



Minnesota Republican Party

Senate District 47 Convention Rules

Woodbury High School, Woodbury MN

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1 General

- 2 1. The order of business of this Convention shall be as listed in the official agenda of the Convention,
3 subject to the discretion of the presiding Chair.
- 4 2. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered
5 by the Constitution of the Republicans of Minnesota, the Statutes of the State of Minnesota, the
6 Official Convention Call of the Convention, or the Rules adopted by this Convention.
- 7 3. These Rules shall not be amended or suspended except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Convention.
- 8 4. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the duly elected Delegates registered for the Convention as
9 given in the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee and shall be superseded by a majority
10 of the duly elected Delegates and seated Alternates as given in the final report of the Credentials
11 Committee. Once a quorum in this Convention has been established there shall be no further
12 question as to the quorum.
- 13 5. All persons entering the Convention auditorium shall have in their visible possession a Convention
14 badge that is provided at the registration desk.
- 15 6. Candidate materials, banners, and hospitality setups will be in designated areas only. Any observed
16 literature that is vulgar, defames, or can cast negative light on the MN State Republican Party or
17 Senate District 47 will be removed.
- 18 7. Because the body will dissolve upon adjournment, a motion to adjourn is not in order unless all
19 business of the convention has been concluded.

20 Seating of Delegates and Alternates

- 21 8. The permanent roll of the Convention shall be constituted as follows:
 - 22 a. The duly elected Delegates from each precinct who are registered and present.
 - 23 b. If a Delegate to this Convention is absent, then a registered duly elected Alternate from that
24 precinct shall be seated in their stead.
 - 25 c. If no duly elected Delegates or Alternates from a precinct are present, that precinct shall
26 have no representation.
 - 27 d. When a registered Delegate returns to the floor of the Convention, they shall be immediately
28 seated.
 - 29 e. The order of seating shall be as follows:
 - 30 i. By rank. If the Alternate vote count from the precinct caucus is available, Alternates
31 shall be seated in order of the votes received. ‘
 - 32 ii. If the vote count is not available, the Convention Chair shall determine the order of
33 seating.
- 34 9. The voting strength of each precinct shall be the number of registered Delegates, and registered,
35 seated Alternates present on the floor. Delegates and Alternates must have been duly elected at the
36 February 27, 2024, Precinct Caucuses.
- 37 10. The Credentials Committee shall report any changes in the delegations prior to an election of
38 officers, election of Delegates, nominations of candidates, ratification of the platform, or when
39 requested by the Chair.



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- 40 11. The final report of the Credentials committee may be amended per Rule #9 if there have been late
 41 registrations. Completed late registrations occurring 30 minutes past the Convention call to order
 42 shall not be permitted for consideration as a nominee for State Delegate or Alternate (See Rule 36).

43 Speaking

- 44 12. A Delegate or seated Alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Convention Chair, state their
 45 name and precinct, and the purpose for which they rise.
- 46 13. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to two (2) minutes by each speaker. No person shall
 47 be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject. No person shall be allowed to speak a
 48 second time until all those desiring to speak have had a first opportunity to do so.
- 49 14. The Convention Chair shall appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussion, debate and
 50 speeches during the Convention.
- 51 15. The Convention Chair at any time may invite any office holder, candidate, candidate's surrogate or
 52 distinguished guest to address the Convention. The length of each address shall not exceed five (5)
 53 minutes, unless the Convention Chair gives approval for a longer period.
- 54 16. Visitors to the Convention will not be allowed to speak on the Convention floor or address the
 55 Convention unless such address is made under Rule 15. When in the Convention Hall, visitors must
 56 remain seated in the marked Visitor Section and must always remain silent so that the business of
 57 the Convention can proceed without distraction. The Convention Chair must instruct the Sergeant at
 58 Arms to immediately and permanently remove any visitor who is in violation of this Rule.
- 59 a. If any Delegate or Seated Alternate deems a visitor to be in violation of this Rule, as a matter of
 60 Privilege they may request that the Convention Chair have the visitor(s) removed from the
 61 Convention Hall. Upon concurrence by two (2) or more Delegates or seated Alternates, the Chair
 62 must instruct the Sergeant at arms to immediately and permanently remove the specified
 63 visitor(s) from the Convention Hall.
- 64 b. If any three (3) Delegates or Seated Alternates object to the removal of a visitor from the
 65 Convention Hall, they may request a vote by the Convention. The Chair shall then immediately
 66 call a vote on the issue, with no discussion. A vote in the affirmative shall be a vote to remove
 67 the visitor(s) from the Convention Hall. If a majority of those voting vote in the affirmative, the
 68 Chair must instruct the Sergeant at arms to immediately and permanently remove the specified
 69 visitor(s) from the Convention Hall. All visitors in the Convention Hall shall continue to be subject
 70 to Rule 16, regardless of any prior vote.

71 Voting

- 72 17. There shall be no voting under the unit Rule at this Convention.
- 73 18. Only Delegates and seated Alternates registered and present at this Convention shall be permitted to
 74 vote.
- 75 19. The vote on all questions shall be by voice vote subject to the following restrictions:
- 76 a. A rising vote shall be taken if requested by any Delegate, seated Alternate, or at the
 77 discretion of the Chair.
- 78 b. A roll call vote by precinct shall be taken if requested by five (5) or more precincts.
- 79 c. A secret ballot may be moved by any Delegate and voted up or down without discussion.



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- 80 d. A secret ballot shall be used for all contested elections.
- 81 20. If there is a dispute as to the vote of any precinct, the Chair of the Convention shall appoint a judge
- 82 and up to two tellers to canvass the vote of said precinct, and the judge shall report the same to the
- 83 Convention.
- 84 21. No second shall be required to a motion to adopt the majority report of any committee. A minority
- 85 report of any committee may be offered for substitution for the majority report if signed by three (3)
- 86 committee members.
- 87 22. When the previous question has been ordered on any proposition on which there has been no
- 88 debate: it shall be in order, before the final vote has been taken, to debate the proposition for three
- 89 (3) minutes with one-half of that time allotted to those in favor, and one-half to those in opposition
- 90 to the proposition, the same right of debate shall be allowed whenever a motion to lay on the table
- 91 has been made on any proposition on which there has been no debate.

92 Endorsement

- 93 23. There will be no nominations for State of Minnesota House or Senate District 47 candidates from the
- 94 floor.
- 95 a. However, if at least five (5) seated delegates from at least two (2) precincts in the House
- 96 District address the convention chair and request that an eligible candidate be added to the
- 97 nominations for a position, additional candidates may be considered. This provision must
- 98 occur prior to the commencement of any candidate speeches or votes cast.
- 99 24. The endorsement procedure shall be in accordance with Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution of
- 100 the Republican Party of Minnesota which provides as follows:
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102 Endorsements. Any candidate for public office may be granted pre-primary endorsement by any state,

103 Congressional District, BPOU or other authorized Convention if he/she receives a 60% vote of the

104 Convention and if 60% is greater than or equal to at least a majority of the registered Delegates and

105 Seated Alternates as established by the last report of the credentials committee preceding such vote.

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- 107 25. Nominees and their representation may speak prior to balloting for not more than five (5) minutes.
- 108 26. All candidates nominated for endorsement for one office shall be voted on one ballot.
- 109 27. Only one candidate may be endorsed for a single office. If candidates for more than one office are to
- 110 be endorsed, the Convention shall vote on each office separately.
- 111 28. When there are more than two candidates seeking endorsement, any candidate who receives 15% or
- 112 less of the vote on any ballot shall be eliminated.
- 113 29. A secret ballot shall be required when there is more than one nominee for endorsement. If there is
- 114 only one nominee a motion for a voice vote shall be in order; Rule 19 will apply.
- 115 30. Any candidate who receives an affirmative vote equal to or exceeding 60% of the final credentials
- 116 report of Delegates and seated Alternates, shall be considered endorsed.
- 117 31. Rules for 'no' endorsement follow in accordance with the Republican Party of Minnesota
- 118 Constitution.



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119 32. Acceptance speeches will be allowed by the endorsed candidates following the results of the vote,
120 unless contested per Rule 20, for not more than (3) minutes.

121 Elections of Delegates and Alternates to Congressional District and State Convention

122 33. Nominees for Delegate or Alternate, or their designated speakers, may address the Convention for
123 the purpose of stating their qualifications and stands on issues or candidates for a period not to
124 exceed thirty (30) seconds.

125 34. Speaking and voting for candidates will proceed first for Congressional District 2 and then for
126 Congressional District 4. Vote tallying and results for both will be held concurrently.

127 35. The method of voting shall be by one ballot with a single vote in the respective congressional district.
128 The ballot cast shall contain a different name for each available position. In 2024, there are 3
129 delegates and 3 alternates allotted to Senate District 47 for CD2 and there are 26 delegates and 26
130 alternates allotted to Senate District 47 for CD4. Duly elected Delegates and Alternates at this
131 Convention will serve at both the GOP Congressional District and Minnesota State Convention.

132 a. Each ballot will allow for the selection of either up to 3 positions (CD2) or up to 26 positions
133 (CD4) assigned in accordance with the delegate's precinct address. The top vote getters on
134 the ballot will be Delegates. Alternates will be ranked by number of votes received. If any
135 ballot contains more than the maximum allotment, duplicate names or invalid names, the
136 entire ballot will be considered spoiled.

137 b. All ties for alternate ranking will be decided by simple coin flip. This includes Delegate –
138 Alternate ties. Additional coin flips will be used as needed to successfully resolve all tie
139 breakers.

140 c. Candidates may run for either delegate or alternate. If running for alternate, the votes
141 received will be used only for the purposes of ranking.

142 36. In the event there are fewer nominees for Delegate than available positions, a motion to
143 unanimously elect the complete list of nominees will be in order.

144 37. Eligibility: Only those people who are registered and added to the nominations list will be eligible to
145 receive votes. Those wishing to have their names placed into nomination (or their surrogates) must
146 sign up with the Nomination Committee in advance of the convention or at the registration table at
147 the Convention site. No nominations will be taken from the floor of the Convention. Candidates must
148 be a duly elected Delegate or Alternate, seated or unseated, from the February 27, 2024, Precinct
149 Caucus.

150 38. It is not necessary for a candidate to be physically present if all other requirements are met.

151 39. Nominations for Delegates and Alternates to CD4 and State Convention will close 30 minutes after
152 the Convention is called to order.

153 Executive Committee Elections

154 40. Elections for vacant and available positions Senate District 47 Executive Committee shall occur in the
155 following order:

156 Full Senate District 47

157 a. SD47 Chair



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- 158 b. SD47 Deputy Chair
 159 c. SD47 Treasurer
 160 d. SD47 Secretary
 161 By House District (A and B)
 162 e. HD47 Chair (A/B)
 163 f. HD47 Vice Chair (A/B)
- 164 41. Nominations: All nominations for Executive Committee positions shall be submitted and
 165 acknowledged by the nominations committee prior to the convention as stated on the official
 166 convention call. Nominations shall not be taken from the Convention floor except when any position
 167 remains vacant without a previously declared candidate.
- 168 42. Eligibility:
 169 a. Any candidate for the Senate District 47 Executive Committee must reside within the bounds
 170 of Senate District 47 and either be registered as a Republican or voted Republican at the
 171 prior election.
 172 b. Candidates need not be present to be nominated.
- 173 43. Those persons, or their designed speakers, which have been nominated shall have the opportunity to
 174 address the Convention for a total of three (3) minutes. If any position is contested, the nominees
 175 shall have the opportunity to select their order of speaking via coin toss, or at the discretion of the
 176 chair.
- 177 44. Voting: In addition to Rules described in voting section of this document, the following apply: There
 178 will be a separate election for each of the vacant positions.
 179 a. Voting strength is established by the final report of the Credentials Committee.
 180 b. In any contested election, a valid ballot majority of the registered voters at the time of the
 181 final report is required to elect a person to the SD47 Executive Committee.
 182 c. In the event of an uncontested election, a motion to unanimously elect the position will be in
 183 order.
 184 d. The motion to elect by standing vote requires a majority vote of the Convention.

185 Resolutions/Platform

- 186 45. Only those resolutions presented to the Resolutions/Platform Committee, and presented to the
 187 Convention Chair by the same, shall be eligible for discussion. Resolutions may not be submitted
 188 from the floor of the Convention. Discussion of a resolution shall not take place unless at least
 189 fifteen (15) Delegates and/or seated Alternates indicate a desire to have discussion of that
 190 resolution. If there is discussion, Rule 13 applies.
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