



2026 CONVENTION RULES

GOVERNING AUTHORITY AND AGENDA

1. Upon all matters not governed by the Official Call, the State DFL Party Constitution and Bylaws, the Congressional District Constitution, and these Rules, *Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised* shall govern. Provisions of the Constitution and Official Call shall take precedence over any other party rules at any level wherever a conflict exists.
2. A majority vote of the convention is required to adopt these rules and the agenda. Once adopted, these rules and the agenda shall govern unless suspended or modified by a two-thirds vote of the convention.
3. Quorum for the convention shall consist of 50 percent plus one of the number of delegates or upgraded alternates who signed in and registered on the day of the convention. If a quorum is called, a ten minute period will be allotted for delegates to assemble on the floor for purposes of quorum count. If the count fails to reach the quorum threshold, convention business ends.

SEATING OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

4. Registration of delegates and alternates to the convention shall continue until adjournment. Newly registered delegates and upgraded alternates may not enter while the floor is frozen.
5. Each county delegation shall elect one or more delegation chairs for purposes of alternate seating, roll calls and ballot voting. The Convention Chair shall instruct the convention as to the duties each delegation chair will be expected to perform during the convention. The name of each delegation chair shall be reported promptly to the credentials table. Any delegate shall be eligible for election as delegation chair.
6. The seating of delegates and alternates shall be governed by the following:
 - a. All registered delegates (not alternates) on the temporary roll shall be seated.
 - b. The convention shall hear and resolve any challenges regarding delegate or alternate seating pursuant to the Official Call.
 - c. Any delegates or alternates entitled to be seated after all challenges have been resolved shall go to the registration table with their delegation chair so that proper seating can be arranged.
 - d. Alternates elected at large shall be upgraded to delegate status according to their numerical ranking on the precinct report. Alternates elected through subcaucus voting systems (if reported to credentials) will be upgraded to delegate status in the order reported within their sub caucus.
 - e. All delegates must be seated by the Organizing Unit. Delegates and alternates to this Convention are those elected at their respective Organizing Unit Conventions and residing in Congressional District 7.
 - f. A temporary delegate badge shall be issued to an appropriate alternate when the alternate is raised to delegate status. There shall be no upgrading of

alternates during any voting process. If the upgraded alternate is subsequently returned to alternate status, the alternate's delegate badge shall be immediately surrendered.

- g. Non-upgraded alternates and visitors shall be seated separately from delegates and shall not be allowed on the convention area during the convention.

GENERAL RULES

7. The convention shall not adjourn until all elections have been held for the following positions:
 - a. Congressional Race
 - b. CD7 SCC Elections
 - c. State SEC
 - d. State Standing Committees
8. One or more Convention Chair(s), shall be elected by a plurality vote of the conference.
9. The Convention Chairs shall appoint a conference secretary and may appoint parliamentarians, timekeepers, tellers, sergeants-at-arms, and other assistants as they deem necessary to conduct business.
10. All candidates for elected CD7 & State positions must prescreen with the Nominations Committee.
11. If you cause a disruption beyond the normal course of debate you will be removed from the convention.
12. Contested elections and endorsements shall be limited to 5 rounds of balloting before declaring "no endorsement."
13. Tellers shall distribute ballots to the chair of each county delegation on matters to be determined by written ballot. Ballots shall be distributed only to delegates and upgraded alternates seated under the rules of this conference. Ballots must be signed by the delegate. These ballots shall be returned by the county delegation chair to the teller.
14. Smoking and use of intoxicants is prohibited in the convention area.
15. Signs shall be limited to two per candidate measuring no more than 24"x 36" delegates shall refrain from displaying campaign signs on the floor.
16. Credentials and Tellers volunteers may not wear any campaign materials for contested races.
17. Campaign literature may not be distributed in the convention area after balloting has begun. No moving demonstrations are permitted during balloting. There shall be no disruptive demonstrations in the galleries. Each delegation will be responsible for collecting materials and garbage. Whistles, air horns, bull horns, and strobe lights or other similar devices will not be allowed during the convention in the convention area.
18. The nominations committee shall place in nomination the committee's recommendations. Other nominations shall be made from the floor without speeches or seconds. (Move up)

19. The Convention Chair shall ensure that each election complies with the requirements regarding equal division by gender.
20. No person may place any banners or posters on the Convention platform or in any way obstruct the view of the platform by the delegates. All signs and other materials within the Convention facility must be posted with non-marring, non-damaging tape (such as blue masking tape). Signs must be posted in a manner that does not monopolize a given area or prevent competing signs to be posted or seen. The Chair may order offending signs removed. Each group or candidate will be responsible for removal of its signs and for any damage resulting from the placement of its sign. All posted materials must be removed immediately following the Convention. (Each campaign will be billed for their respective item left behind) (move up)
21. Visitors must be visibly separated from delegates and alternates during the convention and will not be allowed on the convention floor except as below:
 - a. Each candidate or candidate advocacy group will be limited to no more than three non-delegate floor workers per campaign. Floor workers who are not seated as delegates or upgraded alternates will be issued a special floor pass at the registration table upon written authorization of their respective campaigns. These floor workers will not be permitted on the Convention floor during balloting.
 - b. Special floor passes will be issued for an interpreter or other personal care assistant for any delegate or upgraded alternate who submits a request to the Credentials Committee. These persons may be seated in close proximity to the delegate or alternate they are assisting, but may play no role in the Convention.
22. **SPEECH AND DEBATE RULES**
23. No delegate may speak until recognized by the Chair. Speakers will first state their name and Organizing unit. No person may speak more than once on an item of business until all others on that side who wish to do so have had an opportunity. Speakers must identify themselves by name, and Organizing Unit before addressing the Convention.
24. Unless otherwise provided for in these rules, no delegate shall speak for more than **2** minutes on any item. The chair will alternate speaking privileges between proponents and opponents of a measure to the extent possible. Debate will terminate when **3** speakers have been heard on each side.
25. With respect to credentials challenges to delegations, prior to the floor debate, speakers on behalf of both the challenged delegation and the challenging delegation shall each be allowed **3** minutes in total to present their positions, with the challenged delegation speaking last.
25. Any motion to table shall be considered as though it were a motion to postpone indefinitely. A motion to postpone indefinitely does not preclude amendments to the main motion. The motions “to reconsider and enter on the minutes” and “to object to consideration” are not in order. The motion to reconsider is in order and will require a two-thirds vote.
26. Any amendment to a motion or resolution which removes, changes, or adds **5** or more words must be submitted in writing to the Convention Chair before being considered. When the motion to amend is made, it must be seconded. Amendments take a majority vote for adoption.
27. Incumbent DFL office holders, declared DFL candidates, and other party dignitaries may address the convention at the discretion of the Chair. Such visitors will limit their remarks to no more than **5** minutes, with the exception of the Gubernatorial candidates which will be limited to 10 minutes.
28. **DECORUM AND POSITIVE CAMPAIGNING.** All candidates for endorsement or election, as well as their surrogates and supporters, shall conduct themselves with decorum and respect. During floor speeches, Q&A sessions, and debate, candidates and their representatives shall focus on their own qualifications, platforms, and the DFL party’s principles.
 - a. Negative Campaigning Prohibited: Personal attacks, disparaging remarks, or the dissemination of defamatory information regarding the character or personal life of any other DFL candidate is strictly prohibited.
 - b. Enforcement: The Convention Chair shall have the authority to rule a speaker "out of order" for any violation of this rule. Upon a second violation, the Chair may terminate the speaker’s remaining time.
 - c. Scope: This rule applies to all formal convention proceedings, including materials distributed within the convention hall and speeches made from the floor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The Congressional District Chair will have the authority, after adjournment of the Convention, to complete any State Party mandated business that may have been inadvertently not completed by the Convention.
- Any other unfinished Convention business, except candidate endorsement, may be acted upon by the newly constituted Congressional District Central Committee.

These rules shall be in effect when approved.