

# REPUBLICAN PARTY SENATE DISTRICT 16 AND HOUSE DISTRICT 16A ENDORSING CONVENTION

April 23, 2022

## Report of the Rules Committee

- 1) **Robert's Rules of Order, Revised**, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the statutes of the State of Minnesota, the Official Call of the Convention, or the rules adopted by this convention.
- 2) **The order of business** for this convention shall be as specified in the agenda accompanying these rules.
- 3) **Upon adoption of these rules**, they can be amended or suspended only by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Convention.
- 4) **The permanent voting roll** shall be composed of: The duly elected delegates and seated alternates residing within Senate District 16 or House District 16a.elected at the 2022 Caucus.
- 5) **The seating of alternates** shall be as follows:
  - a) Alternates are considered "at-large" within their respective BPOU's delegation, with the following exception:
    - i) Alternates can only be seated within their legislative district. Only residents residing within a district can vote to endorse candidates for that district whether it's a Senate District or House District.
    - b) Any open delegate seat(s) within a BPOU can be filled with an "at-large" alternate from that BPOU, and the BPOU Chair, the Chair's representative, or the delegate(s) present will decide on which alternates to seat in the available open seats.
- 6) **A quorum** shall consist of a majority of the duly elected delegates seated for the convention as given in the preliminary Credentials Report and shall be superseded by a majority of the duly elected delegates and alternates seated in the final Credential Report. Once a quorum has been established, a quorum call shall be ruled out of order.
- 7) **The voting strength of each legislative district** shall be the number of seated delegates and alternates present on the floor for each vote.
- 8) **Registration** shall close at 9:30 AM, no one being permitted to register after that time.
- 9) **Speaking**
  - a) A delegate or seated alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the chair, state their name, BPOU, and the purpose for which they rise.
  - b) Debate on any motion or question shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time on a matter until all those wishing to speak have had a first opportunity. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on a matter.
  - c) The Chair may at any time invite office holders, candidates, or distinguished guests to address the Convention for a period not to exceed five minutes
  - d) Candidates seeking endorsement may speak provided they've met the requirements of the Nominating Committee and comply with section 11 (b) below.
- 10) **Voting**
  - a) There shall be no voting by proxy or under the unit rule at this convention.
  - b) The vote on all questions shall be by voice vote, subject to the following:
    - i) A rising vote shall be taken if requested by any delegate, seated alternate, or the Convention chair.
  - c) Votes cast for the purpose of endorsement shall be by secret ballot or by acclamation (see 11 (e) below).
- 11) **Endorsement**
  - a) It shall first be determined by majority vote whether endorsement for an office shall be considered.
  - b) The Nominating Committee shall meet for at least one-half hour prior to the time that endorsement begins. Candidates seeking endorsement shall announce their intentions as prescribed on the Convention Call one week in advance of the Convention. The Nominating Committee will review all additional rules with all the declared candidates.
  - c) Any candidate seeking endorsement must agree to seek office as a Republican, if endorsed.
  - d) Each candidate, in an order determined by lot, shall be given fifteen minutes total floor time, to be used for nominating and seconding speeches, and/or a personal address.
  - e) Vote for endorsement shall be by secret ballot. The delegation may decide to endorse by acclamation for any office which there is only one candidate.
  - f) Any candidate receiving less than 10% of the vote on any ballot shall be eliminated.
  - g) The candidate receiving the affirmative vote of 60% of the voting strength of the convention as reported in the final Credential Report shall be endorsed.