

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

December 13, 2025

State Central Committee Meeting

PROPOSED RULES

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2 **1. Parliamentary Rules**

3 The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority
4 governing this meeting in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not
5 inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the statutes of
6 the State of Minnesota or rules this committee may adopt for this meeting.
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8 **2. General Decorum**

- 9 a. The presiding officer or a designee thereof shall have the discretion to remove any attendee for
10 disorderly behavior such as repeated interruptions, attempting to disrupt the business of the
11 meeting, or other behavior otherwise contradictory to the good order of the body.
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13 b. No audio or video recording or electronic transmission of the State Central Committee meeting or
14 any individual in attendance is permitted unless authorized by the Chair of the Republican Party
15 of Minnesota or designee.
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17 **3. Order of Business**

18 The order of business of this meeting shall be as outlined in the agenda and shall be adopted by a
19 majority vote. The presiding officer will adjourn the meeting upon the earlier of (a) completion of
20 all agenda items and (b) the time listed in the agenda (which shall be no later than 30 minutes prior to
21 the time the State Central Committee must vacate the premises as established in the contract for the
22 facility).
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24 **4. Quorum**

25 Once a quorum has been established, the call for a quorum thereafter shall be out of order. It is
26 the responsibility of the presiding officer to ensure that no business is conducted without a quorum.
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28 **5. Registration and Seating of Delegates and Alternates**

- 29 a. Registration for this meeting shall be conducted in accordance with procedures established in the
30 Meeting Call.
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32 b. Alternates shall be seated in delegations that have open seats where the number of delegates
33 present is less than the delegation's allocation.
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35 c. Alternates will be allowed access to the delegation seating area by possessing voting cards
36 distributed by the Congressional District Chair or their designee.
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38 d. Alternate seating order shall be in accordance with the Republican Party of Minnesota
39 Constitution and the Congressional District constitutions where applicable.
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41 e. If a Congressional District constitution does not provide for a method of seating alternates the
42 method of seating Congressional District alternates shall be established by the Congressional
43 District Chair and reported to the Credentials Chair.
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45 f. A seated alternate is automatically granted all rights, privileges and responsibilities of a delegate
46 and is automatically included in any statement in these rules that uses the term delegate.
47 Delegates or higher-ranking alternates arriving or returning to the floor shall always be seated,
48 with the lowest ranking alternate relinquishing their seat and voting card as necessary.
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- 50 g. Before leaving the floor of the meeting, any delegate or seated alternate must surrender their
51 voting card to their Congressional District Chair or the CD chair's designee. Upon return to the
52 meeting floor, the voting card will be provided as outlined in this rule 5.
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6. Addressing the Meeting

- 54 a. A delegate wishing to speak shall rise, address the presiding officer and when recognized by the
55 presiding officer, state their name, delegation, and the purpose for which they rise. Any person
56 not recognized by the presiding officer before speaking will be out of order.
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58 b. The presiding officer may recognize and allow elected officials, party officers and other invited
59 guests the privilege of addressing the meeting for a period of up to five (5) minutes each. If any
60 declared candidate for state-wide office who is eligible to seek endorsement by the Republican
61 Party of Minnesota is permitted to speak, then any other such declared candidate for that office
62 will be allowed to speak, provided other requirements by the State Party of the Minnesota have
63 been met.
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65 c. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to two (2) minutes by each speaker. No person
66 shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject and no person shall speak a
67 second time on a given subject until all those desiring to speak have first had an opportunity to
68 do so.
69 1. Discussion of an issue will begin with a delegate who wishes to speak in favor of the issue,
70 followed by a delegate who wishes to speak in opposition to the issue. If no delegates wish
71 to speak in support of the issue, discussion may begin by a delegate who wishes to speak
72 in opposition to the issue.
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74 2. Additional discussion is allowed in an alternating order of one (1) speaker in favor of the
75 issue, followed by one (1) speaker opposed to the issue.
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77 3. A call for the question shall not be in order until at least two (2) speakers in favor and two
78 (2) speakers against the motion have had the opportunity to speak.
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80 d. The presiding officer may appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions, debates, and
81 speeches during the meeting. Time limits shall be strictly observed.
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7. Campaign Materials

- 84 a. No signs are permitted to be fixed to any surface on the premises, inside or outside except as
85 outlined in this rule. No free-standing signage will be allowed inside or outside the building.
86 Candidates who have obtained permission from the Republican Party of Minnesota Chair, or their
87 designee, may display materials directly on that candidate's purchased vendor table, area
88 designated on facility railing (up to 8 linear feet in aggregate) or held by supporters only during
89 that candidate's allotted time to address the body.
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91 b. No stickers or balloons are allowed to be distributed for the purpose of candidate support or
92 having attendees or supporters wear them. Buttons are acceptable. The candidate or organization
93 shall be fined \$150 for every sticker that is found adhered to any surface on the premises.
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95 c. All literature distributed must have its source(s) prominently displayed. All campaign
96 materials require a disclosure with the name of the candidate or State Central delegate or seated
97 alternate responsible for the materials. No materials can be distributed on the floor unless done
98 so with a disclaimer of the candidate for party officer's campaign or the name of the delegate
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100 or seated alternate to this body distributing the materials.

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102 d. Any non-compliant literature must be immediately removed as ordered at the discretion of the
103 presiding officer or their designee.
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105 e. Removal of literature following the meeting is the responsibility of the source(s). All
106 literature, materials, and signs must be stricken within thirty (30) minutes of the close of the
107 meeting and removed from the premises. The Republican Party of Minnesota Executive
108 Committee may recover reasonable cleaning costs from the campaign, person, or entity that
109 incurs facility cleaning fees.
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8. Voting

- 111 a. A Sergeant at Arms may be assigned to the chief teller during the voting process if needed.
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113 b. Except as provided herein, the vote on all matters shall be (i) by majority vote (which excludes
114 abstentions, blanks, or not voting) and (ii) via voice vote or by raising voting cards at the discretion
115 of the presiding officer.
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117 c. Any call for division shall require a total of at least seven (7) delegates from at least two (2)
118 different congressional districts.
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120 d. There shall be no voting by unit rule.
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122 e. No person shall cast more than one vote on any matter.
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124 f. No motion, other than adjournment, may be conducted without an affirmative vote of at least
125 twenty-five percent (25 %) of the delegates and seated alternates as determined by the latest
126 adopted report of the Credentials Committee.
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9. Amendment or Suspension

129 After adoption of these rules, they may be suspended or amended only by a two-thirds affirmative
130 vote (which excludes abstentions, blanks, or not voting).
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10. Committee Reports

133 No second shall be required to a motion to adopt the majority report of any committee. A minority
134 report of any committee may be presented if signed by at least two (2) of the committee members,
135 unless otherwise specified by the Constitution or Bylaws.
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11. Gubernatorial Straw Poll

- 138 a. A preference (straw) poll for Governor of Minnesota, will be conducted by voluntary paper
139 ballot which must include options for “none of the above” and “write-in candidates”.
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141 b. Each declared candidate for Governor of Minnesota will be entitled to have their name appear on
142 the ballot and will be permitted to speak for a period of up to five (5) minutes.
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144 c. Named candidates will appear on the ballot alphabetically by last name.
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145 d. The poll results will not represent endorsement by the State Central Committee or any unit of the
Republican Party of Minnesota.