

# Proposed Convention Rules

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## I. General

This Convention shall be governed by the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Constitution of the Carver County Republican Committee, the Statutes of the State of Minnesota, the Official Call of this Convention, the Rules adopted by this Convention, and any points not covered thereby shall be governed by “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.”

## II. Seating

1. The Delegates to the Convention shall be seated and constituted as follows:
  - a. The Credentials Committee shall seat duly accredited Delegates of each precinct as they arrive.
  - b. Each of the precincts shall caucus in their place on the Convention floor after acceptance of the first report of the Credentials Committee to seat the Alternates, which shall be accomplished as follows:
    - i. The Alternates shall be seated by descending vote total (ranking) to fill the vacant Delegate slots up to the number of the full allocation for that precinct.
    - ii. If the precinct caucus did not specify the Alternates by rank, the method of seating of Alternates to fill the delegation for that precinct is to have the seated Delegates vote by ballot on which Alternates will be seated. Ties will be resolved by a coin toss.
    - iii. If no Delegates are present from a precinct the Credentials Committee shall seat all accredited Alternates from the precinct after the first credentials report in order of their Rank.
  - c. If a registered Delegate arrives later, the Delegate shall replace the lowest-ranked seated Alternate. Registered Alternates who arrive later shall be seated by descending vote total (ranking), if such ranking exists, and lower-ranked Alternates will be replaced by higher-ranked Alternates, if necessary.
  - d. If questions arise concerning the seating of Delegates or filling of vacancies the questions may be referred to the Credentials Committee for decision. Decisions of the Credentials Committee may appeal to the Convention Chair and/or to the Convention.
  - e. If at the time, of the Convention a Delegate or Alternate does not reside within the precinct from which they were elected and/or were elected by a precinct in which they did not reside and/or has resigned from their Delegate/Alternate position, then they are not eligible and therefore cannot be seated. A vacancy shall be deemed to exist for this Delegate or Alternate.
2. The agenda and order of business for the Convention are hereby made an integral part of these Rules.
3. A quorum shall be declared after each Credentials Committee Report and shall not be questioned thereafter.

## III. Speaking

1. Each speaker must identify themselves and their precinct before speaking. Only seated delegates and alternates are allowed to speak to the business of the convention.

2. Debate upon any motion or subject shall be limited to one (1) minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time upon the same question until all others wishing to be recognized have been heard and no person shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same question. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to ten (10) minutes with five speakers for the Motion and five opposing the Motion. Speakers will alternate speaking on the opposing sides of the issue. Participation in debate is limited to Delegates and seated Alternates. The Chair at his discretion may extend discussion on the current question for an additional five minutes. Also, a motion will always be in order to extend the debate on the current question for another five minutes, which motion will require only a majority vote for approval.
3. A motion to “move or call the question” or “table” the Question shall be out of order on any subject until two people on each side of the issue have had the opportunity to speak, unless the necessary speaker(s) cannot be found. “Calling the Question” is not a Motion, but the Chair of the Convention may accept it without calling for a vote if there is no objection from the Assembly.
4. A motion to Move or Table the Question shall require a two-thirds vote of the Delegates present and voting to be approved. The vote upon all questions shall be by voice; however, the Chair may take a rising vote count at their discretion.
5. The Chair may interrupt the order of business to introduce and permit a brief address to the Convention by honored Republican guests. Such addresses shall be on a limited time basis as follows:
  - a. Seven minutes each for Congressional Candidate;
  - b. Five minutes each for Candidates for State-wide office; and
  - c. Three (3) minutes each for all others.
6. These rules shall not be amended or suspended, once adopted, except by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting.

## **IV Voting**

1. Only Delegates and seated Alternates, registered and present on the floor of this Convention, and in possession of a Voting Card, shall be permitted to vote.
2. There shall be no voting by proxy or unit rule.
3. A secret (paper) ballot shall be used for all contested elections. All ballots will be supplied by the Tellers.
4. The vote on all other questions shall be by voice.
5. The Chair shall take a rising vote if Division is called for by five (5) Delegates, immediately following the announcement of the results of the vote, or at his discretion.
6. The Chair, or designee, of each precinct shall receive the blank ballots from the Tellers, verify that the Teller has given him the right number of ballots, distribute them to his Delegates and seated Alternates for voting, collect the ballots when they are completed, verify the number of the ballots again, and return them to the Tellers. The precinct Chair, or designee, shall not open the ballots and he shall also not count the ballots for his precincts except to ensure that the correct number of blank ballots was received by him and that the same number was returned to the Teller. Only the Tellers shall open the ballots and count the votes.

7. If there is a dispute as to the number of votes cast, the Head Teller shall decide the dispute and, if necessary, shall appoint tellers to canvass the vote of that precinct by separate written ballots, which shall then be the official vote totals for that precinct.

## **V Endorsements**

### **A. General Rules**

1. The Endorsements to be considered at this Convention shall be for House Districts 17B, 48A, and 48B
2. Delegates and seated Alternates from 17B, 48A and 48B shall sub-caucus separately to consider endorsement.
3. Before moving forward with the endorsement procedure in any of the Sub-caucus, it shall first be determined by a majority vote in each sub-caucus whether endorsement should be considered. If this motion is adopted by any of the three Sub-caucuses, then the endorsement process may proceed in that sub-caucus.

### **B. The rules for nomination and endorsement of Legislative candidates shall be as follows:**

1. No person may be nominated for the endorsement for public office unless, prior to the submission of his/her name in nomination, he/she has been reported out as a qualified and eligible candidate by the Nominating Committee.
2. There will be no nominations from the floor.
3. Qualified Legislative candidates shall have seven (7) minutes for nominating and seconding speeches, his/her speech to the Convention, and demonstrations on his/her behalf. After every round of voting each remaining candidate may be granted up to three (3) minutes to address the Convention before the next round of voting begins. The order of speaking shall be reversed each time that the candidates speak. If a candidate withdraws or is eliminated from consideration, he or she may not address the Convention until the endorsement procedure has been completed unless yielded a portion of time granted to a candidate that is still in consideration of endorsement. After the fourth ballot, if there is no endorsement, the Delegates and seated Alternates shall discuss the candidates for 15 minutes without the candidates present.
4. Balloting shall continue until a candidate has been endorsed by receiving at least 60% of the ballots cast.
5. When there are more than two candidates in the running, any candidate failing to receive at least 10% of the vote on the first ballot, 20% of the vote on the second ballot, 30% of the vote on the third ballot, or 30% of the vote on any subsequent ballot, shall cease to be considered a candidate for endorsement.
6. A motion for "no endorsement" shall be in order during the endorsement process after the fifth ballot and every ballot thereafter. Such a motion need not be made by a Delegate or seated Alternate who voted with the majority on the original motion to endorse that office. On any round of voting for endorsement a motion of no endorsement shall be considered adopted if a majority of the ballots (excluding blanks) is for 'no', 'none' or 'no endorsement'."

7. A motion to adjourn or recess will not be in order during the endorsement process. The only business to be conducted during the endorsement process is motions or announcements pertinent to the endorsement process.
8. A person seeking the endorsement for any public office to be considered at this Convention shall not be allowed to speak in any capacity prior to the endorsement procedure for his office. Nothing shall prevent a candidate from participating as a Delegate or seated Alternate to this Convention.
9. The order of candidate speeches shall be determined by Lot.
10. Voting on a candidate for endorsement for an office shall be by secret ballot. In the case of an endorsement vote, if only one candidate is asking for the endorsement, the candidate may be endorsed by acclamation without a secret ballot.
11. If only one candidate is asking for an endorsement and has contacted the BPOU chair to indicate so, he may be endorsed even if not present.
12. Endorsing for an uncontested incumbent in House District 17B and Senate District 17 by the Sub-caucus representing the portion of 17B which is in Carver County, shall be by a separate endorsing convention across SD17, the vote taken from Carver County will be to affirm support for these candidates.
  - a. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall report on the names of all candidates for this endorsement that the Committee has interviewed and found qualified and eligible.
  - b. If anyone is nominated other than the incumbent, there shall be no endorsement vote on this race at the Carver County Convention, and a separate convention will be called to consider endorsing for Representative in House District 17B and Senate District 17.

## **VI Election of State and CD6 Delegates and Alternates**

1. There will be two (2) Alternates allocated for each Delegate; this means the number of allocated Delegates is twice the number of allocated Alternates. The final number of allocated Delegates and Alternates allocated for the State Convention is based on the allocation for each Congressional District. These allocations are based on the Republican votes for President in 2024. Carver County has been allocated 51 Delegates and 102 Alternates to each of the State and CD6 Conventions.
2. All people who wish to be self-nominated as a Delegate or Alternate to the State and/or Congressional District Conventions must do the following:
  - a. Submit their intent to do so by name, either on the pre-registration while registering on the Carver County Website or to the Head Teller station in the registration line on the day of the Convention.
  - b. If done on the day of the Convention, it must be done before the submission deadline 9:30 am for State and CD6 Delegates and Alternates, which is indicated in the Convention Call, after which time nominations will be CLOSED.
3. Persons wishing to run as a Delegate or Alternate (in absence, by written notice) to the State or Congressional District Conventions need not be present on the day of the Convention during the voting process. They must be pre-registered and express their interest in being a Delegate.

4. Candidates for Delegate or Alternate to State and CD6 do not need to be Precinct Delegate, Alternates, or Officers. They need only be US citizens living in Carver County in the Commissioner District they expect to represent; intend to vote Republican on November 3; and be at least 18 years old on Election Day.
5. Election of Delegates and Alternates shall be by Carver County Commissioner District Sub-caucuses to complete the whole of the Carver County BPOU delegation.
6. The Commissioner Districts are comprised of the following Precincts:
  - **Commissioner District One** (8 Delegates): Chanhassen P-5; Chanhassen P-6; Chaska W-3; Chaska W-4.
  - **Commissioner District Two** (8 Delegates): Chanhassen P-1; Chanhassen P-2; Chanhassen P-3; Chanhassen P-4; Shorewood; Victoria P-1.
  - **Commissioner District Three** (11 Delegates): Chaska W-1, P-1; Chaska W-1, P-2; Chaska W-2, P-1; Chaska W-2, P-2; Victoria P-2; Victoria P-3; Victoria P-4;
  - **Commissioner District Four** (14 Delegates): Hollywood Township; Laketown Township; Mayer; Victoria P-5; Waconia P-1; Waconia P-2; Waconia P-3; Waconia Township; Watertown; Watertown Township.
  - **Commissioner District Five** (10 Delegates): Benton Township; Camden Township; Carver; Cologne; Dahlgren Township; Hamburg; Hancock Township; New Germany; Norwood – Young America; San Francisco Township; Young America Township
7. Voting Procedure
  - a. Commissioner District Delegates and Alternates shall subcaucus separately from each other and shall be seated by precincts.
  - b. Carver County Commissioner District Vice Chairs, if they are available, or other appointed convener, shall convene their respective Sub-caucuses
  - c. Only Carver County Convention Delegates and seated Alternates who are registered and present on the floor of this Convention shall be permitted to vote.
  - d. Two separate votes shall be taken: one for State Delegates and one for Congressional Delegates. No one may be nominated for Alternate, but candidates for Delegate who fail to become a Delegate will become ranked Alternates up to the allocated number.
  - e. Precinct chairs will distribute pre-printed ballots to their precinct delegations.
  - f. Ballots will only be distributed to those Delegates and seated Alternates who are present.
  - g. Voting shall be for no more and no fewer candidates than the allotted number of Delegates for that Commissioner District.
  - h. Each candidate may address the Commissioner District Sub-caucus for up to 30 seconds and they should inform the Sub-caucus if they are interested in attending the State Convention or the Congressional District Convention or both.
  - i. Ballots will be counted by the Tellers appointed by the Head Teller for the Convention.

- j. If there is a dispute as to the election results in a Sub-caucus, the Head Teller shall resolve the dispute and, if necessary, shall appoint tellers to canvass the vote of that Sub-caucus by separate written ballots, which shall then be the official result for that Sub-caucus.

#### 8. Election and Seating of State and CD6 Delegates and Alternates

Those receiving the highest number of votes in each Commissioner District sub-caucus will become Delegates. Ties for the last Delegate or for any Alternate spot(s) will be decided by a coin toss. Alternates will be seated by descending vote total (ranking) at the State and CD6 Conventions. Disputes regarding seating will be decided by a vote of the already-seated Delegates and Alternates.

### VII Miscellaneous

1. No posters will be allowed to be hung on any drywall especially in the Auditorium. Posters may be hung on the block/brick in the Lobby only using painters' tape. Posters may be put up outside using stakes/wire frames etc., however, all posters must be removed at the end of the Convention. No posters of any kind shall be posted in the auditorium forward of the front/first row of seats.
2. Each qualified candidate seeking endorsement may have one free guest registration for campaign workers who are not Delegates or seated Alternates.
3. Please refrain from taking videos during the meeting or making recordings. We will have a professional photographer capturing notable moments during the day. However, campaigns may have campaign staff capture video for their candidate only.

### VIII Amending these Rules

These rules shall not be amended or suspended, once they have been adopted, except by a two-thirds vote of the Delegates and seated Alternates present and voting.

### IX Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the Convention shall not be debatable and will be considered out of order until all scheduled Agenda items have been addressed by the Convention Body. The motion will require a two-thirds vote for approval by the Convention.

#### Rules Committee

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