

REPUBLICANS of Olmsted County

House Districts 25A & 25B Endorsing Convention Rules Thursday - April 25, 2024

The Rules define our code of conduct for the duration of the Convention. The Rules Committee drafts a starting point and the Convention amends and approves them as part of its proceedings.

Rule 1. Parliamentary Governance

This convention shall be governed by the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Constitution of the 1st Congressional District, the Constitution of the Olmsted County BPOU, the statutes of the State of Minnesota, the official Call of this Convention, and the Rules adopted by this Convention.

Any points not thereby covered shall be governed by ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER, newly revised 12th Edition.

Rule 2. Order of Business

The order of business for the Convention shall be as set forth in the agenda. The Convention agenda will be adopted upon a majority vote of the delegates and seated alternates.

The order of the agenda may be altered at the discretion of the Chair.

Rule 3. Closing of Registration

Registration of delegates or alternates to the HD 25A and HD 25B Endorsing Convention shall close at 7:00pm, April 25, 2024.

Rule 4. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of fifteen (15) percent of the total number of delegates elected at the precinct caucuses within the district.

Once established by the final credentials report, it shall prevail until adjournment of the Convention.

Rule 5: Decorum (Chair)

Devices such as cell phones and pagers are to be turned off or set to vibrate.

Conversations impertinent to Convention business will be engaged off the Convention floor.

Video is allowed except for the purpose of voter intimidation or doxing. If an individual requests to not be on camera, the request must be honored. Video can be used for security purposes. Any video (BPOU or private) can be sequestered for legal purposes.

Attendees will politely oblige the Chair, shall not disrupt order and decorum, and may be removed for repeated interruptions that are out of order or not germane to the agenda.

Rule 6. Election of Convention Chair and Secretary

The Convention Chair and Secretary shall be elected by the Convention.

Rule 7. Appointment of Convention Committees and Officers

The Convention Committees, Parliamentarian, Head Teller, Time Keeper and Sergeant-at-Arms shall be appointed by the Convention Chair.

Rule 8. Rulings of the Chair

A point of order concerning a ruling of the Convention Chair shall, before appeal is taken to the floor, be considered by the Parliamentarian who shall advise the Convention Chair on the matter.

The ruling of the Convention Chair stands unless overridden by a majority vote of the delegates and seated alternates.

The Convention Chair will decide any voting dispute and may request a new vote.

Rule 9. Speakers

The Convention Chair may recognize candidates and guest speakers at various times throughout the Convention.

Rule 10. Addressing the Convention

The Convention Chair may recognize individuals that are entitled to speak at this Convention.

Only delegates and seated alternates shall be permitted to speak at this Convention.

A delegate or seated alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Chair, state his/her name and precinct, and the purpose for which he/she rises.

Rule 11. Debate

Debate upon any motion or subject shall be limited to two (2) minutes by each speaker.

Speakers will alternate pro and con.

No person shall be allowed to speak a second time upon the same subject until all others wishing to be recognized on the question have been heard.

No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice about the same question.

The second time a person speaks on the same subject, no more than one (1) minute will be allowed.

After six (6) speakers, the Chair may call for the vote.

Rule 12. Seating of Delegates and Alternates

Only delegates and alternates in HD 25A and HD 25B, who were duly elected at the February 27th, 2024 Olmsted County Precinct Caucuses and are validated by the Credentials Committee, may be registered for the Convention.

The permanent voting roll of the Convention shall be delegates and seated alternates elected at the 2024 Precinct Caucuses who still reside in the same precinct from which they were elected.

The number of each district's delegates and seated alternates is limited to its number of elected or allocated delegates, whichever is less.

Prior to filling delegations, registered delegates are considered seated and registered alternates are not.

Following the preliminary Credentials report, less than full precinct delegations may be filled by seating registered alternates.

If any delegate to this Convention is absent, then a duly elected alternate shall be seated in the absent delegate's place. Cross seating is permissible within a House District of Olmsted County BPOU. If the delegate becomes present at any time before the final Credentials Report the alternate will be replaced with the delegate.

Seating of alternates shall be the duty of the precinct Chairs. Per the Olmsted County Constitution Article XI Section 3a, "Alternates delegates to any Convention shall be seated in the order prescribed by the precinct caucus and, if none, by lot."

Alternates within a precinct shall be seated in order of ranking. Alternates that are cross seated within a House District will be seated by lot.

A registered delegate may assume their seat at any time and, if applicable, unseat the alternate of lowest rank, or, in precincts without ranked alternates, the most recently seated alternate.

Alternates who arrive after the call to fill delegations shall not replace any seated person, regardless of rank.

Delegates and alternates who arrive after the final Credentials Report shall not be seated.

In the event situations arise concerning the seating of delegates or filling of vacancies that are not covered by these rules, they shall be referred to the Credentials committee for decision, subject to appeal to the Convention Chair.

Rule 13. Nomination of Candidates for Endorsement

The Candidate Committee shall report to the Convention and place into nomination the names of declared candidates.

No nominations will be accepted from the floor.

In order to close nominations, the Convention must first entertain and pass a motion to do so.

Speeches or remarks, by or about candidates, shall be in order after the nomination process is closed.

A candidate may remove his/her name from consideration at any time.

Rule 14. Endorsement of Legislative Candidates

Candidates for House of Representatives in Districts 25A and 25B shall be endorsed separately by their respective House District delegates and seated alternates.

In order to endorse, the Convention must first entertain and pass a motion to endorse a candidate for a Legislative District.

The candidate speeches will be made from the podium in an order to be determined by lot. All such speeches, on behalf of and by a candidate, shall be collectively limited to five (5) minutes and heard before proceeding to the next candidate.

After the endorsement, the endorsed candidate may address the Convention for up to one (1) minute.

Rule 15. Voting

The method of voting on all questions shall be at the discretion of the Convention Chair unless otherwise stated in these Rules.

Only delegates and seated alternates who are present at the Convention shall be permitted to vote. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

If an uncontested race, the Convention delegation may decide by a 2/3 vote to endorse by acclamation.

If a contested race, voting shall be by secret ballot. Balloting shall continue until a candidate has been endorsed by receiving 60% of valid ballots cast.

A valid ballot consists of a vote of "endorsement" for a specific candidate or a vote of "no endorsement".

Any candidate receiving less than 10% of the vote on any given ballot shall cease to be considered a candidate for endorsement. After the fifth ballot, and any subsequent ballot that is a multiple of five, the Convention Chair may allow the candidates two (2) minutes to address the Convention.

No delegate or seated alternate shall be required to vote under a unit rule. (Unit rule definition = a district would caucus and vote on the question. The district would then cast 100% of the votes in their district for the winner of the caucus vote).

Each candidate is allowed an observer during ballot counting.

Guest and candidate speakers may address the Convention for a single period of time (unless otherwise specified in these Rules), not to exceed five (5) minutes each.

Rule 16. Distribution of Printed Material

Any literature, slates, or other candidate/organization material must contain a legal disclosure specifying which entity it originated from.

Rule 17. Amendments to Rules

Once adopted, any Rule shall not be amended nor suspended except by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the seated delegates and alternates as established by the Credentials Committee final report.

Rule 18. Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn shall be debatable until the completion of the official business of the Convention, as stated in the agenda.

A motion to adjourn shall not be in order during the endorsement process, excepting that, if an endorsement is not complete by the time of 9:00pm, a motion for no endorsement and adjourn will be in order.

END OF RULES