

2026 Meeker County Republican Convention Rules
Proposed Rules

1. General

1. The order of business of this convention shall be as listed in the official agenda of the convention, subject to the discretion of the presiding Chair.
2. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (recent edition), shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Constitution of the Republican Party of Meeker County, the Republican Party of Minnesota, the statutes of the State of Minnesota, or the Rules adopted by this Convention.
3. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the duly elected delegates registered for the convention as given in the final report of the Credentials Committee. Once a quorum has been established, there shall be no further question as to the quorum.
4. Once adopted, these rules shall not be amended or suspended except by a two-thirds vote of the convention.
5. This convention is being held on private property. Any campaign found to have damaged the convention site with their collateral, such as signs hung on the walls, shall be responsible for the cost to repair said damage.
6. All campaign and/or advocacy literature present at the convention shall have a clear disclaimer indicating who paid for or sponsored the literature. Any literature without such disclosure shall be removed from the hall by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

- 2. Seating of Delegates and Alternates** - the seating of delegates and alternates is proscribed in the Meeker County Republican Constitution of 2023, Article VII, Sections 3-5.

Article VII: Conventions

Section 3. *The BPOU Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternates elected at the Republican Party Precinct Caucus within Meeker County. The ratio to allocate delegates shall be uniform throughout the BPOU. The credentials committee shall seat all duly elected and registered delegates of each precinct who are present.*

Section 4. *Vacancies in the precinct delegations shall be filled by the alternates in the order in which they were ranked by the Precinct Caucus. If alternates are not ranked, then vacancies will be filled by vote of the seated delegates. If a tie vote arises, the delegates shall appoint, by coin toss, one of the alternates who participated in the tie. The alternate so elected may subsequently vote in the election to fill the next vacancy. If a precinct has any vacancies that can't be filled by an alternate from the same precinct, the vacancy will remain.*

Section 5. *If a delegate should arrive late, the delegate shall assume the seat of the lowest ranked or most recently seated alternate. A delegate may be seated at any time.*

7. Voting strength
 - a) The voting strength of each precinct shall be the number of delegates and seated alternates present on the floor.
 - b) No delegate or alternate shall be permitted to register with the Credentials Committee after the final report of that committee is adopted.

3. Speaking

8. A delegate or seated alternate who wishes to speak shall rise, address the Chair, state his/her name and precinct, and the purpose for which he/she rises.
9. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to 90 seconds by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time on the same motion or subject.
10. Debate will continue for up to three in favor and three against the motion or subject before Calling the Question is in Order.
11. The Convention Chair shall appoint a Timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussion, debate and speeches during the Convention.

4. Voting

12. There shall be no voting under the unit rule at this Convention.
13. Only delegates and seated alternates registered and present at this Convention shall be permitted to vote.
14. The vote on all questions shall be by acclamation subject to the following restrictions:
 - a) A rising vote shall be taken if requested by any two delegates from different precincts, or at the discretion of the Chair.
 - b) Voting for delegates and alternates shall be by secret ballot for all contested elections.
15. No second shall be required to adopt the majority report of any committee. A minority report of any committee may be offered for substitution for the majority report if signed by two committee members.

5. Election of Congressional District and State Delegates

16. Nominations for Delegates to the Congressional District and State Conventions shall be those reported out by the Nominations Committee. Nominations may be taken from the floor only if the Committee reports less the allotment for delegates.
17. If the Nominations Committee report contains equal or less than the allotment for delegates and equal or less than the allotment for alternates, then a voice vote on the allotment is in order.
18. Delegates to the Congressional District and State conventions may be voted for on separate ballots.
19. Nominees may be given up to one minute to address the convention if an election is required.
20. The top vote getters up to the number of allotted delegates will be elected as Delegates to the Congressional District and State conventions. Candidates not elected as Delegates will be elected as Alternates, ranked according to the number of votes received, up to double the number of allotted delegates.
21. A tie may be broken by coin flip or other random method.
22. A ballot for Delegates to Congressional District or State containing more votes than the number of allotted delegates will be considered spoiled.

6. Resolutions

23. The Resolutions Committee shall present proposed amendments to the Republican Party of Minnesota Platform, as passed at the precinct caucuses on February 3, 2026, to the convention for consideration. No new Resolutions will be taken from the floor.
24. The convention may choose to vote on the Resolutions Committee report as a block or by individual Resolution.
25. Amendments to the Resolutions as presented by the Committee shall not be in order.