Republican Party of House District 27A
Convention Rules

February 28, 2026, Becker High School

GENERAL

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR), shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the statutes of the State of Minnesota, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Official Call of this Convention, or the rules adopted by this Convention. A parliamentarian may be appointed by the Convention Chair to assist in the interpretation of the rules. The final authority for all decisions is the responsibility of the Convention Chair (subject to appeal in accordance with RONR).

Order of Business: The order of business of this Convention shall be as stated in the 2026 Convention Agenda. A motion to adjourn the Convention shall be debatable until all items on the agenda have been addressed on the Convention floor. 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delegates registered for the Convention as given in the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee and shall be superseded by a majority of the duly elected delegates and seated alternates as given in the final report of the Credentials Committee.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 50% plus one of the delegates seated in this Convention has been established, any further question as to the quorum shall be ruled as out of order. These Rules shall not be amended nor suspended except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention.

Etiquette: Please silence cell phones. No electronic recording unless approved by the Convention Chair.

SEATING OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

The permanent roll of the Convention shall be constituted as follows:

a. The duly elected delegates of each precinct who are actually present.
b. If any duly elected delegate to this Convention is absent, then a duly elected alternate from that precinct shall be seated instead.
c. If no duly elected delegates or alternates from a precinct are present, that precinct shall have no representation.
d. When a registered delegate returns to the floor of the Convention, he/she shall be immediately seated and any alternate who had been seated in his/her place will vacate that seat.
e. The order of seating of alternates shall be as follows:
   (1) If the alternate vote count from the precinct caucus is available, alternates shall be seated in order of the votes received.
   (2) If the vote count is not available, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the seated delegates of that precinct.
   (3) If no delegates are present and seated, the Convention Chair shall fill the vacancy with alternates from that precinct.

The voting strength of each precinct shall be the number of seated delegates.

SPEAKING

A delegate or seated alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Convention Chair, state his/her name and precinct, and the purpose for which he/she rises. Debate upon any motion or subject shall be limited to one minute by each speaker. A timekeeper shall be appointed by the Convention Chair to ensure all time limitations specified within these Rules are observed. No person shall be allowed to speak more than once upon the same subject until all others who wish to speak have had the opportunity to do so. At the Convention Chair's discretion, a speaker may be allowed to speak a second time on an issue. The Convention Chair will seek to alternate opinions on either side of an issue. If no opposing perspective is present, the speaker may close the discussion.

The Convention Chair may recognize visitors and give them the privilege of speaking up to 5 minutes.

There shall be no candidate or issue signs allowed on, behind or within 10 feet of the stage/podium except during the candidate floor time. All publications and documents intended for distribution on the Convention floor or within the building where the Convention is being held must contain a disclosure clearly identifying the person or organization responsible for the contents of the publication, including the author's name and contact information. Any material not

having appropriate disclosure will be confiscated by the Sergeant-at-Arms and the person or persons distributing the material will be removed for the remainder of the Convention.

VOTING

Only delegates and seated alternates registered and present at this Convention shall be permitted to vote.

The vote on all questions shall be by voice vote or, at the Convention Chair's discretion, subject to the following restrictions:

A. A rising vote shall be taken if division is requested by any three seated delegates or alternates or at the discretion of the Convention Chair.
B. A roll call vote by precinct shall be taken at the discretion of the Convention Chair or if requested by 33% of the seated delegates and alternates.
C. There shall be no voting by proxy or unit rule.
D. A paper ballot shall be used for all contested elections. A ballot with printed names may be used provided all requirements from the Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution are met.
E. Voting on a contested endorsement of a candidate for office shall be by secret paper ballot. The chair of each precinct shall distribute and collect the ballots from the delegates of their precinct, verify the ballots as to number and deposit them with the tellers. The precinct chair shall not open or count the ballots for their precinct; only official tellers shall open and count the ballots.
F. No announcement of the total number of ballots cast shall be made for any precinct with fewer than ten votes cast. If there is a dispute as to the number of votes cast, the Head Teller 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.
G. With the exception of endorsement elections, all items voted on will be determined by the majority of seated delegates votes, 50% + 1.

ENDORSEMENT QUESTION

The Nominations Committee shall report to the Convention all offices for which they have met with candidates that are seeking endorsement. The Convention Chair shall then first determine, by simple majority vote for each office, whether endorsement shall be considered.

ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURE

All candidates or their representatives must notify the Nominations Chair of their intent to seek endorsement by the deadline specified in the Call to Convention. Any candidate who fails to notify the Nominations Chair prior to this deadline cannot be nominated.

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.

Only those delegates and seated alternates eligible to vote in the primary or general election for the office which is currently being considered shall be entitled to vote on the endorsement of said candidate(s).

A ballot with pre-printed names may be used provided all requirements from the Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution are met. If there are more than two candidates running for an office and no candidate receives 60% of the vote, the candidate with the lowest vote total will be excluded from subsequent ballots.

The Nominations Committee shall first give its report for any office that is being considered. A report of 'qualified' by the Nominations Committee indicates that a candidate is nominated and no second is required. Each nominated candidate shall be given ten minutes' total floor time which the candidate may use for nominating and seconding speeches and/or a personal address to the Convention. The order of each candidate's time shall be determined by lot, with all speeches by or for a given candidate completed before a second candidate is allowed their time. The Convention Chair shall keep an accurate record of each candidate's time and shall resume control of the Convention floor when their time is expired.

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 pursuing endorsement, a voice vote will be sufficient to affirm endorsement.

ELECTION OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES

The Convention Chair shall announce the number of Delegates and Alternates for each convention allotted to this BPOU. The Chair should also describe the duties and responsibilities of the office.

Any delegate or alternate to the BPOU with intent to seek election as a Congressional District or State Convention Delegate or Alternate must indicate their intent to be nominated at the credentials check in or be nominated from the floor of the convention (self nomination is allowed). No second is required for nomination.

Candidates shall be given up to 1 minute to address the Convention. A number shall be randomly assigned to each candidate and this shall be the order in which they speak. Any ballots that have questionable marks shall be set aside and their validity determined by majority vote of the tellers.

There shall be a separate ballot for Congressional District and State convention delegates. All ballots must contain a full slate equal to the number of delegates to be elected (no bullet voting). Ballots without a full slate will be considered spoiled and therefore not count toward election results. Additional votes may be taken to break ties, or, if agreed upon by the candidates involved, a coin toss (for 2) or lots (for more than 2) may be used to break the tie. All vote totals shall be tallied and ranked to determine the outcome. Those persons who receive the highest vote totals shall be elected to the office of delegate until all delegate slots are filled. The next highest vote totals will be elected to the office of alternate delegate until all alternate delegate slots are filled. Alternates must be ranked for seating purposes at respective conventions.

RESOLUTIONS

Consideration of the Resolutions Committee report will proceed in three stages:
a. For each section in turn, delegates will be asked if there are any planks of the current platform or resolutions from the platform committee report on which debate is desired. A minimum of 15% of votes cast is required to "pull" the resolution for debate.
b. After all planks to be debated have been identified, the convention will proceed, section by section, to vote to approve the recommendations of the committee for all items not pulled for debate. If any section fails to receive 50%+1 of the vote, the resolutions in that section will be considered one at a time, without regard for the committee recommendation. [That is, the vote will be for or against forwarding the resolution to CD6.] Any resolution that does not receive a 50%+1 affirmative vote will not be forwarded.
c. The convention will then proceed to debate and vote, without regard for the committee recommendation, on each of the “pulled” resolutions. Unless debate is extended by a simple majority of delegates and seated alternates on the convention floor, the debate will be ended after there have been 2 speakers pro and 2 against. Discussion will be alternated between for and against. If there is no speaker on the opposing side, the debate will be ended. After debate, there must be a 50%+1 affirmative vote to forward the resolution to CD6

Only Resolutions approved by a HD27A precinct at caucus on February 3, 2026, will be considered. Amendments to the Resolutions Committee report, unless agreed to by consensus, shall only be considered if a majority of delegates first concur to allow the consideration.

All resolutions shall be considered and debated on an individual basis and shall be forwarded to CD6 only after a 50%+1 affirmative vote of the convention members.

AMENDMENTS TO HD27A CONSTITUTION

The Chairman of the Constitution Committee will report if any amendments to the Constitution were received according to the method prescribed in the call to Convention. No floor amendments will be accepted. If amendments were submitted, the Constitution Committee chairman shall explain for each amendment, the words to be added, the words to be stricken, and the reason for the amendment as stated by the proposer of the amendment. Optionally, the text and reason for each amendment may also be displayed on a large screen. The Convention Chair shall open the floor for a discussion of the proposed amendment, after which a voice vote on the amendment shall be taken. If the voice vote is inconclusive, a rising vote shall be taken. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) is required for passage of the proposed amendment.

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 last 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.