

**SENATE DISTRICT 61  
REPUBLICAN BPOU CONVENTION  
AGENDA - March 25, 2023**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of the Official Call to the Convention
4. Election of Temporary Chair of the convention
5. Election of Temporary Secretary of the convention
6. Appointment of Parliamentarian, Chief Teller, Tellers, Time Keeper
7. Appointment of Convention Committees - Credentials, Rules & Nominations
8. Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee
9. Approval of the Rules Committee, Section 4. Filling of Vacancies
10. Filling of Vacancies in the Delegations  
(seating of alternates)
11. Final report of the Credentials Committee
12. Motion to make the temporary Organization Permanent
13. Approval of the remaining Rules Committee Report
14. Vote to join the Minneapolis BPOU – see Resolution below Rules
15. Nominating Committee Report - Election of SD Officers
16. Nominating Committee Report - Election of State Central Delegates & Alternates
17. Announcements and Introductions of Guests \*
18. Other Business
19. Adjourn

\* Announcements and introduction of guests may take place throughout the convention at the discretion of the convention chair.

# Rules Committee Report

## 61st Senate District Republican Convention

March 25, 2023, 10 a.m. - Burroughs Elementary School, 1605 W. 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN

**1. PROCEDURE:** “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised” shall govern the conduct of the convention when not in conflict with these rules, the laws of the State of Minnesota, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Republican Party of Minnesota or the Constitution of Republican Senate District 61.

**2. ORDER OF BUSINESS:** The order of business of the convention shall be as listed in the Convention’s Agenda.

**3. PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE:** Persons entitled to vote at the convention are the duly elected delegates or their seated alternates who were elected at the 2022 precinct caucuses, who presently reside within the precinct from which they were elected, and reside in Senate District 61.

#### **4 FILLING OF VACANCIES:**

A. After the adoption of this rule (4) of the Rules Committee report and the Preliminary report of the Credentials Committee, the precinct chairs shall fill the vacancies in the precinct delegations from the alternates elected from that specific precinct as follows:

a. From the duly elected alternates of the precinct in the order, if any, designated by the 2022 precinct caucus.

b. Where no ranking of alternates has been established by the precinct caucus, the precinct chair shall designate the alternate(s) to be seated from the list of alternates elected at the 2022 precinct caucus.

c. If the precinct chair(s) are not seated or are not present, then the majority of the delegates present will seat the alternates as described in a. or b. above.

d. If there is not a majority opinion of the registered delegates as to which alternates are to be seated or if no delegates are present, the convention Credentials Committee shall fill any vacancy.

B. There shall be no cross seating of alternates.

C. Upon the return of a previously seated delegate or the arrival of a properly registered delegate or a higher–ranking registered alternate, the seated alternate shall relinquish their seat.

D. If the precinct chair is not seated or is not present, then a Temporary Precinct Chair may be elected by a majority of the registered delegates from that precinct for the duration of this convention. The Temporary Chair shall not seat alternate delegates.

E. Delegates and alternates registration opens at 9:30 a.m. and will remain open until 30 minutes after the Convention is called to order. Guests may register at any time.

F. Delegates and alternates that arrive after the final Credentials Committee report may register. They may also be added to the final Credentials Committee report at the discretion of a majority vote of the convention. If added to the final

Credentials Committee report, delegates will take their position and alternates will be seated as described in A. above.

**5. QUORUM:** A quorum shall consist of a numerical majority of the total number of registered delegates as established by the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee. In order for the convention to conduct official business, a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the total elected delegates, from the 2022 precinct caucuses, must be registered and seated at the convention. Once a quorum has been established, a call for a quorum thereafter shall be out of order. However, no action except adjournment shall be transacted by the convention without at least one fourth (1/4) of the registered delegates and seated alternates present, as established by the final report of the Credentials Committee.

**6. ADDRESSING THE CONVENTION:**

A. A delegate wishing to speak shall rise, address the convention chair and when recognized by the convention chair, state his/her name, precinct and their purpose of speaking.

B. All speeches, unless otherwise specified, shall be limited to thirty (30) seconds. No delegate or seated alternate may speak more than twice (2) on the same subject.

C. Discussion of proposed issues shall be further governed by the following rule:

a. Discussion of an issue will begin with a delegate who wishes to speak in favor of the issue, followed by a delegate who wishes to speak in opposition to the issue. If no delegates wish to speak in support of the issue, discussion may begin by a delegate who wishes to speak in opposition to the issue.

b. Additional discussion is allowed in an alternating order of one speaker in favor of the issue, followed by one speaker opposed to the issue.

c. Discussion of an issue will be limited to three delegates speaking in support of and three speaking in opposition to the issue.

d. The motion to Move the Previous Question shall not be in order until discussion of the issue has been completed.

D. Guests speakers will be allowed a maximum of four (4) minutes to address and/or answer questions at the convention.

E. The convention chair or Time Keeper is directed to strictly enforce all speaking related time limits.

**7. VOTING:**

A. All voting for contested positions shall be by secret written ballot unless otherwise specified in these rules.

B. The vote on all other questions shall be by voice vote. If the convention chair is in doubt on a voice vote, the chair may order a standing vote.

C. If the convention chair is in doubt as to the result of a standing vote, the chair may order a polling of the precincts, whose votes shall be reported by the respective precinct chairs to the Chief Teller for tabulation.

D. No unit voting shall be allowed.

E. No ballot shall be valid unless it contains at least one and not more than one vote for each position to be filled.

F. Only names of delegates placed in nomination shall be permitted on ballots. Any ballots containing names which have not been placed into nomination shall

be deemed invalid and not be tabulated.

## **8. BALLOTING:**

A. The ballots cast by each precinct shall be collected by the precinct chair or Tellers and given to the Chief Teller for tabulation. Tellers must verify the number of ballots cast by each precinct before the ballots are commingled for tabulation.

B. The Chief Teller shall report to the convention chair the total number of votes cast for each position and the amount of votes received by each candidate. The convention chair shall announce the results to the convention.

C. If there is a dispute as to the number of ballots cast by any precinct, a challenge must be made before the ballots from the precinct are commingled for tabulation. Upon such a challenge, the convention chair shall appoint two Special Tellers to count the ballots cast by the precinct. The precinct will be required to vote again only if there is a discrepancy between the original count and the votes allotted to that precinct.

D. In the case of a tied vote for Delegate(s) and/or Alternate(s) positions, the final result of the election will be determined by drawing numbered lots.

## **9. ELECTION OF BPOU OFFICERS:**

A. The Senate District 61 officers as listed in the Senate District 61 Constitution shall be elected by the convention.

B. Each officer position shall be elected on a separate ballot.

C. The Nominations Committee must place in nomination all the names for each office that appeared before the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee may state who they believe is qualified and who is not qualified for the office. No nominations from the floor are allowed.

D. Only the names of those persons nominated for each office shall be on the ballot. Any ballot containing more than or fewer names than those persons nominated shall be invalid and shall not be counted. Blank ballots shall not be counted.

E. Upon the close of nominations for each BPOU office position, nominating and candidates speeches for each separate position shall be determined by lot and shall not exceed two minutes for each candidate. If there is only one candidate for any BPOU officer position, there shall be no nominating speeches for that position and the nominee shall be voted on by acclamation.

## **10. SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE:**

A. Candidates for State Central Committee can sign up by contacting the Nominations Committee Chair. Nominations may also be from the floor. The Chair shall call for nominations before nominations are closed. Once Candidates for State Central Committee begin speaking, no other nominations shall be accepted.

B. Candidates for State Central Committee shall be allotted one minute to address the convention.

C. The one (1) candidates receiving the most votes in the voting will be selected as Delegates.

D. The two (2) candidates receiving the next highest vote totals will be first and

second Alternates to the State Central Committee.

**11. MISCELLANEOUS:**

- A. After the adoption of the Convention Rules, they may be amended or suspended only by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3's) of the Delegated and Seated Alternates, as established by the Final Credentials Report.
- B. All materials distributed at the convention by campaigns, individuals, or advocacy groups must state who paid, distributed or approved of them.
- C. No campaign materials from any organization may be affixed to the walls within the convention auditorium.
- D. No audio or video recording or electronic transmission of this convention by any individual in attendance is permitted unless authorized by the Chair in advance. Any attendees who violate this rule may be asked to leave the convention.
- E. Turn off phones or silence them. Use your phone outside the auditorium.
- F. The presiding officer or designee thereof shall have the discretion to remove any attendee for disorderly behavior such as repeated interruptions, attempting to disrupt the business of the convention, or other behavior otherwise contradictory to the good order of the body.

**12 TRANSMISSION OF CONVENTION RESULTS:** Convention results shall be recorded and forwarded to the Republican 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and the Republican State Party Headquarters no later than three (3) business days after the Convention adjourns.

**JOIN THE MINNEAPOLIS REPUBLICAN PARTY RESOLUTION**

Resolved,

That the Senate District 61 Basic Political Organizational Unit (BPOU) of the Republican Party of Minnesota be, and hereby is, consolidated with the other BPOUs within Minneapolis into the city-wide BPOU named Minneapolis Republican Party, in accordance with the Republican Party of Minnesota constitution, article IV, section 1, as of March 25, 2023 or when such consolidation shall be accepted by all five Senate District BPOUs within Minneapolis; and

That the Chair and Treasurer of each of the Senate District BPOUs shall exercise fiduciary responsibility in properly distributing any assets and liabilities under their control at the time of consolidation and continue in their respective capacities until the consolidation procedures have been completed.