

PROPOSED RULES

Seventh Congressional District Republican Party Convention April 26-27, 2024

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

1. *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Statutes of the State of Minnesota, the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Constitution of the 7th Congressional District Republican Party of Minnesota, the Bylaws of the 7th Congressional District Republican Party of Minnesota, the Call of this Convention, or the Rules adopted by the Delegates and Seated Alternates.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. The order of business of this convention shall be as listed in the official Agenda of the Convention, subject to the discretion of the Presiding Chair. The Convention Chair shall be authorized to make incidental changes to accommodate special guests and their address times so as to facilitate the orderly completion of the Convention's business.
3. These Rules shall not be amended nor suspended except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates and Seated Alternates after adoption of these rules.

REGISTRATION/ADJOURNMENT

4. Registration for the Convention is 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. with no Delegates or Alternates to be registered thereafter without suspension of these rules.
5. The Convention shall adjourn no later than 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 27th, 2024.
6. Should the business of the Convention require greater time than that provided by the stated adjournment time, the adjournment time may be extended by a simple majority of Delegates and Seated Alternates without the necessity of suspending these Rules.
7. A motion to adjourn is not in order until after completion of the approved agenda.

QUORUM

8. The Convention shall not conduct business until a quorum has been established. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the duly elected Delegates registered for the Convention as given in the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee and shall be superseded by a majority of the duly elected Delegates and seated Alternates as given in the final report of the Credentials Committee. Once a quorum of greater than thirty

percent (30%) of the Delegates and Seated Alternates in this Convention has been established, there shall be no further questions as to quorum. Once adopted, this rule will not be amended or suspended at this Convention.

9. The Credentials Committee shall report only at the times specified in the Agenda.

SEATING OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

10. Persons entitled to vote at the Convention are Delegates or Alternates who were elected as BPOU Delegates and Alternates at the BPOU Conventions within the Seventh Congressional District and who currently reside within the basic political organizational units (BPOUs) that elected them and one Delegate and one Alternate from any officially recognized Party Affiliate*. If present, Delegates shall be seated. If vacancies exist in a BPOU delegation, Alternates from that BPOU shall be seated as provided in Rule 11.

*Any Affiliate of 10 or more members organized within the 7th District and recognized by the Republican Party of Minnesota or by the 7th District may elect one Delegate and one Alternate, provided they shall have been elected according to the organization's Bylaws and are of voting age by the date of the next general election.

11. The Filling of Vacancies: After adoption of the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee, the BPOU chairs shall fill vacancies in the BPOU delegations from the Alternates elected from that BPOU as follows:
 - a. From the elected Alternates of the BPOU in the order, if any, designated at the BPOU convention.
 - b. Where no priority of Alternates has been established, the BPOU chair(s) shall designate the Alternate to be seated from the list of Alternates elected at that BPOU convention.
 - c. If a BPOU's co-chairs cannot agree, a majority of Delegates and seated Alternates from that BPOU who are present shall choose the Alternate.
 - d. If a BPOU's co-chairs cannot agree and there is no majority opinion of the registered Delegates and seated Alternates, or if no Delegates are present, the Convention Chair, or his or her designee, shall fill the vacancy(ies) from the registered Alternate(s) from that BPOU.
 - e. If no duly elected Delegates or Alternates from a BPOU are present, that BPOU shall have no representation.
 - f. There will be no cross-seating of Alternates from other BPOU's
12. Reseating of Delegates: Seating of registered Alternates shall be permissible at any time if a seated Delegate or Alternate is absent, provided, however, that upon return of the seated Delegate/Alternate that the Delegate/Alternate is immediately resealed. Upon

leaving the Convention, the Delegate or Seated Alternate must return their voting card to the BPOU Chair.

13. This Convention will not consider challenges to the seating of its listed Delegates or Alternates. It is understood that any such challenges should be brought at the BPOU conventions, and once such Delegates and Alternates are reported and accepted by the Republican Party of the State of Minnesota, no additional challenges will be recognized at the Congressional District level.
14. Only Delegates, seated Alternates, 7th District Officers, officers of the Convention, and individuals otherwise authorized by the Convention Chairman shall be allowed on the Convention floor.

CAMPAIGN LITERATURE, SIGNAGE & ELECTRONIC RECORDING

15. All literature distributed at this Convention must bear the name of the individual or organization paying for that literature and will be approved under this rule by the Sergeant at Arms prior to distribution. If inappropriate distribution occurs, the person(s) distributing the literature will be escorted from the Convention and barred from the remainder of the Convention. A motion to appeal this decision as governed by Roberts Rules may be made to the Convention by a qualifying Delegate or seated Alternate and must carry a simple majority vote by the Delegates and Seated Alternates for the decision to remove the person(s) is overturned.
16. Campaign signs, posters and banners will be allowed as permitted by the 7th District Executive Committee and Convention facility management personnel.
17. Signs will not be permitted behind literature tables being utilized by other candidates, or on or behind the speaker's podium unless that candidate is on stage.
18. No candidate, campaign or other entity may install more than 15 signs in the Convention chamber.
19. Signs and banners **cannot** be affixed to walls of the facility as per facility management rules. There can be no signs or banners affixed outside the Convention facilities as per facility management rules.
20. Campaign placards or signs properly distributed to delegates, alternates, or guests as per rules of literature are permitted with no limitations on number. However, all placards or signs distributed must be in the possession of Delegates, Alternates, or guests at all times. Note – this does not include campaign literature distributed to Delegates and Seated Alternates. Campaigns will be responsible for clean-up of all campaign materials within one hour of Convention adjournment.

21. No signs shall be installed until 2 hours before the convening of the Convention (9:00 am) and may not be installed once the Convention has convened. Campaigns installing signs will be responsible for removal of signs within one hour of Convention adjournment.
22. There will be no electronic recording of any kind (except still photos) of the Convention by anyone without the express permission of the 7th District Executive Committee or the Convention Chairman. Anyone attempting to record the convention without permission will be removed by the Sergeant-at-Arms and barred from the remainder of the Convention. A motion to appeal this decision as governed by Roberts Rules may be made to the Convention by a qualifying Delegate or seated Alternate and must carry a simple majority vote by the Delegates and Seated Alternates for the decision to remove the person(s) is overturned.
23. A representative from all campaigns and organizations intending to distribute literature and/or install signage will meet with the Rules Committee Chair prior to distribution or installation for the purpose of campaign literature, signs, and electronic recording. Note – a Zoom meeting will be scheduled prior to the Convention for this purpose. If a representative of a Campaign or organization cannot attend the Zoom meeting, they must meet with the Rules Committee Chair prior to distribution or installation as per this rule.

SPEAKING

24. A Delegate or seated Alternate wishing to speak shall rise, approach a Convention microphone, address the Chairman, state his or her name and BPOU, and the purpose for which he or she rises. No one other than Delegates or seated Alternates will be permitted to speak on the item at hand.
25. Debate on any item will be permitted as follows:
 - a. No motion to call the question can occur until at least two supporters of the item before the Convention and two dissenters of the item are allowed to speak.
 - b. Each speaker will be given two (2) minutes to speak except as prescribed for resolutions in Rule 63.
 - c. After two people have spoken for the item and two against, it will be the discretion of the Chair to request a vote of the Delegates and Seated Alternates. If more discussion should occur no more than one (1) minute will be allowed by each speaker thereafter.
 - d. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject. No two people on the same side of an issue may speak concurrently unless

there is no person on the opposing side of said issue. Once two people in a row speak on the same side of any issue, the question shall be moved and a vote taken on said issue.

- e. No more than one item will be discussed at a time. The Convention Chairman shall designate the official timekeeper for all discussion, debate, and speeches. Statewide candidates and approved guest speakers are limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes each.

VOTING

26. The voting strength of this Convention for any item of business shall be defined as the total of **seated** Delegates and Alternates as established by the most recent report of the Credentials Committee.
27. There shall be no voting under the “unit rule” as defined by *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised*.
28. There shall be no voting by proxy as defined by *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised*.
29. Voting on all questions as defined by *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised*, shall be by voice vote unless other procedures are chosen by a majority vote of the Convention, or as prescribed by these Rules.
30. A rising vote as defined by *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised*, shall be taken if a division of the assembly is requested. The request will be approved at the discretion of the Convention Chairman.
31. All contested elections and endorsements shall be determined by secret paper ballot.
 - a. **After secret ballots have been cast, the Chair (or designee) of each BPOU shall collect the ballots from the Delegates and seated Alternates of their BPOU, verify the ballots as to number, and deposit them with the Head Teller.**
 - b. Only a teller (not BPOU Chairs) shall open and tally ballots. After the tellers have all the ballots and have verified the correct number of ballots for each BPOU, they shall be commingled before counting.
 - c. Congressional candidates may have a maximum of 2 observers for each to watch ballot counting.
 - d. If there is a dispute as to the number of votes cast by a BPOU. Those votes shall be considered invalid and removed from the count with new ballots distributed to that BPOU for voting.

CANDIDATES SEEKING ENDORSEMENT US CONGRESS

32. All Candidates seeking endorsement must appear before the Nominating Committee and submit a petition containing twenty-five (25) signatures of Delegates, living within CD7, from five (5) different Senate Districts who state they will vote for the nominee on the first ballot by 12:00 pm (noon) April 23. Signatures may be submitted as originals or electronic copies of an actual signature on a form approved by the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Individual Delegates may not sign the petition of more than one Candidate per office. If a Delegate is found to have signed multiple petitions for a single office, those signatures shall be considered invalid and not count towards the twenty-five (25) required.
33. All those seeking endorsement must submit candidate nomination forms for US Congressional Representative no later than 12:00 PM (Noon) on April 23, 2024, to one of the two Co-Chairs of the CD7 Nomination Committee.
34. Candidates shall be notified before midnight on April 25, 2024, if the submitted delegate signatures were validated as conforming to the prior rule for minimum signatures. If any candidate needs additional signatures to meet the minimum required signatures, they will be allowed until 5:00 PM on April 26, 2024, to submit additional signatures to one of the two Co-Chairs of the CD7 Nomination Committee.
35. The candidates for endorsement shall be interviewed by the Nomination Committee no later than 9:00 PM on April 26, 2024.
36. The Nominating Committee shall present to the Convention the names of all Candidates who have complied with Rules 32-35.
37. The endorsement procedures shall be in accordance with Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, which provides as follows:

“Any candidate for any elective public office may be granted pre-primary endorsement by any state, Congressional District, BPOU or other authorized convention if he/she receives a 60% vote 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.”
38. All Candidates seeking endorsement shall verbally state their intention to abide by the endorsement outcome results prior to their candidate speech.
39. Nominating, seconding and candidate speeches for each candidate involved in a contested endorsement shall not collectively exceed ten (10) minutes.
40. Only one candidate may be endorsed for office.

41. Where there are more than two (2) candidates running for office, any candidate who receives ten percent (10%) or less of the vote on any ballot shall be eliminated.
42. Any candidate who receives the affirmative vote of 60% of the Delegates and Seated Alternates as stated in the final report of the Credentials Committee, shall be considered endorsed.
43. If endorsement of a candidate has not been reached after the 2nd ballot, the remaining candidates will be given three (3) minutes to address the Delegates and Seated Alternates. If endorsement of a Candidate has not been reached after the 4th ballot, the remaining Candidates will be given two (2) minutes to address the Delegates and Seated Alternates.
44. A motion for no endorsement shall not be in order until after the fifth (5) ballot.

CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION AS DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE TO RNC CONVENTION

45. There shall be three (3) elected Delegates and three (3) elected Alternates from Congressional District 7 to the RNC National Convention 2024 as per RNC rules for electing Delegates and Alternates. Rules for election will be provided to Candidates prior to the Congressional District 7 Convention. It will be the responsibility of Candidates to seek that information.
46. Candidates for Delegate and Alternate must be a Republican of good standing living within the district boundaries of Congressional District 7. If elected, all Delegates and Alternates commit to attend the RNC Convention and commit to paying the associated expenses of the RNC Convention.
47. Anyone wishing to run as a Delegate or Alternate must submit in writing their intent to one of the Nomination Committee Co-Chairs by 6 pm, April 20, 2024.
48. Rules for balloting will be as per Rule 31 herein.
49. The order of elections shall be: first order of business, Delegates shall be elected. Once Delegates are elected, a ballot of Alternates will be presented to the Convention. Candidates who ran for Delegate who were not elected can run as Alternate.
50. The Delegates and Seated Alternates shall **circle** three (3) Candidates for Delegates or Alternates on a single ballot if there are more than three candidates for election.
51. Candidates for Delegates will be given two (2) minutes to address the Convention prior to balloting.

52. Candidates for Alternate will be given two (2) minutes to speak to the Convention prior to balloting.
53. Candidates for Delegates and Alternates will be elected if they receive the top three number of votes in the balloting. If there is a tie for any of the positions, the Candidates who are in that tie will be re-balloted with the Candidate receiving the majority of votes considered to winner.

CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION AS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR

54. There shall be one (1) person elected as Presidential Elector to the Electoral College to Represent the Republican Party
55. Candidates for Elector must be a Republican of good standing living within the district boundaries of Congressional District 7.
56. Anyone wishing to run as a Elector must submit in writing their intent to one of the Nomination Committee Co-Chairs by 6 pm, April 20, 2024.
57. Rules for balloting will be as per Rule 31 herein.
58. Candidates for Elector will be given two (2) minutes to address the Convention prior to balloting.
59. The candidate receiving the top vote will be considered Elector for CD7.

RESOLUTIONS TO THE PARTY PLATFORM

60. Resolutions shall be presented by the Resolutions Committee Chair to the convention delegates by section blocks, multiple blocks, or individual resolutions at his discretion given the time constraints of the convention.
61. Any seated delegate may voice a challenge to remove one or more individual resolutions from each block as it is presented. One delegate requesting the removal is adequate to pull the cited resolution(s) from the block.
62. Rewording of the resolutions is not allowed. Each resolution either passes or fails as it was worded coming out of the CD7 Resolutions Committee.
63. The time allowed for each speaker in debating resolutions shall be one (1) minute.