

**FINAL**



**STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Medina Entertainment Center  
500 Hwy 55, Medina, MN 55340  
Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 9:30am**

- 10:10 Call to Order
- 10:10 Invocation led by Senator Michael Holmstrom
- 10:12 Pledge led by Darrin Rosha
- 10:13 Waiving of the reading of the meeting call
- 10:13 Moment of silence for Charlie Kirk
- 10:14 Congressman Tom Emmer addresses the delegation
- 10:21 Appointment of Committee Meeting Officials**
- Representative Danny Nadeau, Chair  
Mrs. Lucy Johnson, Parliamentarian  
Mary Amlaw and Natalie Barns, Head Tellers  
Mark Swanson, Rules Committee Chair  
Patricia Williamson and Jay Raymond, Credentials Co-Chairs  
Tim Herstadt, Chief Sgt At Arms  
Brian Wermerskirchen, Chair of Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- 10:22 Chairman Nadeau welcomes the delegation
- 10:25 PI - Wendal Wahl, CD7/Pennington County, Questioned why the Compliance Committee report is not in the agenda and what is to be done on the currently complaints.
- 10:26 RPM Chairman reports that there was a review of the dispute resolution process presented to the SEC and it was determined and voted that it wasn't ready to be brought to the SCC. He also states complaints would

still be reviewed and the compliance committee has the authority to adjudicate them.

**10:27 First Preliminary Credentials Report – By Patricia Williams**

CD1 - 45 Allotted - 28 Delegates registered & seated with 22 Alternates  
CD2 - 42 Allotted - 27 Delegates registered & seated with 16 Alternates  
CD3 - 35 Allotted - 26 Delegates registered & seated with 21 Alternates  
CD4 - 26 Allotted - 14 Delegates registered & seated with 13 Alternates  
CD5 - 16 Allotted - 11 Delegates registered & seated with 7 Alternates  
CD6 - 53 Allotted - 40 Delegates registered & seated with 26 Alternates  
CD7 - 56 Allotted - 36 Delegates registered & seated with 36 Alternates  
CD8 - 51 Allotted - 30 Delegates registered & seated with 32 Alternates  
Affiliates - 19 Allotted - 13 Delegates registered & seated with 1 Alternate  
Elected/ Proxy – 6 Allotted – 2 proxy registered

10:32 Quorum established

10:33 PI, Rodney Johnson, CD7 – asks if a quorum is present and the Chair confirms the quorum has been established.

**10:39 Rules Committee Report - Mark Swanson, Rules Committee Chair**

Rules Committee met in the morning to adopt changes to the rules that makes it part of the Rules Committee Report and does not require a second.

Changes to the Rules:

Addition of item c. to Rule 2. General Decorum

**c. The congressional district chair shall be the head of the delegation from that congressional district. If a congressional district chair is not present, the seated delegates from that congressional district shall elect from the seated delegates a head of that delegation for this committee meeting.**

Addition in item c. to Rule 5. Registration and Seating of Delegates and Alternates

c. Alternates will be allowed access to the delegation seating area by possessing voting cards distributed by the **head of each CD delegation.**

Addition in Rule 3. Order of Business

**A motion to adjourn the meeting from the floor is out of order.**

10:42 Motion to move Rules 1 thru 5 as presented. (second)  
Passes by voice vote.

10:42 Rules Committee Chair moves to approve the remainder of the rules.  
(second)

10:43 Discussion

10:44 Motion Passes with voice vote to approve the remainder of the rules

10:44 **Rules Committee moves to approve the Proposed Agenda**

10:44 Discussion

10:44 Vicky Earnst, CD6 - Motion to amend the agenda to add Party Data  
Access discussion item between agenda item 8 and 9, (second)

10:45 Discussion

10:45 Richard R., CD3, friendly motion to amend the motion to move the  
discussion at the end of the Agenda after the reports (second)

10:46 Frank Long, CD6 speaks in favor of the motion

10:46 Chair Nadeau states without objection this item has been moved to Other  
Business.

10:47 Vicky Earnst objects to this move

10:49 Vote on the motion to move Party Data Access discussion to other  
business.  
Passed by voice vote

10:49 Frank Long, CD6, Motion to add a US Senate Preference poll at caucus in  
2026. (Second)

10:50 POI –CD7 Delegate states he does not have voting cards.  
Chair states delegates are on the floor will receive their voting card from  
their head of delegation. Right now we are doing voice votes so the only  
people on the floor should be delegates.

10:50 Robby, CD3 – expresses concerns that ballots have already been printed.

10:51 Arron Br. SD13 – states current issue is out of order.

- 10:51 PI - Carol Hexum CD7. Asks if the Candidate for Royce White allowed to speak today  
Chair affirmed.
- 10:53 Vote on the amendment to add the US Senate Straw Poll to the Caucus Agenda  
Motion passes by voice vote.
- 10:53 Dan Willet, CD8, Motion to move #11 Gubernatorial Candidate Speeches after officer's report #13. (second)
- 10:54 Dan Willet. CD8 – speaks in favor of the motion to get the business of the meeting first.
- 10:54 Rules Committee chair speaks against the motion This was discussed in the rules committee and understood to the the
- 10:55 PI - Brian, Rice County, asked to clarify the motion.
- 10:56 Vote of the Motion to move #11 Gubernatorial Candidate Speeches after officer's report #13.  
Motion passes by voice vote.
- 10:56 PI, Phill M. - CD1, Asked when the head of the CD delegation would be selected.  
Chair responds that it's timely and needs to be immediately as it is needed to seat alternates.
- 10:58 Delegate from CD7 – Motion to add to the Agenda to discussion about the CD7 Chair (Second)
- 10:59 Discuss
- 10:59 Curits R., CD7 – opposed because it is out of order and not germane to this meeting
- 10:59 Doug Kern, CD8, in favor since he wants to see if how the business was done in compliance with the rules.
- 10:59 Frank Long, CD6 – against, not germane to the meeting. It is CD7 business not SCC business.
- 11:00 Sara Dutton, CD2 – in favor, if we don't allow for such discussion because we have a duty to allow both sides to be heard.
- 11:00 Vote on the Motion

Motion fails by voice vote.

- 11:00 POI - Andy Aplikowski, CD8 – reminded the delegation we are running out of time.
- 11:01 PI - Sara V., CD7 asked if Article 2 section 3 states 25% of the delegation needed to call a meeting. Do we have that number?
- 11:02 Chair Nadeau stated to talk to the Parliamentarian.
- 11:2 Will Wagoner, SD41 –Motion to strike officers all officers reports accept Chairman and Treasure (Second)
- 11:03 Rich R. CD6 – if it is true we must have these reports
- 11:03 PI Wendy Wahl – will there be written reports?  
Chair states Officers can provide written reports.
- 11:04 Will Waggoner – withdrawn of motion
- 11:05 Larry Duce - Motion to strike the Governor candidate speeches and just go to a straw poll.  
Chair ruled the motion is out of order since we have already adopted the rules.
- 11:06 Mark Swansen, MOR Vets, moves previous question to adopt the agenda.
- 11:06 Vote to adopt the agenda  
Passes unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:07 **Final Credentials Report – Patty Williamson**  
Patty will send me a PDF of final report

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341 Total Delegates registered and seated.

- 11:12 Chair motions to adopt the final Credentials Report (second)  
Passes by voice vote.
- 11:13 Senator Julia Coleman gives update from MN Senate Republican Caucus.
- 11:18 Representative Harry Niska addresses the delegation for the MN House Republican Caucus.
- 11:25 **Certification of Affiliates**  
Chairman's Ad Hock Affiliate Committee Report by RPM Deputy Chair Donna Bergstrom.
- Committee members include RPM Deputy Chair Donna Bergstrom, RPM Secretary Joy Orvis, Jenna Dicks, Alec Beck. The 10 affiliate groups that submitted the required information and documentation to continue their affiliation with the Republican Party of Minnesota that include:
- Minnesota Federation of Republican Women
  - Log Cabin Republicans
  - Young Republicans
  - College Republicans
  - American Native Republicans
  - Hispanic Republican Assembly
  - Asian American Republicans
  - Republican Liberty Caucus
  - MOR Vets
  - Republican Seniors
- 11:26 RPM Deputy Chair Donna Bergstrom motion to affirm certification of the 10 affiliates groups for the Republican Party of Minnesota. (second)  
Motion passes by voice vote.
- 11:27 **Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report**  
By Chair Brian Wermerskirchen
- Reports the committee is a 2-year commitment that starts with Bylaws in the first year and both Bylaws and Constitution the second year.  
Committee members include Chairman Brian Wermerskirchen, Matt Benda, Dean Wasabi, Tony Malon, Jackson Harvey, Vince Riehm, Josh Kullberg, Alec Beck, Greg Stresick, Vince Beaudette, Bobby Benson, Steven Knudtson, Nathan Miller, Andy Aplikowski, Forest Hyatt.
- 11:27 Change #1 – Article 2  
Moved items A, B, C from Section 4 to Section 3 as they pertained to special meetings.

- A. The Party has ten (10) days to validate and acknowledge the petition to the full State Central Committee. The Party has forty (40) days to hold the meeting after receipt of the valid petition.
- B. For the purpose of calling a State Central meeting only, any Party Officer can accept the list serve agreement and provide a State Central Committee Delegate a copy of the Delegate List.
- C. If the State Central Committee meeting is called by a percentage of the delegation, the call must include the list of Delegates requesting the meeting containing first name, last name, and their Congressional District.

11:28 Change #2 – Article 4  
Under section 7 we added section C.

- C. After the even-year general election and until the end of the Chair’s current term or, if earlier, their reelection, either the Financial Controls committee or State Executive Committee must approve any expenditures, contracts, and changes in property of the Party. Only the Treasurer may write checks, authorize spending, or transfer money during this period.(c)

11:29 Article 4 Section 9  
Amend to delete and add language to remove the lame duck period and potential for issues during the transition of RPM leadership.

Section 9. ~~The An election for 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.~~ must take place after the General Election and on or before December 31st in each even year. The terms for these officers shall begin immediately upon the adjournment of the state central committee meeting in which they were elected. (d)

11:30 Change #3 to add Article 9  
This allows the Party to define the Party’s rules.

ARTICLE IX – Party Rules

These Bylaws will at all times constitute the entirety of the Party’s “rules” for all purposes of Minnesota Election Law, including but not limited to Minn. Stat. §200.02, subd. 7.(f)

11:31 Brian Wermerskirchen - motion to approve the changes to the Bylaws as indicated in the Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report (no second is needed)

11:31 Discuss of motion.

- 11:31 Doug Kern, CD8, moves to approve the report as is.  
Chair responds the motion has already been made.
- 11:32 Andy Aplikowski, CD8 – in favor of motion.
- 11:33 Dave Pascoe, RPM Treasurer – Motion to amend the bylaws to strike  
“Financial Controls Committee” out of Article 4 section 7. (second)
- 11:34 Chair rules out of order as any changes to these changes can only be  
changed in the Bylaws Committee and not by SCC delegation.
- 11:33 Dave Pascoe removes his motion.
- 11:35 Vote of the motion to approve Bylaws and Constitution Committee Report.  
Passes unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:36 **Officers Reports**
- 11:36 Report from the RPM Chairman Alex Plachash
- 11:42 Report from the RPM Deputy Chair Report Donna Bergstrom
- 11:46 Report from the RPM Secretary Joy Orvis
- 11:42 Report from the RPM Treasurer David Pascoe
- 12:02 Recognition of Minnesota Legislature
- 12:04 Report from the RNC National Committeewoman Emily Novotny Chance
- 12:08 Report from the RNC National Committeeman AK Kamara
- 12:10 Chair Nadeau addresses the delegation
- 12:12 Point of Personal Privilege - Delegate asks every speaker to state if they  
are willing to abide by the endorsement.  
Chair will advise every candidate to have 5 minutes to say what they want.
- 12:20 Gubernatorial Candidates Speeches Followed by Governor Preference  
Poll. Each candidates receives 5 minutes to address the delegation that  
was done in the following order.
- Brad Kohler (did not speak)  
Patrick Knight  
Lisa Demuth  
Phil Parrish

Kendal Qualls  
Scott Jensen  
Chris Madel  
Kristin Robbins  
Jeff Jonson  
Mike Lindell

- 1:05 Chair calls all tellers to the back corner and calls all CD Chairs, CD Designee, and proxies to collect their ballots.
- 1:07 PI – Kristina Pierson, CD5, asks to see Patrick Knights Video. Chair rules not to play the video since he used all 5 minutes for his speech.
- 1:08 PI - Vicki Earnst, Carver County – asks when the ballots for Governor Poll will be counted  
Chair replies they will move to a couple more speeches and then will get to the results of the poll.
- 1:09 Eric Barcaskey CD2– motion to allow individual delegates vote up to 3 candidates vs just one on the Governor Preference Poll. (Second)
- 1:10 Discussion
- 1:12 POI – Mark Swanson, Rules Committee Chair states the instructions on the ballot that they are to vote for just one candidate. States this would change the printed ballot.
- 1:12 David Meyer, CD2 – against the motion since it would take too long to count
- 1:14 Mickey Murry CD5- favor of the motion
- 1:14 Andy Aplikowski. CD8 – against, we are not the Dem Party we just vote for one candidate.
- 1:15 Kathleen Hagen CD2 – against, adds complexity that causes confusion
- 1:15 Roger Kittlestad CD1 calls the question of the motion  
passes with voice vote
- 1:15 Vote on the motion to allow individual delegates vote up to 3 candidates vs just one on the Governor Preference Poll  
Fails by voice vote

## Other Declared Candidate Speeches

- 1:25 Ron Shutz - MN Attorney General Candidate
- 1:28 Tad Jude – MN Secretary of State Candidate
- 1:32 Nate George - MN State Auditor Candidate
- 1:35 Royce White – US Senate Candidate
- 1:40 Alicia Gruenhagen – US Senate Candidate
- 1:43 PI – Nathan Miller, CD7 – asks when the Rules were passed.  
Parliamentarian states 10:44am.
- 1:43 Adam Schwarze – US Senate Candidate
- 1:47 Tom Weiler – US Senate Candidate
- 1:50 Chair Nadeau addresses the delegation
- 1:51 PI - Mary Kay Moody SD13, If someone walks in at 12:08pm are they able to get a voting card.  
Chair Nadeau states when credentials were closed they should not get a voting card.
- 1:52 PI - Patty William, Credentials Chair, asked when the Final Credentials report passes 11:12am
- 1:53 Jerry Ewing, CD2 – motion state party reaffirm and promote as standard practice the simple resolutions and platform process created by the 2016 State Platform Rewrite Committee that would eliminate the long unnecessary and very divisive platform fight at the convention, replacing it with a short and unifying process. (second)
- 1:54 Discussion
- 1:54 Jerry Ewing, CD2 speaks for the motion.
- 1:55 POO Andy Aplikowski, CD8 - states this motion is out of order.  
Chair did not rule it out of order, but looks to action to move this motion to another time or body.
- 1:56 Frank Long - Motion to table this motion (second)  
Motion passes by voice vote

- 1:57 Vicki Ernst, CD6 - Motion that the Republican Party of Minnesota, including its Congressional District organizations and local Basic Political Organizing Units (BPOUs), shall provide party data access exclusively to candidates in partisan races who have formally pledged to honor and abide by the Party's endorsement. (second)
- 1:58 PI – Unknown Delegate asks if the motion is for the period of time up to the primary and not after the primary?  
Chair states that is his assumption.
- 1:59 Joe Ditto, CD2 – support of motion
- 2:00 Kevin Sheppard, CD6 – apposes motion
- 2:01 Andy Aplikowski, CD8 – support of motion
- 2:01 PI - Dan K, CD4, asks if this exclude non-partisan races?  
Chair confirms that the motion does not apply to non-partisan races.
- 2:01 Jennifer DeJournett. SD37 – support of motion
- 2:02 Frank Long, CD6 call the question  
Passes by voice vote
- 2:03 Motion passes by voice vote
- 2:03 Results of Gubernatorial Preference Poll Vote
- Kendal Qualls with 93 votes  
Lisa Demuth with 90 votes  
Mike Lindell with 49 votes  
Chris Madel with 41 votes  
Phil Parrish with 19 votes  
Kristin Robbins with 13 votes  
Undecided and Scott Jensen tied with 8 votes  
Patrick Night with 7 votes  
Jeff Johnson with 4 votes  
Brad Kohler with 1 votes  
2 abstain votes
- 2:04 Motion to adjourn - Fred Hage, CD8 (second)
- 2:04 PI - Frank Long, questions if his motion will be heard that was added to Other Business.  
Chair responds that we are out of time and a motion adjourn has been called.

2:05

Motion to adjourn passes by voice vote.