

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- 8 report of the Credentials Committee and shall be superseded by a majority of the duly elected Delegates and seated Alternates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

18 Seating of Delegates and Alternates

- 19 8. The permanent roll of the Convention shall be constituted as follows:
- 20 a. The duly elected Delegates from each precinct that are present and registered.
- 21 b. If a Delegate to this Convention is absent, then a registered duly elected Alternate from that precinct shall be seated
- 22 in their stead.
- 23 c. If no duly elected Delegates or Alternates from a precinct are present, that precinct shall have no representation.
- 24 d. When a registered Delegate returns to the floor of the Convention, they shall be immediately seated.
- 25 e. The order of seating shall be as follows:
- 26 i. By rank. If the Alternate vote count from the precinct caucus is available, Alternates shall be seated in
- 27 order of the votes received. ‘
- 28 ii. If the vote count is not available, the Convention Chair shall determine the order of seating.
- 29 9. The voting strength of each precinct shall be the number of registered Delegates, and registered, seated Alternates present on
- 30 the floor. Delegates and Alternates must have been duly elected at the February 1, 2022, Precinct Caucuses.
- 31 10. The Credentials Committee shall report any changes in the delegations prior to an election of officers, election of Delegates,
- 32 nominations of candidates, ratification of the platform, or when requested by the Chair.
- 33 11. The final report of the Credentials committee may be amended per Rule #9 if there have been late registrations. Completed
- 34 late registrations occurring 30 minutes past the Convention call to order shall not be permitted for consideration as a nominee
- 35 for State Delegate or Alternate (See Rule 36).

36 Speaking

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- 38 12. A Delegate or seated Alternate wishing to speak shall rise, address the Convention Chair, state their name and precinct, and
- 39 the purpose for which they rise.
- 40 13. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to two (2) minutes by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak
- 41 more than twice on the same subject. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time until all those desiring to speak have
- 42 had a first opportunity to do so.
- 43 14. The Convention Chair shall appoint a timekeeper for purpose of timing discussion, debate and speeches during the
- 44 Convention.

- 45 15. The Convention Chair at any time may invite any office holder, candidate, candidate's surrogate or distinguished guest to
46 address the Convention. The length of each address shall not exceed three (3) minutes, unless the Convention Chair gives
47 approval for a longer period.
- 48 16. Visitors to the Convention will not be allowed to speak on the Convention floor or address the Convention unless such
49 address is made under Rule 15. When in the Convention Hall, visitors must remain seated in the marked Visitor Section and
50 must always remain silent so that the business of the Convention can proceed without distraction. The Convention Chair
51 must instruct the Sergeant at Arms to immediately and permanently remove any visitor who is in violation of this Rule.
- 52 a. If any Delegate or Seated Alternate deems a visitor to be in violation of this Rule, as a matter of Privilege they may
53 request that the Convention Chair have the visitor(s) removed from the Convention Hall. Upon concurrence by two (2)
54 or more Delegates or seated Alternates, the Chair must instruct the Sergeant at arms to immediately and permanently
55 remove the specified visitor(s) from the Convention Hall.
- 56 b. If any three (3) Delegates or Seated Alternates object to the removal of a visitor from the Convention Hall, they may
57 request a vote by the Convention. The Chair shall then immediately call a vote on the issue, with no discussion. A vote
58 in the affirmative shall be a vote to remove the visitor(s) from the Convention Hall. If a majority of those voting vote in
59 the affirmative, the Chair must instruct the Sergeant at arms to immediately and permanently remove the specified
60 visitor(s) from the Convention Hall. All visitors in the Convention Hall shall continue to be subject to Rule 16,
61 regardless of any prior vote.

62 **Voting**

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- 64 17. There shall be no voting under the unit Rule at this Convention.
- 65 18. Only Delegates and seated Alternates registered and present at this Convention shall be permitted to vote.
- 66 19. The vote on all questions shall be by voice vote subject to the following restrictions:
- 67 a. A rising vote shall be taken if requested by any Delegate, seated Alternate, or at the discretion of the Chair.
- 68 b. A roll call vote by precinct shall be taken if requested by five (5) or more precincts.
- 69 c. A secret ballot may be moved by any Delegate and voted up or down without discussion.
- 70 d. A secret ballot shall be used for all contested elections.
- 71 20. If there is a dispute as to the vote of any precinct, the Chair of the Convention shall appoint a judge and up to two tellers to
72 canvass the vote of said precinct, and the judge shall report the same to the Convention.
- 73 21. No second shall be required to a motion to adopt the majority report of any committee. A minority report of any committee
74 may be offered for substitution for the majority report if signed by three (3) committee members.
- 75 22. When the previous question has been ordered on any proposition on which there has been no debate: it shall be in order,
76 before the final vote has been taken, to debate the proposition for three (3) minutes with one-half of that time allotted to those
77 in favor, and one-half to those in opposition to the proposition, the same right of debate shall be allowed whenever a motion
78 to lay on the table has been made on any proposition on which there has been no debate.

79 **Endorsement**

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- 81 23. There will be no nominations for State of Minnesota House or Senate District 47 candidates from the floor.
- 82 a. However, if at least five (5) seated delegates address the convention chair and request that an eligible candidate be
83 added to the nominations for a position, additional candidates may be considered. This provision must occur prior
84 to the commencement of any candidate speeches or votes cast.
- 85 24. The endorsement procedure shall be in accordance with Article V, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Republican Party of
86 Minnesota which provides as follows:
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88 Endorsements. Any candidate for public office may be granted pre-primary endorsement by any state, Congressional District,
89 BPOU or other authorized Convention if he/she receives a 60% vote of the Convention and if 60% is greater than or equal to at
90 least a majority of the registered Delegates and Seated Alternates as established by the last report of the credentials committee
91 preceding such vote.

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- 93 25. Nominees and their representation may speak prior to balloting for not more than five (5) minutes.
- 94 26. All candidates nominated for endorsement for one office shall be voted on one ballot.
- 95 27. Only one candidate may be endorsed for a single office. If candidates for more than one office are to be endorsed, the
96 Convention shall vote on each office separately.
- 97 28. When there are more than two candidates seeking endorsement, any candidate who receives 15% or less of the vote on any
98 ballot shall be eliminated.
- 99 29. A secret ballot shall be required when there is more than one nominee for endorsement. If there is only one nominee a motion
100 for a voice vote shall be in order; Rule 19 will apply.

- 101 30. Any candidate who receives an affirmative vote equal to or exceeding, 60% of the final credentials report of Delegates and
102 seated Alternates, shall be considered endorsed.
103 31. Rules for ‘no’ endorsement follow in accordance with the Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution.
104 32. Acceptance speeches will be allowed by the endorsed candidates following the results of the vote, unless contested per Rule
105 20, for not more than (3) minutes.

106 **Elections of Delegates and Alternates to Congressional District and State Convention**

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108 33. Nominees for Delegate or Alternate, or their designated speakers, may address the Convention for the purpose of stating their
109 qualifications and stands on issues or candidates for a period not to exceed thirty (30) seconds.
110 34. Speaking and voting for candidates will proceed first for Congressional District 2 and then for Congressional District 4. Vote
111 tallying and results for both will be held concurrently.
112 35. The method of voting shall be by one ballot with a single vote in the respective congressional district. The ballot cast shall
113 contain a different name for each available position. In 2022, there are 3 delegates and 3 alternates allotted to Senate District
114 47 for CD2 and there are 26 delegates and 26 alternates allotted to Senate District 47 for CD4. Duly elected Delegates and
115 Alternates at this Convention will serve at both the GOP Congressional District and Minnesota State Convention.
116 a. Each ballot will allow for the selection of either up to 3 positions (CD2) or up to 26 positions (CD4) assigned in
117 accordance with the delegate’s precinct address. The top vote getters on the ballot will be Delegates. Alternates will
118 be ranked by number of votes received. If any ballot contains more than the maximum allotment, duplicate names or
119 invalid names, the entire ballot will be considered spoiled.
120 b. All ties for alternate ranking will be decided by simple coin flip. This includes Delegate – Alternate ties. Additional
121 coin flips will be used as needed to successfully resolve all tie breakers.
122 c. Candidates may run for either delegate or alternate. If running for alternate, the votes received will be used only for
123 the purposes of ranking
124 36. In the event there are fewer nominees for Delegate than available positions, a motion to unanimously elect the complete list
125 of nominees will be in order.
126 37. Eligibility: Only those people who are registered and added to the nominations list will be eligible to receive votes. Those
127 wishing to have their names placed into nomination (or their surrogates) must sign up with the Nomination Committee in
128 advance of the convention or at the registration table at the Convention site. No nominations will be taken from the floor of
129 the Convention. Candidates must be a duly elected Delegate or Alternate, seated or unseated, from the February 1, 2022,
130 Precinct Caucus.
131 38. It is not necessary for a candidate to be physically present if all other requirements are met.
132 39. Nominations for Delegates and Alternates to CD4 and State Convention will close 30 minutes after the Convention is called
133 to order.

134 **Resolutions/Platform**

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

140 **Executive Committee Elections**

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142 41. Elections for vacant positions Senate District 47 Executive Committee shall occur in the following order:
143 Full Senate District 47
144 a. SD47 Chair
145 b. SD47 Deputy Chair
146 c. SD47 Treasurer
147 d. SD47 Secretary
148 By House District (A and B)
149 e. HD47 Chair (A/B)
150 f. HD47 Vice Chair (A/B)
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152 42. Nominations: All nominations for Executive Committee positions shall be submitted and acknowledged by the nominations
153 committee prior to the convention as stated on the official convention call. Nominations shall not be taken from the
154 Convention floor except whereas any position remains vacant without a previously declared candidate.
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- a. Any candidate for the Senate District 47 Executive Committee must reside within the bounds of Senate District 47 and either be registered as a Republican or voted Republican at the prior election.
 - b. Candidates need not be present to be nominated.
44. Those persons, or their designed speakers, which have been nominated shall have the opportunity to address the Convention for a total of three (3) minutes. If any position is contested, the nominees shall have the opportunity to select their order of speaking via coin toss, or at the discretion of the chair.
45. Voting: In addition to Rules described in voting section of this document, the following apply: There will be a separate election for each of the vacant positions.
- a. Voting strength is established by the final report of the Credentials Committee.
 - b. In any contested election, a valid ballot majority of the registered voters at the time of the final report is required to elect a person to the SD47 Executive Committee.
 - c. In the event of an uncontested election, a motion to unanimously elect the position will be in order.
 - d. The motion to elect by standing vote requires a majority vote of the Convention.