a one-minute pause after the disposition of any item brought forward in during other business or until 7pm CT.”
- 11:19 PI - Dave Meyer SD 52 asks if there a hard stop for the meeting?
Chair states room is contracted until 7pm tonight, which mean we need to be completely out by 7pm.
- 11:20 PI – Diane Krueger, Cottonwood County, asked if we should be seating all alternates before we vote on rules?
Chair confirmed, yes, they need to be seating alternates.
- 11:22 POI – Sandy Crocker, SD13 expresses concern voices will not be heard if we are shut off at 3:30pm

- 11:23 POO - Amanda Hughes, Kittson County asked if Credentials report can be broken down by CD?
Chair states we can consider that once the rules are approved.
- 11:24 Chair reads the motion to amend Rule 2 which is to strike:
~~2. A motion for adjournment is out of order until either all business items on the agenda (before other business) have been considered or until 3:30 PM CT has been reached.~~
And insert so Rule 2 reads:
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- 11:27 POI - Delegate unknown asks to please speak clearing in the mikes, point mike down and speak with strength.
- 11:27 Discussion
- 11:30 POI – Parliamentarian points out we can go back and suspend the rules to allow more time.
- 11:31 Joe Ditto, CD2 – Calls the question (Seconded)
- 11:32 Voice vote of the motion to call the questions passes.
- 11:33 Vote on the motion to amend Rule 2.
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- 11:33 Motion fails by voice vote.
- 11:34 Division is called, motion fails by rising vote.
- 11:35 Dave Hughes, Kittson County/CD7 – Motion to numerically count division (Second)
- 11:35 Motion failed by voice vote.

- 11:36 Casey McGregor, Olmstead County/CD1 - Motion to amend the rules to modify the Agenda to add an item before Other Business for the body to address having a straw poll at the February 3rd caucuses in 2026.
Chair ruled out of order.
- 11:37 Voice vote for rules as whole, passes.
- 11:37 Rules Adopted.
- 11:37 Chairs moves to adopt the agenda.
- 11:37 PI - Ray Hicks CD1 – Questioned when we will approve the agenda.
Chair stated we are right now.
- 11:38 Discussion
- 11:39 Richard Klabecek SD31 – motion to move Agenda item #12 to after item #8 and before item #9 on the agenda. (seconded)
- 11:40 Discussion
- 11:40 Andy Aplikowski, CD8 – Friendly amendment to the amendment to move item #12 to after #9 instead of before. Seconded with no objection.
Friendly amendment adopted.
- 11:41 End of Discussion.
- 11:41 Motion to move Agenda item #12 to right after #9 on the agenda passes by voice vote.
- 11:42 Mark Olsen CD8 – Motion to move into executive session after item #10 Officers Report, to have a discussion of the data destruction report.
- 11:42 Discussion
- 11:46 PI Jim O'Conner SD13– states point of division of a vote is asked for is to get a count.
- 11:48 PI – Larry Duce, Mille Lacs County asks what the Parliamentarian opinions is on calling division.
Parliamentary states when division is called out the Chair can make the decision another way. Since the rules have been adopted, going forward we need 7 delegates from 2 districts to call division.

11:48 POI - Parliamentary explains Robert's Rule 924 and executive session can come to be any meeting of an executive session. All proceedings are secret and not to be shared with non-members. Attendance at an executive meeting is only limited to voting members of the body. Others would remain in the hall unless voted on otherwise.

11:51 PI - Sara Verheul, Big Stone County/CD7, asks who the tellers are. Chair responds they are CD Chairs as requested from the head teller.

11:52 Mark Olsen, CD8, moves to add to the Agenda "executive session to discuss data destruction report after the Officer's Report", which is after #10f and before item #11. (Second)

11:55 Discussion

12:03 Vicki Earnst, CD6 calls the question. (Second)

12:03 Vote on calling the question passes by voice vote.

12:03 Voice vote on the motion fails

12:04 Casey McGregor CD1 – Motion to modify the agenda to add a discussion on caucuses, before Other Business a discussion to add at the Feb 3, 2026, State Caucus that the body address having a Straw Poll that tallies the Governor, Constitutional Office, and US Senate races.

12:10 Discussion

12:14 Voice vote of the motion, fails.

12:14 Division is called and fails for not having 7 people from 2 different CDs.

12:14 Norann Dillion CD7, motion to amend the agenda move item #11 after #9 to by #9.5 immediately after the final Credentials Report, so that it is accomplished today.

12:17 Discussion.

12:19 Vote on the motion to amend the agenda to move item #11 after #9.5. Passed by voice vote.

12:20 Nathan Knox SD47 - Motion to add to the Rules. Chair rules out of order since the Rules have been adopted.

12:21 Dan Wollet CD8 – Motion to add to the Officers Reports that they be no longer than 5 minutes each. Chair confirms that is already in the rules.

- 12:23 David Hughes Kittson County, motion to add to the agenda for the RPM Chair discuss his relationship with the four members of the Congressional Delegation regarding the party fundraising. (Second)
- 12:25 Discussion
- 12:27 Casey McGregor, CD1 calls the question.
- 12:27 Vote to call the question fails by voice vote.
- 12:27 Vote of the motion. Motion fails by voice vote.
- 12:27 Amanda Hughes Affiliate Committee Chair, motion to amend the agenda to add after the Convention Window but before Officers Report: "include explanation of what is required for the Chair to properly certify to the MN Secretary of State office that the party is in compliance within MN Statute 200.02 passed in 2023". (Second)
- 12:32 Discussion.
- 12:34 Voice vote of the motion fails.
- 12:34 Ray Shultz CD3, Call of the question to adopt the agenda, passes by voice vote.
- 12:35 Voice vote to pass the Agenda passes.
- 12:35 Agenda has been adopted.
- 12:36 Update of the Credentials Report
- Allot 42 CD1 – 27 registered and seated
Allot 32 CD2 – 30 registered and seated
Allot 32 CD3 – 27 registered and seated
Allot 23 CD4 – 21 registered and seated
Allot 13 CD5 – 11 registered and seated
Allot 50 CD6 – 32 registered and seated
Allot 53 CD7 – 48 registered and seated
Allot 48 CD8 – 41 registered and seated
Allot 12 Affiliates – 7 registered and seated
- Total Delegates registered 244 and seated
- 12:37 Chair asks if there are any objections to the Credentials Report. Seeing none, the Credentials Report is adopted.

Joe Ditto – Correction in CD2 should be 42 allotted and 42 seated

- 12:38 PI – Delegate name and CD not stated, asked how many alternates seated?
Alec Beck explains there is need to report on seated alternates per the Rules Chair
- 12:39 POI - Andy Aplikowski, CD8 explains all his delegate seats are full except for the CD Deput Chair, which cannot be filled with an alternate.
- 12:40 PI – Brett Bussman, CD7 states, “the number is not right for his CD. It says 48 allotted but he has as 53 registered with 13 alternates he can’t seat.”
Alec said, “that is fine that he filled his delegate seats with alternates”.
- 12:42 Discussion
- 12:42 POI - Parliamentarian – states that with a quorum it only matters who is present and voting.
- 12:44 POO – Diane Krueger Cottonwood County, questions if we have not approved the final Credentials Report yet.
Chair states the Credentials Report has been approved since no one had any objections when he asked.
- 12:45 Mary Kay Bodeen SD13, moves to change the acceptance of the convention window to establish Party meeting dates and convention windows through June 2026.
- 12:47 POO - Andy Aplikowski, the Agenda has been adopted so there needs to be a 2/3rd vote to suspect the rules to adopt the agenda.
- 12:48 Discussion
- 12:49 Chair Rules the motion is out order.
- 12:56 POI Delegate unknown, moves to recess for lunch.
- 12:56 Motion passes by voice vote.
- 1:15 Back in from recess.
- 1:19 Acceptance of Convention Window**

Chair reads dates of the Acceptance of the Convention Window at approved by the State Executive Committee that includes the “BPOU

Convention window will be from February 14, 2026, through March 28, 2026, CD Window is April 6, 2026, through May 9, 2026. State Convention Window is May 29, 2026, through May 31, 2026.”

- 1:19 Discussion
- 1:20 Dan Wollet CD8, motion to amend the convention window for BPOU Convention window to be February 14th through April 15th, CD and State Convention window to be April 16th through May 31st.
- 1:21 Discussion.
- 1:22 Chair rules the amendment failed since there was not a second.
- 1:23 Vote to accept the Convention Window as read by the Chair passed by voice vote.
- 1:24 Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report**
Jackson Harvey – Temporary Chair of Constitution and Bylaw Committee, reads the report that is approved by the Committee with the proposed changes along with Brain’s remarks.
- 1:30pm 1st Proposed Change Article IV Section 9
- Reading of the Motion: Proposed Change Article IV Section 9**
Section 9. The Chair, Deputy Chair, and Secretary terms shall be two (2) years. The term will run from January 1 of an odd numbered year through December 31 of the following even numbered year. The election for these positions will take place in December of even numbered years. Officers shall be elected at the spring State Central Committee meeting in an odd-numbered year following the Congressional District convention window, but not later than May 31st. Each such officer’s term will commence immediately upon the permanent adjournment of the State Central Committee meeting at which they are elected. Each officer will hold such office until the expiration of their respective term and until a successor is elected, or until their earlier death, resignation, removal, or disqualification. The terms of the current Chair, Deputy Chair, and Secretary, elected in 2024, will run until the election of the new officers in 2027.
- 1:34 Discussion.
- 1:43 Casey McGregor, CD1 calls the question.
- 1:44 Vote to call the question fails.
- 1:44 Chair asks for any more discussion. Seeing no at the mics he moves to a vote
- 1:44 Voice vote of the motion to change Article IV Section 9 fails.
- 1:45 Division called and approved

1:45 Motion to amend Article IV Section 9 fails by rising vote.

1:46 Motion to the remove all of Article VIII.

~~ARTICLE VIII—Caucus Participation
Section 1. Eligible voters. Only those individuals who are or will be eligible to vote at the time of the next state general election may vote or be elected a delegate, alternate or officer at the Republican precinct caucus. An eligible voter may vote or be elected a delegate or officer only in the precinct where the voter resides at the time of the caucus.
Section 2. Agreement with party principles. Only those persons who are in agreement with the principles of the party as stated in the Minnesota Republican Party’s Constitution and Bylaws, and who either voted or affiliated with the party at the last state general election or intend to vote or affiliate with the party at the next state general election may vote at, and participate in, the Republican precinct caucus.
Section 3. Decision by caucus vote. In case the right of a person to participate at the precinct caucus is challenged, the question of the right to participate shall be decided by a vote of the precinct caucus. A person so challenged may not vote on the question of the person’s right to participate.
Section 4. If same or similar language is adopted within the MN GOP Constitution, the language in the Constitution has overriding authority.~~

1:47 PI – Wendy Wahl, CD5 – why are we removing this because it is not consistent with the Constitution.
Chair responds yes, it is duplicated, and this was approved unanimously by the committee

No Discussion

1:48 Vote of the Motion to remove all Article VIII passes by voice vote.

1:50 Motion to remove all of Article IX.

No Discussion

1:51 Committee Report is read from Temporary Chair.

1:51 Discussion
2:01 Vote on the motion to remove all of Article IX with a raising vote. 128 for the motion, 162 against the motion. Motion fails for failing to get a 2/3rd vote needed to pass.

2:10 David Benson Stabler CD7 – Resolutions to Bylaws & Constitution Committee “shall report” meaning disclosed to the SCC Body, all delegate proposals received within the noticed window ahead of an SCC meeting for Bylaws change.

2:10 Discussion.

- 2:13 Parliamentarian states the Committee does not have such a procedure in the MNGOP Bylaws. If that procedure is to be added to the Bylaws it needs be approved in the Bylaws and Constitution Committee.
- 2:13 Discussion.
- 2:15 Chairman rules the resolution is out of order.
- 2:18 PPP Matt Benda speaks on behalf of the minority for the Bylaws and Constitution Committee.
- 2:21 **Officer Reports**
- 2:23 Report from RNC National Committeewoman Emily Novotny Chance
- 2:27 Report from RNC National Committeeman AK Kamara
- 2:33 Treasurer's Report presented by Jeff Schuette
- 2:43 Report from Secretary Joy Orvis
- 2:47 Report from Deputy Chair Donna Bergstrom
- 2:54 Report from Chairman Alex Plachash
- 3:13 Deputy Chair announces winners of the Jackpot Junction event tickets.
- 3:14 POI - Casey McGregor CD1 – asks the date of the next SCC meeting. Chair states there is no date is set at this time.
- 3:15 Jason Saterbak, CD2 – “I move that this body adopt a resolution expressing support for Senator Nathan Weisenberg and Representative Ben Davis’s legislation to use Legacy Funds to commission a statue of Charlie Kirk which would be placed on the U of M campus to promote civil debate and dialog on campus”. (Second)
No Discussion.
- 3:16 Vote of the Resolution passes by voice vote.
- 3:17 POI - Scott Falls Wright County/CD6 – suggests having signs with a tag that says, “I am Charlie”.
- 3:18 Motion to Adjourn (Second)

3:18 Staff Announcement from Jill V. – All BPOUs needs to provide caucus locations by October 10th and their Insurance request emailed to Jill@mngop.com.

3:19 Vote on the motion, passes by voice vote.