

PLATFORM COMMITTEE REPORT

Republican Party of Minnesota

Convention 2022

Committee Members:

Chair - Debjyoti "DD" Dwivedy
CD1 - Betty Quiring
CD2 - Karin Miller
CD3 - Dave Kylo
CD4 - Sheila Wewers
CD5 - Robert Marvin
CD6 - Rob Doar
CD7 - Glen Gruenhagen
CD8 - Michele Lentz

Staff:

MNGOP - Andrew Aplikowski, Political Director (Interim)

Resolution for the creation of Task Force

Vote

Yes (9- Unanimous)

Debjyoti "DD" Dwivedy, Betty Quiring, Karin Miller, Dave Kylo, Sheila Wewers, Robert Marvin, Rob Doar, Glen Gruenhagen, Michele Lentz

No (0)

None

The platform committee is requesting the convention instruct the State Party Chair to create a task force to design a new process to:

- 1) maintain and amend the Party's Platform;
- 2) create a process for maintaining a Legislative Agenda that explains what we want lawmakers to do,
- 3) redefine the Platform Committee and empower it to work outside the bounds of the State Convention.

The Task Force should begin monthly meetings beginning in July of 2022 with the following goals.

- The Committee: Create a standing Platform & Legislative Committee and design its role, function, and measures to ensure accountability

- The Agenda: Develop a process to create and maintain a Legislative Agenda that can be maintained by the State Central Committee. The function of this document is to address support or opposition to specific policies and laws. The document should be one that is constantly evolving with the political climate and contain no permanent lasting provisions. Each item should be a guide for what we want lawmakers to do

- The Platform: Develop a process where the Platform and Legislative Committee meets monthly in the odd year to review the Platform and propose changes to the document prior to Precinct Caucus. The function of this document is that it will be without controversy, focused on general beliefs all Republicans share, and is an instrument that draws Minnesotans to our party by defining what all the members of our party agree on in as few words as possible.

The Platform should only contain broad unifying principles and is not to be considered a blunt instrument to selectively prevent any segment of Minnesotans from feeling welcome in our party if they agree with us on the issues nor should it be used to attack a Republican law maker. The goal of our party and our official documents is to support and guide our candidates. The document should be designed more as a letter to Minnesotans to market our party not a list of demands. In the event that consensus at the convention is not possible on the document, then the document shall expire and the Committee shall present a new version at the next convention.

The Agenda shall contain brief points to support or oppose specific policies. It shall be updated frequently as the political winds and lawmakers change. It should be organized in sections based on topics at the local, state, and federal levels. The bar to include an item should be incredibly high so that any single issue or advocacy group does not high jack the document to fundraise off of by attacking Republicans.

Summary Report of the Resolutions from Congressional Districts of MNGOP

Vote

Yes (9 - Unanimous)

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No (0)

None

The following report is the summary report of all the resolutions received from the eight (8) congressional districts of the Republican Party of Minnesota (MNGOP).

The committee looked into every resolution that was sent by the Congressional Districts to the MNGOP. After looking into the all the resolutions, the committee decided to only include the resolutions which were presented by majority congressional districts, i.e. five (5) or more. The committee convened multiple times to redraft/revise the languages as deemed necessary. The summary report is categorized in the following seven (7) categories:

Public Safety:

- We support our law enforcement and the work they do to protect and serve our communities.

Education:

- Parents should be empowered through school choice to control the education of their children by selecting the school (public, charter, private or home) that will provide the best education or curricula with the values of the family. Public education funds should follow the student to the school of the parents' choice.
- We support Minnesota law (2021 Minnesota Statutes - 120B.20 PARENTAL CURRICULUM REVIEW.) requiring all public/charter schools to make all teaching materials readily available to parents/guardians.
- We oppose Comprehensive Sexual Education in public and/or charter schools.
- We oppose any element of Critical Race Theory (CRT) or associated curricula and programs such as Social Emotional Learning, Ethnic Studies and Culturally Responsive Teaching.

Healthcare:

- We support Medical Freedom.
- We oppose vaccine mandates, mask mandates and vaccine passports.

Voting and Elections:

- An individual must present a government issued photo identification in Minnesota for local, city, state, and national elections. A free option paid for by the state should be available.
- We the people support the voting rights of duly authorized citizens through valid registration, proof of citizenship, vouching, photo identification, custodial authentication, and auditing procedures to ensure that our election systems and processes provide secure, fair, and honest results.
- We support no early voting except military and absentees with sufficient cause. No ballot received after election day shall be counted.
- We support election integrity including secure chain of custody, and elimination of drop boxes.
- We support requiring that party-balanced election judges be present at the polls, in all early voting centers and on absentee ballot boards.
- We support prohibiting local governments from accepting or using any non-governmental, third-party, or private money, grants, or gifts from outside sources to assist in the administration of an election.
- We support the prohibition of the use of Ranked Choice Voting in the State of Minnesota.

Taxation & Government Spending:

- We support the end of taxation of social security benefits.
- We support a balanced budget and returning any state surplus to the taxpayers by reducing tax rates.

Gun Rights:

- We support any stand your ground and Castle Doctrine laws.
- We urge state lawmakers to remove the permit requirement to exercise the right to bear arms.

Misc:

- We must protect the fundamental right of a parent to direct the upbringing, education, and physical & mental health of their minor child up until the age of 18. All parental rights are reserved without obstruction or interference unless they have been legally waived or terminated in a court of law.
- Emergency powers exercised by a Governor are meant to be short in duration. The powers require authorization from both chambers of the legislature for renewal or any extension. If that approval is not given, the powers must expire.

PROPOSED 2022 PLATFORM**Vote****Yes (5)**

Karin Miller, Sheila Wewers, Robert Marvin, Glen Gruenhagen, Michele Lentz

No (4)

Debjyoti "DD" Dwivedy, Betty Quiring, Dave Kylo, Rob Doar

The 2022 proposed platform is to readopt the 2018 platform of MNGOP along with the 228 sunsetted plank item.