

2026 Senate District 24 Proposed Convention Agenda

Sunday, March 15th, 2026

Registration at 2:30 PM

Convene at 3:00 PM

Convention Chair: David Benson Staebler

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Reading of the Convention Call
- V. Election of the Temporary Convention Chair
- VI. Election of the Temporary Convention Secretary
- VII. Motion to Ratify the Chair's Appointments
- VIII. Preliminary Credentials Report
- IX. Rules Committee Report - Adoption of Rules 1-8
- X. Seating of Alternates
- XI. Rules Committee Report - Adoption of Rules 9-22
- XII. Adoption of the Agenda
- XIII. Motion to Make the Temporary Organization Permanent
- XIV. Updated Credentials Report
- XV. Nominations Committee Report for HD 24A Endorsement
- XVI. HD 24A Endorsement Vote
- XVII. Nominations Committee Report for HD 24B Endorsement
- XVIII. HD 24B Endorsement Vote
- XIX. Nominations Committee Report for SD 24 Endorsement
- XX. SD 24 Endorsement Vote
- XXI. Other Business
- XXII. Adjournment

Convention Officers: Convention Chair David Benson Staebler, Convention Secretary Aaron Eberhart, Credentials Committee Chair Aaron Eberhart, Nominations Committee Chairs Aaron Eberhart, Casey McGregor, Frank Bernau, Josiah Blocki, Rules Committee Chair Aaron Eberhart

SD 24 Convention Rules

March 15th, 2026

Section 1: GENERAL

1. The order of business of this Convention shall be as listed in the official agenda of the Convention. The sequence of events may be changed at the discretion of the Convention Chair, hereafter referred to as the Chair.
2. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (12th edition)*, shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not covered by the Constitution of the Republican Party of Minnesota, the Constitution of the First Congressional District, the Statutes of the State of Minnesota, the Official Call of the Convention, and the Rules adopted by this Convention.
3. A quorum shall consist of 10% of the delegates elected within Senate District 24 at the Olmsted and Dodge Caucus as given in the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee and shall be superseded by a majority of the delegates and seated alternates as given in the final or most recent report of the Credentials Committee. Once a quorum number has been established, it shall remain until adjournment of the Convention.
4. These rules, once adopted, shall not be amended nor suspended except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention.
5. Those on the call are asked to keep themselves muted unless speaking to limit interruption.
6. Any items or person determined by the Chair to be a disruption may be removed from the Convention.
7. The Convention is a private gathering. All representatives of any form of media must register with Olmsted GOP and Dodge GOP leadership and be properly credentialed by the Credentials Committee. The media includes anyone who is recording or live streaming all or parts of the Convention by any means. Only mainstream established media, official Republican Party officers, staff and candidate committees will be allowed. So called "trackers", the Democratic Party, other party units and its affiliates, and pseudo party "recorders", etc. will not be credentialed or allowed.
8. Only delegates and alternates credentialed and present at this Convention, and others authorized by these rules or the Chair, shall be permitted on the call.

Section 2: SEATING OF DELEGATES, ALTERNATES and AFFILIATES

9. The permanent roll of the Convention shall be constituted as follows:
 - a. The delegates who are credentialed.
 - b. If any delegate to this Convention is absent, then an alternate from their precinct shall be seated in their stead.
 - c. If no delegates or alternates from a BPOU are present, that BPOU shall have no representation.
 - d. When a registered delegate returns to the floor of the Convention, they shall be immediately seated.
 - e. The order of seating of alternates shall be as follows:
 - (1) In the order specified or ranked by the respective BPOU.

(2) If the alternate vote count from a BPOU is available, alternates shall be seated in order of the votes received.

(3) If no system of seating has been designated, the vacancy shall be filled by drawing lots within that BPOU.

(4) If no delegates are present and seated, the Credentials Committee Chair shall fill the vacancy with alternates from that BPOU.

10. The voting strength of the Convention shall be the delegates and seated alternates from each BPOU.

Section 3: SPEAKING

11. A delegate or seated alternate wishing to speak shall use the raise hand function, address the Chair, be recognized by the Chair, state their name, BPOU, and the purpose for which they are speaking.

12. Debate on any motion or subject shall be limited to one (1) minute by each speaker. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same subject. No person shall be allowed to speak a second time until all those desiring to speak have had a first opportunity to do so. Total debate on any motion or subject is limited to six (6) minutes, including up to three (3) minutes pro and three (3) minutes con in rotating order.

13. Any question before the Convention that is divisible into separate questions shall be so divided when requested by any delegate or seated alternate and supported by at least ten (10) delegates or seated alternates, or at the discretion of the Chair when he/she deems it will advance the flow of Convention business.

14. Movement of the previous question shall not be in order until at least one (1) pro and con speaker, if any, have been heard. The same right of debate shall be allowed whenever a motion to lay on the table has been made on any proposition on which there has been no debate.

15. The Convention Chair may appoint a timekeeper for the purpose of timing discussion, debate and speeches during the Convention.

16. Nominating, seconding, and candidate speeches shall not exceed fifteen (10) minutes total for any endorsement election. A candidate or may yield part or all of their time to a non-delegate for these speeches. Three (3) minute speeches will be allowed on every odd-numbered ballot beginning on the third ballot.

Section 4: VOTING

17. There shall be no voting under the unit rule or by proxy at this Convention.

18. The vote on all questions shall be by voice, or “show of hands” at the discretion of the Chair.

19. A counted division of the house vote may be taken at the discretion of the Chair, and shall be taken if requested by at least ten (10) delegates or seated alternates.

20. During all elections, the following shall apply:

a. If the position(s) is uncontested, voting may be by voice vote. If the position is contested, voting shall be by discretion of the chair due to the online nature of this event.

Section 5: Endorsement Procedure

21. The procedure for endorsement is as follows: (*note: see State Party Constitution, Article V, Section 3 for further mandatory procedures for endorsements*)

a. Those who wish to be nominated for endorsement must file with the Nominations Committee and complete the actions required by the Rules of the Convention and the Nominations Committee. Nominees must complete an interview by Friday, March 13th. There shall be no nominations from the floor.

b. To consider endorsement, a motion to endorse must be adopted by a majority vote of the Convention.

c. To be nominated, candidates for must meet all legal requirements. The Nominations Committee Chair shall then report to the Convention those candidates who have met the legal requirements to be nominated.

d. A candidate is considered to be nominated after meeting all requirements with the Nominations Committee. No further nominating or seconding motions are required. There will be no nominations from the floor. The Nominations Committee will report and deliver a qualification rating for all candidates who appeared before them and meet the legal requirements.

e. If there is only one (1) candidate, the Convention may decide by a two-thirds rising vote to endorse a candidate, as be determined by the raising of hands or as determined by the Chair. *The convention or committee may decide by a two-thirds (2/3) vote to endorse by a rising vote for any office for which there is only one (1) candidate. (Republican Party of Minnesota Constitution, Article V, Section 3 A1)*

f. Each nominated candidate will have up to ten (10) minutes for candidate speeches, nominating and seconding speeches, demonstrations and videos. Non-delegates are allowed to speak for candidates. The order of candidate presentations shall be determined by the drawing of lots.

22. All candidates must file with the Nominations Committee by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 12, 2026.

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