



CD 1 MNGOP Convention Rules April 11, 2026

DEFINITIONS

BPOU: Basic Political Organizational Unit. In these rules, BPOU also refers to official Republican Party of Minnesota statewide affiliates duly entitled to have representation at this Convention.

Delegate: Duly elected delegates from the 2026 BPOU Conventions lying within the Minnesota First Congressional District.

Alternate: Duly elected alternates from the 2026 BPOU Conventions lying within the Minnesota First Congressional District, with no voting or speaking privileges unless seated in accordance with these rules.

Section 1: GENERAL

1. The order of business of this Convention shall be as listed in the official agenda of the Convention. The sequence of events may be changed at the discretion of the Convention Chair, hereafter referred to as the Chair.

2. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (12th edition)*, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Constitution of the First Congressional District, the Statutes of the State of Minnesota, the Official Call of the Convention, and the Rules adopted by this Convention.

3. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the delegates registered at the Convention as given in the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee and shall be superseded by a majority of the delegates and seated alternates as given in the final or most recent report of the Credentials Committee. Once a quorum number has been established, it shall remain until adjournment of the Convention.

4. These rules, once adopted, shall not be amended nor suspended except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention.

5. Mobile devices shall be turned off or set to silent mode.

6. Any items or person determined by the Chair

to be a disruption may be removed from the Convention.

7. Conversation impertinent to Convention business will be engaged off the Convention floor. Attendees shall not disrupt order and decorum and, at the discretion of the Chair, may be removed for interruptions that are determined out of order or not germane to the agenda.

8. Handouts may be distributed at the Convention, but must contain the name of the organization and the physical address of the organization or the name of the individual and physical address and/or PO Box of the individual paying for said material. The exception to this rule is for a federal candidate's campaign registered with the FEC, when it does not require by law a physical address on campaign material. The Sergeant-at-Arms will confiscate any material not having such disclaimer. Campaign signs and other materials cannot be placed behind or immediately in front of or beside the Convention podium and Convention Officials' tables.

9. The Convention is a private gathering. All representatives of any form of media must register (free of charge) and be properly credentialed by the Credentials Committee. The media includes anyone who is recording or live streaming all or parts of the Convention by any means. Only mainstream established media, official Republican Party officers, staff and candidate committees will be allowed. So

called "trackers", the Democratic Party, other party units and its affiliates, and pseudo party "recorders", etc. will not be credentialed or allowed.

10. Only delegates and seated alternates registered and present at this Convention, and others authorized by these rules or the Chair, shall be permitted on the Convention floor. The Credentials Committee may issue a non-voting floor pass for accommodating ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance to a person assisting a delegate or seated alternate.

11. A motion to adjourn or recess the Convention shall be debatable until all items on the agenda have been considered on the Convention floor.

Section 2: SEATING OF DELEGATES, ALTERNATES and AFFILIATES

12. The permanent roll of the Convention shall be constituted as follows:

- a. The delegates who are registered and credentialed.
- b. If any delegate to this Convention is absent, then an alternate shall be seated in his/her stead.
- c. If no delegates or alternates from a BPOU are present, that BPOU shall have no representation.
- d. When a registered delegate returns to the floor of the Convention, they shall be immediately seated.
- e. The order of seating of alternates shall be as follows:
 - (1) In the order specified or ranked by the BPOU.
 - (2) If the alternate vote count from the BPOU convention is available, alternates shall be seated in order of the votes received.
 - (3) If no system of seating has been designated, the vacancy shall be filled by drawing lots within that BPOU.
 - (4) If no delegates are present and seated, the Credentials Committee Chair shall fill the vacancy with alternates from that BPOU.

13. There shall be no cross-seating between BPOUs.

14. The voting strength of the Convention shall be:

- a. The delegates and seated alternates from each BPOU
- b. One (1) credentialed representative of each affiliate organization allowed by the Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution Article XIV Section 3 that are present on the Convention floor or assisting with official Convention business.

15. Any delegate, alternate or affiliate must be registered with the Credentials Committee by 11:00 am on the day of the Convention, April 11, 2026, which is when registration closes per the Convention Call.

Section 3: SPEAKING

16. A delegate or seated alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Chair by using a microphone, be recognized by the Chair, state their name, BPOU, and the purpose for which they rise.

17. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to one (1) minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same subject. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time until all those desiring to speak have had a first opportunity to do so. Total debate on any motion or subject is limited to six (6) minutes, including up to three (3) minutes pro and three (3) minutes con in alternating order.

18. Any question before the Convention that is divisible into separate questions shall be so divided when requested by any delegate or seated alternate and supported by at least fifteen (15) delegates or seated alternates, or at the discretion of the Chair when he/she deems it will advance the flow of Convention business.

19. Movement of the previous question shall not be in order until at least one (1) pro and con speaker, if any, have been heard. The same right of debate shall be allowed whenever a motion to lay on the table has been made on any proposition on which there has been no debate.

20. The Arrangements Committee shall appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussion, debate and speeches during the Convention.

21. The Chair at any time may invite any office holder, candidate or distinguished guest to address the Convention for a period up to five (5) minutes. At the discretion of the Chair, state and federal office holders may be exempted from this time limitation.

22. No speaker shall advocate on behalf of any candidate being voted on by the Convention, except during the times provided herein by rule 23.

23. Nominating, seconding, and candidate speeches shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes total for congressional endorsement election. A candidate or their representative may yield part or all of their time to a non-delegate for these speeches.

Section 4: VOTING

24. There shall be no voting under the unit rule or by proxy at this Convention.

25. The vote on all questions shall be by voice, rising or “show of hands” at the discretion of the Chair.

26. A counted division of the house vote may be taken at the discretion of the Chair, and shall be taken if requested by at least fifteen (15) delegates or seated alternates.

27. A roll call vote by BPOU shall be taken if requested by at least five (5) BPOUs.

28. During all elections, the following shall apply:

a. If the position(s) is uncontested, voting may be by voice vote. If the position is contested, voting shall be by secret ballot only.

b. The tellers will distribute the correct number of ballots to each BPOU based on the current report of the Credentials Committee.

c. After ballots have been cast, the Chair and/or designee of each BPOU shall, without opening or tallying ballots, collect ballots from the delegates and seated alternates of their BPOU, verify

that the correct number of ballots has been collected, and deposit them with a teller.

d. If there is a dispute as to the number of votes cast by a BPOU, before commingling of ballots, the election judge and tellers shall decide the dispute and, if necessary, shall canvass the vote of the BPOU by a separate written ballot, which shall then be used in place of the original ballots.

e. Only tellers shall open and tally ballots. After the tellers have all ballot envelopes, they shall verify the number of ballots before commingling them, and then tally the votes. Voter intent will be used when tallying the ballots.

f. Blank ballots will not be counted toward the total number of votes needed to win the election. Ballots marked “No” or “None” or with any candidate’s name will be counted.

g. Each candidate for the office or position(s) being considered is allowed one (1) representative to observe the vote counting process.

29. If there is a dispute as to the vote of any BPOU, the Chair shall appoint a judge and two (2) tellers to canvass the vote of said BPOU and the judge shall report the same to the Convention.

Section 5: Constitution

30. Changes to the Constitution will not be considered pursuant to Article VII, Section 2 of the CD 1 Constitution.

Section 6: Endorsement Procedure

31. The procedure for endorsement is as follows: (*note: see State Party Constitution, Article V, Section 3 for further mandatory procedures for endorsements*)

a. Those who wish to be nominated for endorsement must file with the Nominations Committee and complete the actions required by the Rules of the

Convention and the Nominations Committee.

- b. To consider endorsement, a motion to endorse for First District Congress must be adopted by a majority vote of the Convention.
- c. To be nominated, candidates for congressional endorsement must meet all legal requirements and submit Candidate Nomination Petition(s) to the Nominations Committee containing the names and BPOU of a minimum of fifty (50) Convention delegates before Tuesday, April 7, 2026. These petition(s) must be submitted electronically prior to the Convention. The process for submitting a petition shall be explained on the online form. The Nominations Committee Chair shall then report to the Convention those candidates who have met the petition and legal requirements to be nominated.
- d. A candidate is considered to be nominated after submitting the proper Candidate Nomination Petition(s) and no further nominating or seconding motions are required. There will be no nominations from the floor.
- e. If there is only one (1) candidate, the Convention may decide by a two-thirds rising vote to endorse a candidate for Congress. *The convention or committee may decide by a two-thirds (2/3) vote to endorse by a rising vote for any office for which there is only one (1) candidate. (Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution, Article V, Section 3 A1)*
- f. Each nominated candidate will have up to fifteen (15) minutes for candidate speeches, nominating and seconding speeches, demonstrations and videos. Non-delegates are allowed to speak for candidates. The order of candidate presentations shall be determined by the drawing of lots.
- g. Each nominated candidate may have up to five (5) floor passes for campaign workers who are not delegates or seated alternates plus an additional floor pass if the candidate is not a delegate or seated

alternate. Campaign workers must wear a numbered and campaign specific floor pass to identify their campaign. A member of the campaign must register with the Credentials Committee to obtain floor passes.

- h. Endorsement of a candidate shall require 60% of the valid ballots cast provided the 60% vote is greater than or equal to at least a majority of the delegates and seated alternates as established by the last report of the Credentials Committee preceding such vote.

Votes may be cast for any person who by law is eligible for election to the office under consideration and who is eligible under this constitution to seek the endorsement, even though he/she has not been nominated or has withdrawn from nomination. Ballots may also be cast stating 'no preference' or 'undecided', or indicating no endorsement. Blank ballots or abstentions, unintelligible ballots, ballots marked only '✓' or 'X', or ballots cast for an ineligible person or a fictional character shall not be included in determining the 60% vote needed for endorsement. No pre-printed ballot shall be allowed unless options for 'no preference', 'undecided' and 'no endorsement' are included. (Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution, Article V, Section 3, A3)

- i. If paper ballots are being used, each campaign is allowed to have two (2) observers present in the teller room while ballots are being counted.
- j. A motion for no endorsement shall not be in order until after the third ballot, except that on any ballot round a no endorsement motion shall be considered adopted if a majority of the valid ballots are cast for "no", "none", or "no endorsement". *A motion of no endorsement may be adopted by a majority vote. The rules of a convention may limit how often or when such a motion may be made. However, on any round of voting for endorsement, a motion of no endorsement shall be considered adopted if a majority of the ballots (excluding blanks) or a majority*

of the votes on a voice vote (excluding abstentions) is for 'no', 'none' or 'no endorsement'. (Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution Article V, Section 3 A3)

- k.** Any candidate failing to receive 15% of the vote on the first ballot, 25% of the vote on second ballot, 35% of the vote on the third ballot and 40% of the vote on any ballot thereafter shall be dropped and considered withdrawn from nomination. After the second ballot and every second ballot thereafter, the Chair may allow each remaining candidate up to three (3) minutes to address the Convention in an order determined by drawing of lots.

32. All candidates for Congress must file with the Nominations Committee by 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

Section 8: Resolutions

33. No resolution shall be considered on the floor of the Convention unless reported to the Convention by a majority of the Resolutions Committee or a minority report signed by at least three (3) members of the Committee and designated a minority report.

34. Resolutions passed at BPOU Conventions must be submitted to the CD 1 Resolutions Committee no later than Sunday, March 29, 2026.

35. Resolutions will require a simple majority vote to pass on the floor.

36. The Resolutions Committee may designate certain resolutions for a written ballot

- a.** The ballot will contain a choice for each resolution to vote "Yes" (in favor), "No" (against), or "Debate" (desiring a floor debate and separate vote of the Convention).
- b.** Each resolution that passes or fails by at least 60% of those voting on that resolution will not be discussed on the Convention floor and deemed passed or

failed as the case may be.

- c.** Each resolution voted on that does not pass or fail by 60% of those voting on that resolution or at least 40% voting for further debate, then in either of these events, the resolution will be brought to the Convention floor for discussion and will require a simple majority vote to pass.

37. Debate on any resolution shall follow what is written in rule 17.

- END RULES -