

State Central Committee Meeting – May 16, 2024

Proposed Rules

1. Parliamentary Rules: The current edition of Robert’s Rules of 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.

3. Quorum: A quorum is 30% of the State Central Committee Delegates who must come from no fewer than 29 counties per Article II, Section 3 of our Bylaws. It is the responsibility of the presiding officer to ensure that no business is conducted without a quorum.

4. Seated Alternates: 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.

5. Addressing the Meeting

a. A Delegate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Chair and, when recognized by the Chair, state their name, delegation, and the purpose for which they rise.

b. The Chair may recognize and allow elected officials, Party Officers, and other invited guests the privilege of addressing the Meeting for a period of up to three (3) minutes each.

c. Candidates for National Committeeman and National Committeewoman will be allowed to address the meeting for up to six (6) minutes each.

d. 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.

e. 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.

f. 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.

g. 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.

h. The Chair shall appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussions, debates, and speeches during the meeting. Time limits shall be strictly observed.

6. Voting

a. The vote on all matters shall be by voice vote, except as otherwise provided herein. Any call for division shall require a total of at least seven (7) Delegates, from at least two (2) different Congressional Districts.

i. A secret ballot vote shall be taken for all contested elections.

ii. Ballots that purport to vote for more candidates than the number of positions to be filled, or more than once for the same nominee shall be invalid.

b. There shall be no voting by unit rule.

c. Unless otherwise specifically stated in these Rules, only persons who are members of the Body, and present at the time the vote is opened, will be permitted to vote on that matter,

53 and will be counted in the denominator for determining the outcome of such vote.

54 **d.** The Meeting Chair shall appoint a Chief Teller to assist in counting votes and
55 adjudicating disputes. The Chief Teller may appoint the number of Tellers needed to
56 further assist in that role. The Chief Teller will determine any voting dispute and may
57 request a new vote.

58 **e.** A Sergeant at Arms shall be assigned to the Chief Teller during the voting process, if
59 needed.

60 **f.** Each Delegation Leader will be responsible for promptly collecting and distributing
61 ballots in accordance with any procedures established by the Chief Teller.

62 **g.** Voting by secret ballot will proceed until the Meeting Chair rules balloting closes.

63 **h.** Each candidate's campaign will be allowed two people to be physically present to
64 observe the counting of any ballots regarding that candidate's endorsement. The candidate
65 must provide the names of their observers to the Chief Teller before such persons will be
66 granted access. Any such observers must not interact with the persons counting ballots.
67 Any observer who physically contacts any ballot or counting documentation or apparatus
68 must be removed from the room immediately. Any questions or concerns should be raised
69 directly to the Chief Teller, who may request that it be submitted in writing.

70 **j.** Only the Chief Teller may disclose the results of any round of balloting outside of the
71 counting area, including to candidates or their campaigns. Any other person present in the
72 room in which ballots are counted, including observers, must not disclose partial or final
73 voting results (a) until the Chief Teller, the Meeting Chair, or their designee has announced
74 the results to the meeting, or (b) pursuant to a written authorization signed by the Chief
75 Teller or the Meeting Chair.

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77 **7. Amendment or Suspension:** After adoption of these Rules, they may be suspended or
78 amended only by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Delegates. No motion, other than
79 adjournment, may be conducted without an affirmative vote of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of
80 the delegation as determined by the latest report of the Credentials Committee.

81 **8. Campaign Materials**

82 **a.** No posted candidate signs are allowed on the stage walls or stage.

83 **b.** All sign sizes, locations, and a method of attachment must comply with the rules of the
84 host facility and be approved by the Party.

85 **c.** All literature distributed must have its source(s) prominently displayed. All campaign
86 materials require a disclosure with the name of the candidate or State Central Delegate or
87 Alternate responsible for the materials.

88 **d.** All non-compliant literature must be immediately removed. The Sergeant at Arms or
89 Party Chair determines compliance.

90 **e.** Removal of literature following the meeting is the responsibility of the source(s). All signs
91 must be stricken within thirty (30) minutes of the close of the meeting and removed from
92 the premises. The Executive Committee may recover reasonable cleaning costs.

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95 **9. Committee Reports:** A minority report of any committee may be presented if signed by at
96 least two (2) of the committee members, unless otherwise specified by the Constitution or Bylaws.

97 **10. Election of a National Committeeman and a Committeewoman**

98 **a.** The Nominations Committee shall present the names of the candidates for National
99 Committeeman and Committeewoman. Candidates must meet requirements provided by
100 the MN GOP Nominations Committee, including having publicly announced their
101 candidacy before 11:59 PM on April 19th and having submitted their 30 signatures to the
102 Nominations Committee before 11:59 PM on May 5th.

103 **b.** Candidates who do not meet requirements, do not meet with the Nominations Committee,
104 or are found to be unqualified will not address the meeting. An explanation as to why a
105 candidate was found unqualified must be included in the Nominations Committee Report
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107 unless the candidate requests the information be withheld.

- 108 **c.** The order of presenting names of the candidates shall be determined by lot.
109 Candidates who are found to be qualified or qualified with reservations will each be given
110 six (6) minutes to address the meeting, including any seconding speeches or related
111 presentations.
- 112 **d.** Each voting delegate may vote for no more than one (1) National Committeeman nominee
113 and no more than one (1) National Committeewoman nominee on their respective ballots.
- 114 **e.** The nominees for National Committeeman and National Committeewoman shall be elected
115 by receiving a majority of the valid ballots cast for that office. If a nominee is not elected on
116 the first ballot, any candidate failing to receive at least the minimum threshold on the
117 current ballot shall be eliminated from subsequent ballots while maintaining at least two (2)
118 nominees on the ballot. This threshold shall start at 20% and increase by 10% on each
119 subsequent ballot.

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121 **12. General Decorum**

- 122 **a.** The Credentials Committee may refuse to provide a credential to any Delegate or
123 Alternate who has publicly expressed or directly contacted other Delegates, Alternates,
124 Republican candidates, Party officers, Party staff, or public politicians with threats of
125 violence, repeated harassment, or has documented intentions of disrupting the business of
126 the Party.
- 127 **b.** The presiding officer or a designee thereof shall have the discretion to remove any
128 attendee for disorderly behavior such as repeated interruptions, attempting to disrupt the
129 business of the meeting, or other behavior otherwise contradictory to the good order of the
130 body.
- 131 **c.** No audio or video recording or electronic transmission of the State Central Committee
132 meeting or any individual in attendance is permitted unless authorized by the current Chair
133 of the MN GOP, in advance.

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135 **13. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the Meeting shall be out of order until after consideration
136 of all official business as stated in the Agenda. The Meeting shall adjourn no later than 11:59 PM on
137 May 16th, 2024, regardless of what remains on the agenda.