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REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

December 3, 2022 State Central Committee Meeting

PROPOSED RULES - FINAL

1. Parliamentary Rules

The current edition of Robert's Rules Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority governing this meeting in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the statutes of the State of Minnesota or rules this meeting may adopt.

2. Order of Business

The order of business of this meeting shall be as outlined in the agenda and shall be adopted by a majority vote. A motion for adjournment is out of order until either all business items on the agenda (before other business) have been considered or until 5:30PM CT has been reached.

3. Quorum

Once a quorum has been established, the call for a quorum thereafter shall be out of order. It is the responsibility of the presiding officer to ensure that no business is conducted without a quorum.

4. Registration and Seating of Alternates

- a. Registration for this meeting shall be conducted in accordance with procedures established in the Meeting Call.
- b. Alternates shall be seated in delegations that have open seats where the number of seated delegates is less than the delegation's allocation starting thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled Call to Order based on the current credentials status being reported by the Credentials Committee.
- c. Alternates will be allowed access to the delegation seating area by possessing voting cards distributed by the Congressional District Chair of their delegation or their representative.
- d. Alternate seating order shall be in accordance with the Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution and the Congressional District constitutions where applicable.
- e. If a Congressional District constitution does not provide for a method of seating alternates the method of seating Congressional District alternates shall be established by the Congressional District Chair and reported to the Credentials Chair.
- f. A seated Alternate is automatically granted all rights, privileges and responsibilities of a Delegate and is automatically included in any statement in these rules that uses the term Delegate. Elected Delegates or higher-ranking Alternates arriving or returning to the floor shall always be seated, with the lowest ranking Alternate in the applicable BPOU relinquishing their seat and voting card as necessary.

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5. Addressing the Meeting

- a. A delegate wishing to speak shall rise, address the presiding officer and when recognized by the Chair state their name, delegation, and the purpose for which they rise.
- b. The presiding officer may recognize and allow elected officials, party officers and other invited guests the privilege of addressing the meeting for a period of up to five (5) minutes each.
- c. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to two (2) minutes by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject and no person shall speak a second time on a given subject until all those desiring to speak have first had an opportunity to do so.
 - 1. Discussion of an issue will begin with a delegate who wishes to speak in favor of the issue, followed by a delegate who wishes to speak in opposition to the issue. If no delegates wish to speak in support of the issue, discussion may begin by a delegate who wishes to speak in opposition to the issue.
 - 2. Additional discussion is allowed in an alternating order of one (1) speaker in favor of the issue, followed by one (1) speaker opposed to the issue.
 - 3. A call for the question shall not be in order until at least two (2) speakers in favor and two (2) speakers against the motion have had the opportunity to speak.
- d. The Chair may appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions, debates, and speeches during the meeting. Time limits shall be strictly observed.

6. Campaign Materials

- a. No signs are permitted to be fixed to any surface on the premises, inside or outside. No free-standing signage will be allowed inside or outside the building. Candidate signs may be displayed directly on that candidate's purchased vendor table or held on stage by supporters only during that candidate's allotted time to address the body.
- b. No stickers are allowed to be distributed for the purpose of candidate support or having attendees or supporters wear them. Buttons are acceptable. The candidate or organization shall be fined \$150 for every sticker that is found adhered to any surface on the premises.
- c. All literature distributed must have its source(s) prominently displayed. All campaign materials require a disclosure with the name of the candidate or State Central Delegate or seated Alternate responsible for the materials. No materials can be distributed on the floor unless done so with a disclaimer of the candidate for party officer's campaign or the name of the Delegate or seated Alternate to this body distributing the materials.
- d. All non-compliant literature must be immediately removed and compliance is at the discretion of the presiding officer or their designee.
- e. Removal of literature following the meeting is the responsibility of the source(s). All literature, materials, and signs must be stricken within thirty (30) minutes of the close of the meeting and removed from the premises. The MNGOP Executive Committee may recover reasonable cleaning costs from the campaign, person, or entity not removing their materials.

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7. General Decorum

- a. The presiding officer or a designee thereof shall have the discretion to remove any attendee for disorderly behavior such as repeated interruptions, attempting to disrupt the business of the meeting, or other behavior otherwise contradictory to the good order of the body.
- b. No audio or video recording or electronic transmission of the State Central Committee meeting or any individual in attendance is permitted unless authorized by the current Chair of the MNGOP, in advance.

8. Nomination and Election of Officers

- a. The state party officers to be elected by the meeting shall be voted on separately in the following order:
 - 1. Chair
 - 2. Deputy Chair
 - 3. Secretary
- b. Prospective nominees to appear on the ballot and be granted a speaking shall, ***in accordance with Article II, Section 5 of the Bylaws, follow the procedures posted on the MN GOP's website, including:***
 - **Public Declaration of Candidacy:** Candidates for the offices of Chair, Deputy Chair or Secretary must publicly declare themselves as a candidate for the respective office they are seeking via a public announcement such as a publicly available Twitter or Facebook post, a press release or a news article.
 - **Submission of Resume and Qualifications:** Candidates must submit a resume and qualifications to the Republican Party of Minnesota Political Director Andy Aplikowski (aaa@mngop.com) for forwarding to the nominations committee.
 - **Sign and Complete Up-to-date List Agreement:** To receive access to the SCC delegate/alternate list, candidates for party offices of Chair, Deputy Chair and Secretary must have completed, signed and returned an up-to-date list agreement on file with the MN GOP office.
 - **Voter Registration:** In addition, all candidates wishing to access the list must also be a registered Minnesota voter.
 - **Circulate Petitions:** Candidates will then circulate petitions for signatures as provided for by the Republican Party of Minnesota Bylaws "A petition with the signatures of at least thirty (30) State Central Delegates committed to vote for this candidate on the first ballot. No Delegate may sign more than one (1) petition for each open position. If a Delegate signs more than one (1) nominating petition in the same race (e.g., two (2) Chair candidates), their signature will be voided on each nominating petition for that race;" (Republican Party of Minnesota Bylaws, Article 2, Section 5(A)).
 - **Meet with Nominations Committee:** After following the previous steps, candidates for MN GOP officer positions will be required to meet with the Nominations Committee for

147 an interview as provided for by the Nominations Committee and the MN GOP Bylaws and
148 before 5:00PM CST on Friday December 2, 2022.

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- 150 • There will be no nominations from the floor.
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- 152 • A candidate may only be nominated for one office.
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- 154 c. Deadline for candidates to fulfill the nominations requirements shall be 5:00PM CST Wednesday
155 November 30, 2022.
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- 157 d. The Nominating Committee shall report to the State Central Committee and place in nomination only the
158 names of those candidates seeking party office who meet the requirements of these rules. The
159 Nominating Committee Chair may report whether it considers candidates 'qualified' or 'unqualified' and
160 give reasoning for their determination.
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- 162 e. The order in which the Nominating Committee presents the names of the nominees for state party offices
163 and speaking order shall be determined by lot. Each person nominated shall have up to seven (7) minutes
164 to address the meeting, including any seconding speeches or related presentations prior to the first round
165 of balloting.
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- 167 f. A nominee is elected to the party office of Chair, Deputy Chair or Secretary upon winning a majority of
168 the valid ballots cast for that office. If no nominee receives a majority on the first or subsequent ballots
169 balloting will continue under the following procedures until a candidate receives a majority of valid ballots
170 cast.
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 - 172 1. There shall be a minimum of two (2) minutes between rounds of balloting.
 - 173 2. If there are only two (2) candidates on the ballot, then balloting shall continue until one candidate
174 received a majority of valid ballots or one of the candidates withdraws.
 - 175 3. If there are more than two (2) candidates, then after the 2nd ballot, the candidate with the lowest
176 vote on the previous round shall be removed until there are only two (2) candidates.
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- 178 g. Once a nominee is eliminated from an election for party office on any round of balloting, each remaining
179 nominee prior to the next ballot may address the meeting for no more than two (2) minutes in an order
180 determined by drawing lots. If there are only two (2) nominees remaining, after every 3 ballots each
181 nominee will be given two (2) minutes to address the meeting in alternating order.
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- 183 h. Candidates for officer will receive one (1) floor pass per campaign for a member of their campaign to
184 access the auditorium. A nominated candidate who is not a Delegate or Alternate will receive an additional
185 floor pass for the candidate to access the auditorium.

186 9. Voting

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- 189 a. Voting will be by voice vote or by electronic vote at the discretion of the presiding officer.
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- 191 b. A Sergeant at Arms may be assigned to the chief teller during the voting process if needed.
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- 193 c. The vote on all matters shall be by voice vote, except as otherwise provided herein. Any call for division
194 shall require a total of at least seven (7) delegates, from at least two (2) different congressional districts.
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- 196 d. There shall be no voting by unit rule.
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- 198 e. If the presiding officer is in doubt as to the result of a rising vote, the presiding officer may order a polling
199 of the meeting by electronic device.
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- 201 f. Ballots for State Party officer may only include the names of candidates who have been nominated, have
202 not withdrawn, and who have not been removed under these rules.
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- 204 g. Valid ballots for state party officer may only contain a vote for one of the remaining nominated candidates.
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206 **10. Amendment or Suspension**

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208 After adoption of these rules, they may be suspended or amended only by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the
209 delegates. No motion, other than adjournment, may be conducted without an affirmative vote of at least
210 twenty-five percent (25 %) of the delegation as determined by the latest report of the Credentials Committee.
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212 **11. Committee Reports**

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214 No second shall be required to a motion to adopt the majority report of any committee. A minority report of any
215 committee may be presented if signed by at least two (2) of the committee members, unless otherwise specified
216 by the Constitution or Bylaws.
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218 **12. Reapportionment Reference**

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220 **The State Central Committee is composed of the Members, Delegates, and Alternates elected or**
221 **appointed according to Article IX Section 1 of the State Party Constitution. In accordance with the**
222 **Reapportionment Manual as approved in 2021, this State Central Committee Meeting will be composed**
223 **of Delegates and Alternates elected prior to the 2022 redistricting.**
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