



MINNESOTA CD5 REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Burroughs Elementary School

1601 W. 50th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55419

Registration opens at 1:00 PM

Registration closes 30 minutes after the convention is called to order

CONVENTION AGENDA

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of the Convention Call
4. Election of the Temporary Chair of the Convention
5. Election of the Temporary Secretary of the Convention
6. Appointment of Parliamentarian, Tellers, Sergeant-at-Arms, Timekeeper
7. Confirmation of the Convention Committees:
Credentials and Registration, Rules, Nominating, Resolutions
8. Preliminary report of the Credentials Committee
9. Adoption of the rules governing the seating of Alternates (Rules Article 3)
10. Filling of delegation vacancies (seating of Alternates)
11. CD5 Chair report
12. Final report of the Credentials Committee
13. Motion to make the temporary organization permanent
14. Report of the Rules Committee and adoption of convention rules
15. Vote to consider endorsement for Congressional office, report of the Nominations Committee,
and endorsement
16. Report of the Nominations Committee and election of RNC Delegates (3) and Alternates (3)
17. Report of the Nominations Committee and nomination of Presidential Elector (1) and substitute
Presidential Elector
18. Resolutions
19. Other Business
20. Announcements
21. Adjournment

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CD5 Republican Party Chair Alec Beck
Deputy Chair Darell Trulson
Secretary Barry Johnson
Treasurer Tim Kirk

CONVENTION ORGANIZATION

Convention Chair Alec Beck
Secretary Barry Johnson
Parliamentarian Greg Smisek
Chief Teller Teri Hovanec
Tellers Diane Napper, Ron Stoffel, Ken Wendling
Sergeant-at-Arms Don Bumgarner
Timekeeper Mark Miller

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Arrangements Committee

Mitch Rossow (Chair)
Shawn Holster
Alec Beck
Barry Johnson,
Ken Wendling
Lincoln Towers (Food and Coffee)

Credentials and Registration Committee

Darrel Trulson (Chair)
Alec Beck
Diane Napper
Tim Kirk
Shawn Holster

Rules Committee

Mitch Rossow (Chair)
Greg Smisek

Nominating Committee

Patty Mesenbrink (Chair)
Shawn Holster
Christina Pierson
Mike Held

Resolutions Committee

Darrel Trulson (Chair)

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PROPOSED CONVENTION RULES

1. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Convention when not in conflict with the laws of the State of Minnesota, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Fifth Congressional District Constitution and Bylaws, the official Convention Call, and the rules as adopted by the Convention.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS; AMENDMENTS OR SUSPENSION OF RULES

- a) The order of business of the Convention shall be as listed in the Convention's Agenda.
- b) The Convention Chair shall insert guest speakers into the order and may change the order of the items of business at his or her discretion to allow for a more orderly and efficient Convention.
- c) Except in the absence of a quorum, a motion to adjourn shall be out of order until all elections, nominations, endorsements, and platform and action item resolutions have been disposed of.

3. REGISTRATION, SEATING AND FILLING OF VACANCIES

- a) Persons entitled to vote at the Convention are the duly elected Delegates and seated Alternates who were elected at the Minnesota Republican Party BPOU conventions held in 2024 and who presently reside within the political boundaries of the Fifth Congressional District and the BPOU from which they were elected.
- b) If the BPOU Chair is not seated or is not present, then a Delegation Chair shall be elected by a majority of the registered Delegates. This Delegation Chair shall fulfill the role of BPOU Chair within these rules for the duration of the Convention.
- c) Vacancies in a BPOU Delegation shall be filled from the Alternates elected from that BPOU as follows:
 - i) In the order, if any, designated by their BPOU Convention.
 - ii) If no ranking of Alternates was established by their BPOU Convention, the BPOU Chair shall designate the Alternate(s) to be seated.
 - iii) Otherwise, the Credentials Committee shall fill the vacancies.
 - iv) Upon the return of a previously seated Delegate or a higher-ranking registered Alternate or upon the arrival of the same, a seated Alternate shall relinquish his or her seat.
 - v) Guests may register at any time.

4. QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the number of registered voting members or ten percent (10%) of the number of Delegates elected at the 2024 BPOU Conventions, whichever is higher.

5. ADDRESSING THE CONVENTION

- a) A Delegate or seated Alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Convention Chair, and, when recognized by the Convention Chair, state his or her name, BPOU, and purpose for rising.
- b) No Delegate or seated Alternate shall speak in debate more than twice on the same question or longer than one (1) minute, without permission of the body granted by unanimous consent or a majority vote without debate.
- c) Debate for any question shall be limited to three speeches in favor and three against. Debate may be extended to permit another speech in favor and another speech against, by unanimous consent or a majority vote without debate.
- d) The Convention Chair may recognize and allow elected officials, party officers, invited guests, and others the privilege of addressing the Convention (including answering questions if they wish) for no more than five (5) minutes.
- e) The Convention Chair shall appoint a Timekeeper to enforce speaking time limits.

6. VOTING

- a) See rule 3 for those entitled to vote. Each voting member shall have one full vote.
- b) All voting for contested positions shall be by secret ballot unless otherwise specified in these rules.
- c) The vote on all other questions shall be by voice vote.
- d) No unit rule voting shall be permitted.
- e) Only persons reported out of the Nominating Committee as eligible shall be eligible to be endorsed, elected, or nominated.

7. BALLOTING

- a) The ballots cast by each BPOU shall be collected by the BPOU Chair or Tellers and given to the Chief Teller for tabulation. Tellers must verify the number of the ballots cast by each BPOU before the ballots are commingled for tabulation.
- b) The Chief Teller shall report to the Convention Chair the total number of votes cast, the number of votes received by each candidate, and in the case of endorsements, the number of votes required to receive endorsement. The Convention Chair shall announce the results to the Convention.
- c) If there is a dispute as to the number of ballots cast by any BPOU, a challenge must be made before the ballots from the BPOU are commingled for tabulation. Upon such a challenge, the Convention Chair shall appoint two (2) Special Tellers to compare the number of ballots cast by the BPOU and the Final Credentials Report. If there is a discrepancy between the original count and the votes allotted to that BPOU, then the BPOU will be required to vote again.
- d) All ballots shall be sealed by the Chief Teller and held by the CD5 Secretary for fourteen (14) days after the convention. A challenge to the outcome of an election must be brought to the CD5 Chair within fourteen (14) days after the convention. A recount may be authorized by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the CD5 Executive Committee. The Executive committee shall notify affected parties. The CD5 Executive Committee shall conduct the recount. One (1) representative from each affected party may observe the recount. In the event that the recount changes the outcome of an election: the result shall be certified by the CD5 Executive Committee, shall be transmitted by the CD5 Secretary to the Republican Party of Minnesota and shall be effective immediately after the recount is completed.

8. ENDORSEMENT OF FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CANDIDATE

See also Republican Party of Minnesota constitution, art. V, sec. 3, A and B.

- a) The Delegates and seated Alternates will determine by majority vote whether to endorse a Congressional candidate for 5th Congressional District.
- b) Candidates seeking endorsement for 5th Congressional District must meet with the Nominating Committee prior to the Convention. The Nominating Committee must place in nominations all the candidates that met with the Committee and the Nominating Committee may state who they believe is qualified and who is not qualified for endorsement.
- c) All nominated candidates shall have twelve (12) minutes total to address the Convention and answer questions if they so choose.
- d) If there is only one (1) candidate for Congress, the Convention may decide by a two-thirds (2/3) vote to endorse by a rising vote.
- e) To receive endorsement, a candidate must receive sixty percent (60%) of the vote and that 60% vote must be greater than or equal to a majority of the Delegates and seated Alternates as established by the last report of the Credentials Committee preceding such vote.
- f) Any candidate that receives less than fifteen percent (15%) of the votes on any ballot shall be dropped from the list of nominees on all future ballots.
- g) If after five (5) ballots there is no endorsed candidate, then the Convention shall not endorse.

9. ELECTION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

- a) The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination for national convention Delegate and Alternate only those persons that complete the state party requirements by March 31, 2024.
- b) The order of presenting names of nominees for Delegate and Alternate shall be determined by the Nominating Committee. After all candidates have been placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee, each nominee shall be given one (1) minute to address the Convention. Surrogate speakers shall not be allowed. There shall be no nominations from the floor.
- c) The national Delegates and Alternates shall be elected by a plurality vote in one round of voting. The three (3) nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected as Delegate and the next three (3) nominees shall be elected as Alternate. A ballot that contains votes for more or fewer than three (3) candidates shall be counted as an illegal vote.
- d) Alternates and all nominees with lower vote totals shall be ranked. If a Delegate or Alternate position becomes vacant and can be filled, the next consenting candidate by rank may fill that position.
- e) In the case of a tie for last Delegate and first Alternate or a tie between Alternates, the rank shall be determined by drawing lots.

10. NOMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR

- a) All persons wishing to be the 5th Congressional District's Presidential Elector Nominee or substitute Presidential Elector Nominee shall submit their name, personal resume, and nomination form to the Nominating Committee prior to 3:00 p.m. on April 19, 2024.
- b) The order of reporting names of candidates for Presidential Elector Nominee shall be determined by the Nominating Committee by lot. Each eligible candidate who has been recommended by the Nominating Committee shall be given one (1) minute to address the Convention. No seconding speeches shall be allowed.
- c) The Presidential Elector Nominee shall be decided by a plurality vote in one round of voting. Each voting Delegate or seated Alternate may vote for one (1) candidate. Any ballot that contains votes for more than one (1) candidate shall be counted as an illegal vote. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be the 5th Congressional District's Presidential Elector Nominee.
- d) The Nominations Committee report, candidate addresses, and vote for substitute Presidential Elector Nominee shall be conducted separately in the same manner as for Presidential Elector Nominee.

11. RESOLUTIONS

- a) After the Resolutions Committee moves its recommendations, the recommendations shall be adopted by a single vote without debate, unless, at the demand of 15 Delegates or seated Alternates, a resolution is separated out for consideration.
- b) Only resolutions reported out of the Resolutions Committee may be considered by the Convention. No amendments shall be permitted.
- c) Debate on the platform report shall be limited to a total of forty-five (45) minutes.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) All materials distributed at the convention by campaigns, individuals, or advocacy groups must state who paid, distributed, or approved of them.
- b) No campaign materials from any organization may be affixed to the walls within the convention auditorium.
- c) No audio or video recording or electronic transmission of this convention by any individual in attendance is permitted unless authorized by the CD5 Chair or Convention Chair in advance. Any attendees who violate this rule may be asked to leave the convention.
- d) Turn off phones or silence them. Use your phone outside the auditorium.
- e) Attaching campaign materials to the walls is prohibited.
- f) Campaign stickers or labels are prohibited.
- g) Coffee and food are prohibited on the carpeted seating area in the auditorium, water is allowed.
- h) The Convention Chair shall appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms.

13. AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION OF RULES

After the adoption of the Convention Rules, they may be amended or suspended only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

14. TRANSMITTAL OF CONVENTION RESULTS

Convention results shall be recorded and forwarded to the Republican State Party Headquarters no later than ten (10) business days after the Convention adjourns.