

MINNESOTA SENATE DISTRICT 22 and HOUSE District 22A and 22B REPUBLICAN ENDORSING CONVENTION

Martin Luther High School, 315 Martin Luther Drive, Northrup, MN, March 19, 2022

- I. **Procedure:** Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the conduct of the Convention when not in conflict with these rules, the laws of the State of Minnesota, the Constitution of the Republicans Party of Minnesota or the Constitution and Bylaws of the Fifth District Republican Committee.
- II. **ORDER OF BUSINESS** The order of business for a Convention shall be as specified in the Permanent Agenda accompanying these Rules.
- III. **FILLING OF VACANCIES**
 - A. The permanent voting roll of a Convention shall be composed of the delegates who actually are present.
 - B. In the absence of any delegate to a Convention, an alternate elected from the same Precinct as the delegate shall be seated in his or her stead.
 - C. An elected delegate may resume his or her seat at any time even though it may have been relinquished temporarily to a seated alternate.
 - D. After adoption of the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee, alternates shall be chosen to fill vacancies as follows:
 1. From the duly elected alternates of the precinct in the order, if any, designated by the precinct caucus
 3. Where no ranking of alternates has been established by the precinct caucus, the precinct chairs shall designate the alternate(s) to be seated from the list of alternates elected at the precinct caucus.
 3. If the precinct chairs are not seated or if they cannot agree, a majority of registered delegates from the precinct shall choose the alternate(s).
 4. If there is no majority opinion of the registered delegates or if no delegates are present, the Credential Committee shall fill any vacancy.
 - E. The report of alternates seated shall be made to the Credentials Committee.
- IV. **QUORUM** A quorum shall consist of a numerical majority of the total number of registered delegates as given in the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee. In no event shall the quorum be less than 10% of the eligible delegates to said Convention. Once a quorum has been established, a quorum call shall be out of order.
- V. **VOTING**
 - A. The vote on all questions shall be by voice vote, except as hereinafter provided.
 - B. A rising vote shall be taken if requested by the Chair of the Convention or by any delegate or seated alternate.
 - C. A poll of the delegations shall be taken if requested by the Chair of the Convention or by 10% of the delegates seated. The Chairman and Chairwoman of each Precinct shall poll the vote of the Precinct delegation and report the vote. The number of votes cast by any Precinct shall not exceed the number of delegates present on the floor at the time the vote is taken. A majority of the delegates in a Precinct may request that the vote on such polling be by secret ballot.
 - D. There shall be no voting by proxy or unit rule.
 - E. Once the final report of the Credentials Committee has been accepted, there shall be no further registration of delegates and alternates, provided that registration has been open for at least one-half hour after the Convention is called to order.
 - F. Voting on endorsement of a candidate for office shall be by secret ballot. The Chairman Chairwoman of each Precinct shall collect the ballots from the delegates of their Precinct, verify the ballots as to number and deposit them with the tellers. If neither the Chairman nor Chairwoman of the Precinct is seated, the Convention Chair shall instruct the tellers to distribute and collect the ballots for that Precinct. Precinct Chairmen and Chairwomen shall not open or count the ballots for their Precinct. Only tellers shall open and count the ballots.
 - G. No announcement of the total number of ballots cast shall be made for any Precinct with fewer than six votes cast. If there is a dispute as to the number of votes cast, the Election Judge and tellers shall decide the dispute and, if necessary, shall canvass the vote of that Precinct by separate written ballots, which ballots shall then be the ballots for that Precinct.

VI. **ENDORSEMENT QUESTION**

The Convention shall first determine by simple majority vote, for each office, whether endorsement shall be considered.

VII. **QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

After the final Credentials Committee report and before the nominations for office begin, the Convention, by simple majority vote, may decide to stand the proceedings at ease for a specified period of time for the purpose of questioning the individual candidate(s) as to positions on issues, campaign plans and any other questions which may relate to the endorsement being considered. The Chair of the Convention shall carefully supervise the questions so as to keep them germane.

VIII. **ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURE**

- A. Where more than one candidate is nominated for endorsement for one office, none of the candidates for that office shall be submitted on separately. Subject to ~D~ of this rule, the candidacies of all shall be submitted on each ballot, unless a candidate withdraws his or her candidacy.
- B. Only one candidate may be endorsed for a single office. If candidates for more than one office are to be endorsed, the Convention shall vote on each office separately. All candidates for a single office shall be nominated, seconded and the vote taken on that office before nominations shall be opened for another office.
- C. Only those delegates and seated alternates eligible to vote for the candidate(s) in the general election shall be entitled to vote on the endorsement of said candidate(s).
- D. When there are more than two candidates running for an office, any candidate who receives 10% or less of the vote on any ballot shall be dropped.
- E. All nominations shall be made from the nominating committee. Each candidate shall be given up to seven minutes total floor time which the candidate may use for seconding speeches and/or a personal address to the Convention. The order of nominating, seconding and candidate shall be determined by lot, with all speeches by or for a given candidate completed before a second candidate is nominated. The Convention Chair shall keep an accurate record of each candidate's time.
- F. Any candidate who shall by secret ballot receive the affirmative vote of 60% of the convention and if the 60% is greater than or equal to at least a majority of the registered delegates and seated alternates as established by the last report of the credentials committee preceding such vote shall be considered endorsed. If there is only one candidate for endorsement, a secret ballot must be taken until the candidate receives the required 60% affirmative vote or withdraws as a candidate or until the Convention by simple majority votes to adjourn.
- G. In the event that three ballots do not determine an endorsement, the remaining candidates will be given three minutes total floor time.

IX. **RECESS** In the event the Convention votes to recess rather than adjourn, the Chair of the Convention, prior to the vote on the question. shall announce that the only delegates and alternates eligible to register for the reconvened Convention are those delegates and alternates registered as of the final Credentials Committee report of the original Convention. However, the number of votes required for endorsement at the reconvened Convention shall remain an affirmative vote of 60% of the convention and if that number is also greater than 50% of delegates and alternates seated as stated in the final report of the Credentials Committee at the original Convention.

X. **SPEECHES** All speeches except those covered by Rule 8. F or those of invited guests shall be limited to three minutes. No delegate may speak more than twice on the same subject.

XI. **RESOLUTIONS OR ENDORSEMENTS** Resolutions or endorsements for any office not specified In the Official Call shall not be authorized at the Convention.

XII. **AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION** The permanent rules shall not be amended or suspended.