

Senate District 52 Republican Party Convention Agenda March 21, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. INVOCATION
4. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES
 - a. Reading of the Convention Call
 - b. Election of Temporary Chair of the Convention
 - c. Election of Temporary Secretary of the Convention
 - d. Motion Authorizing The Temporary Chair To Appoint Parliamentarians, Tellers, And Sergeant-At-Arms
 - e. Recognition of Convention Committees
 - f. Preliminary Credentials Committee Report
 - g. Adoption of Rules Sections I-III and Seating of Alternates
 - h. Motion To Make The Temporary Organization Permanent
 - i. Adoption of the Balance of the Rules
5. FINAL CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT
6. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING/SEARCH COMMITTEE
7. ENDORSEMENT OF MN SENATE CANDIDATE
8. RECESS TO HOUSE DISTRICT CONVENTIONS
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Election of Chair and Secretary of House District Convention
 - c. Appointment of Election Judges and Tellers
 - d. Report of Candidate Search Committee
 - e. Endorsement of State HD Rep Candidates
 - f. Election of CD2 and State Delegates and Alternates
 - g. Adjourn HD conventions and reconvene SD Convention
9. RESOLUTIONS
10. OTHER BUSINESS
11. ADJOURNMENT

Convention Chairs will invite guest speakers to address the convention at their discretion

Senate District 52 Republican Party Convention Rules 2026

I. Parliamentary Rules

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, shall govern the conduct of the business of this Convention when not in conflict with the laws of the State of Minnesota, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Minnesota Republican Party, the Constitution of the Second Congressional District Republican Party, or the Official Call and Rules adopted by this Convention.

II. Order of Business

- A. The order of business for this Convention will be as outlined in the official Agenda of the Convention, which is incorporated in these Rules.
- B. A motion to adjourn shall not be in order until the specific business stated in the agenda is complete.

III. Convention Roll and Quorum

- A. The permanent roll of the delegates entitled to speak and vote at this Convention shall consist of the duly elected delegates who are registered and such alternates who shall be registered and seated in accordance with these Rules.
- B. In the absence of any delegate to the Convention, an alternate shall be seated for that delegate only during the delegate's absence from the floor. The procedure for seating alternates or filling vacancies in this Convention shall be as follows:
 - 1. Vacancies shall be filled from the alternates present from the precinct in which the vacancy exists as provided for by the BPOU Constitution.
 - 2. If the alternates are ranked, they shall be filled by the ranking. If they are not ranked they shall be filled by a vote of the delegation already seated.
- C. Seating of registered alternates shall be permissible at any time, if a delegate or seated alternate is absent, provided that upon return of the delegate, the delegate shall be immediately seated. However, after the start of any ballot, there shall be no change in seating until that ballot has been completed.
- D. When the Credentials Committee has certified that 30% of the authorized strength of the convention is present, a quorum shall be declared. Once declared, there shall be no further question as to the presence of a quorum.
- E. There shall be no cross-seating between precincts. That is, a delegate or alternate from one precinct cannot be seated in another precinct.
- F. Registration shall close at 10:30 AM. Only those registered shall participate in the convention as delegates or alternates.

IV. Amendment or Suspension

After adoption of these Rules, they may be suspended or amended only by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates and seated alternates voting.

V. Addressing the Convention

- A. A delegate or seated alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Convention Chair, and when recognized, state his or her name and delegation and the purpose for which he or she rises.
- B. The convention chair may, at any time after the appointment of convention officers, invite any office holder, candidate or distinguished guest to address the Convention for a period not to exceed four (4) minutes. A keynote speaker, if any, will be provided appropriate program time.
- C. Candidates for State Representative may address the convention as follows:
- D. All SD52 candidates for State Senate or Representative will be given equal time to address the convention. Their comments and presentations shall not exceed ten (10) minutes per individual, which includes nomination, seconding and candidate speeches.
 - 1. A method such as flipping a coin shall be used to determine the order of speeches.
- E. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to two (2) minutes 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. The chair may recognize visitors and give them the privilege to speak to a motion, but in no event may a visitor be permitted to vote.
- F. At least two speakers on each side of a question shall be afforded the opportunity to speak on an issue before a motion for the previous question or motion to table shall be in order. After six (6) minutes of debate, equally divided between speakers for and against, the Chair may call for the vote.
- G. The Convention Chairs or their designees shall keep an accurate record of each speaker's time and must enforce these time limitations.
- H. Officers of the Convention, District officers or members of any Convention Committee may address the Convention even if they are not delegates or seated alternates to the Convention.

VI. Voting

- I. The vote on all questions shall be by voice or rising vote, except that voting for contested positions shall be by secret ballot. A rising vote can be taken if requested by any delegate immediately following the announcement of the decision by the chair. There shall be no voting by proxy.
- J. Ballots cast by each delegation shall be collected by the precinct chair or a person designated by the precinct chair and turned over to the tellers. If the precinct chair is not present, then the remaining delegates and seated alternates will elect a person to serve in that capacity.

- K. The Chief Teller shall verify the number of ballots cast by a delegation and the Convention Chair shall announce any discrepancies. Once verified, all ballots shall be commingled prior to counting.
- L. Each candidate in a contested election will be allowed one observer in the counting room.
- M. Precinct Chairs shall ensure that each delegate and seated alternate in his or her delegation will cast only one vote and that unused ballots are returned unmarked.
- N. The Chief Teller shall report back to the Convention Chair the total number of votes cast for each candidate and the Convention Chair shall announce the results to the Convention.
- O. If there is a dispute as to the number of ballots cast by any delegation, the said delegation challenge must be made before the ballots from that delegation are commingled with those of other delegations. Upon such a challenge, the Convention officers selected by the Chief Teller shall count the ballots cast by said delegation.
- P. Each delegate shall have one full vote. There shall be no voting by unit rule (a precinct can not require its delegates to vote for the candidate favored by the majority).
- Q. No delegate shall be required to vote for any candidate or number of candidates, except that a ballot may not contain or have selection marks greater than the number of candidates for which the ballot is being cast.
- R. A ballot will not be considered valid if it contains the same name more than once, if it contains more votes than the number of positions to be filled, if it contains other than properly nominated candidates or if it is left blank.
- S. Tellers will count any ballot marked “No Preference,” “Undecided,” or “None” in any vote totals. The ballots shall not count for any candidate
- T. Tellers will report the blank, abstentions, unintelligible ballots, ballots marked only “➔” or “X”, or ballots cast for an ineligible person or fictional character. These ballots will not be included as “cast” ballots.
- U. Ballots shall be secured at all times and destroyed as soon as possible after the close of the convention.

VII. Endorsements The procedure for endorsement of candidates for State Senate and State Representative:

- V. Endorsements may be considered only by those delegates of the area to the office sought. Example, State House District 52A delegates and seated alternates can only endorse a State House 52A candidate.
- A. If the endorsement is uncontested, voting on said endorsement shall be by voice vote. If contested, voting on the endorsement shall be by secret ballot.
- W. A majority of 60% of the voting strength of the convention as established by the final credentials report shall be required for endorsement.

- B. Any candidate receiving less than 10% of the votes shall be dropped.
- C. If no candidate has received a 60% majority vote after eight (8) ballots, the convention shall discontinue the voting and declare no endorsement for that office.

VIII. Election of Delegates and Alternates to Congressional District and State Conventions:

- A. Delegates and Alternates shall be nominated and elected by House District as provided in the Agenda and in accordance with the rules of Section VIII.
- X. The SD52 delegate count is 26 (HD52A delegate allocation is 12 and the HD52B delegate allocation is 14). Delegates will be elected to SD52 “At-Large” (No limit by House district shall be established). Each House District may elect two sets of alternates. The same set of delegates and alternates will be elected to the CD2 and State conventions.
- B. All alternates will be ranked by order of number of votes received. Any ties will be broken by lot.
- C. All who desire to run for delegate or alternate will need to register with those in charge of maintaining the list.
- D. No nominating or seconding speeches allowed. All nominees will be allowed 30 seconds to introduce themselves and give their backgrounds to the convention.
- E. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Any ballot containing more names or more marks than the number to be elected shall be declared invalid. If a name appears on a ballot more than once, or a name that is not nominated, that ballot shall be declared invalid.

IX. Miscellaneous

- A. Nominations from the floor for SD52 candidates will be allowed.
- B. Minority reports of a Convention Committee may be presented if there is concurrence by a number of members equal to ¼ or more of the allocated size of the Committee.
- C. Signage for candidates will be limited to ten (10) signs maximum per candidate. The Convention Arrangements Committee shall specify permissible locations of all candidate signage. No Signs are allowed on the stage walls or stage (behind the speaker’s back.)
- D. All sign sizes, locations and method of attachment must comply with the rules of the Convention host facility.
- E. All literature distributed at the Convention must have its source(s) prominently displayed.
- F. All non-compliant literature must be immediately removed. The Convention Chair determines compliance.

*Candidate Table cost:

- Local Candidates are free.
- All other candidates have a \$20 table fee.

Removal of literature following the convention, other than official Convention documents, is the responsibility of the source(s). All signs must be stricken within thirty (30) minutes of the close of the convention, and removed from the premises. The Executive committee may recover reasonable clean-up cost.