



2021 Spring Convention Rules Committee Report

The Rules Committee for the 2021 Spring State Convention, having met to prepare this report, does hereby recommend the following permanent officers, agenda, and rules for the convention to be held virtually from Monday, February 15th to Saturday, February 20th.

I. Convention Officers

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| <p>A. Secretary</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nathan Triplett | <p>B. Parliamentarians</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mary Ellen Gurewitz2. Sheila Cummings |
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II. Agenda

- A. Constituency Caucuses, Monday, February 15th – Friday, February 19th
1. Constituency Caucuses may meet virtually from Monday, February 15 – Friday, February 19. Zoom links will be made available via email daily.
- B. District Caucuses, Saturday, February 20, 2021
1. District Caucuses shall meet virtually on Saturday, February 20, 2021 between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. The duly elected District Chairperson (or their designee) shall function as temporary Chairperson to convene and preside over the District Caucus until the permanent Chairperson is elected. In the event that the District Chair or their designee is not present at the Caucus at the hour for which it is called, their place as temporary chairperson shall be filled by the County Chairperson from the county in the district having the largest number of votes at the 2020 General Election for President. The duly elected District Secretary shall serve as temporary secretary until a permanent Secretary is elected. The order of business shall include the following:
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Credential Report
 - c. Rules Report
 - d. Election of Permanent Caucus Chair
 - e. Election of District Democratic Party Officers
 - i. One (1) Chair
 - ii. One (1) Vice Chair of a different gender from the Chair
 - iii. One (1) Secretary
 - iv. One (1) Treasurer
 - f. Election of District Committee (15 Members)
 - g. Election of State Central Committee Members and Alternates
 - h. Additional business that is deemed proper and necessary
- C. Plenary Session, Saturday, February 20, 2021
1. The convention shall be convened at 2:30 pm on Saturday, February 20, 2021 by the Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party.
 2. The order of business shall be as follows:
 1. Convention Credentials Committee Report
 2. Convention Rules Committee Report
 3. Adoption of Resolutions
 4. Election of Convention Chair
 5. Election of MDP Chair
 6. Election of two (2) MDP Vice-Chairs of the State Central Committee each of different gender and race.

- D. State Central Committee Meeting, Saturday, February 20, 2021
 - 1. The State Central Committee shall convene immediately following adjournment of the State Convention.
 - 2. The order of business shall be as follows:
 - A. Canvass and Ratification of Convention Results
 - B. Any other business properly brought before the State Central Committee.

III. Rules

- A. Proceedings of the Convention shall be conducted according to the Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party, the Convention Call, these Rules, and Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, unless otherwise provided.
- B. All action by the Convention shall require approval of a majority of delegate votes at the convention.
- C. Weighted voting shall be used in caucuses and on the floor of convention to ensure proper distribution of the State Allocation of Delegate Votes (SADV) in accordance with Section 4 of the Rules for Voting and Elections in the Michigan Democratic Party.
- D. The method of nomination shall be as follows:
 - 1. Candidates seeking nomination by the Michigan Democratic Party's State Convention shall be eligible for consideration if they gather a number of signatures equal to 10% of the delegate vote or 563 signatures and file them with the Director of Party Affairs by 11:59 PM EST on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 11:59 EST. All signatures shall be procured virtually from credentialed delegates between Monday, February 15 and Wednesday, February 17.
 - 2. State party staff will circulate petitions on behalf of all candidates via email.
 - 3. Each qualifying candidate will be entitled to a single nominating statement. No seconding speeches will be in order.
 - 4. Eligible candidates having secured the requisite number of signatures, as determined by the Director of Party Affairs, shall be deemed nominated.
- E. Any delegate seeking to address this Convention upon recognition of the Chair shall identify themselves by name and District.
- F. The Chair of the Convention shall be allowed to exercise discretion in presenting Democrats to address the Convention.
- G. The Chair of each District Caucus shall be allowed to exercise discretion in presenting Democrats to address the Caucus.
- H. Scheduled adjournment times may be extended subject to a 2/3 vote in favor by credentialed delegates.

IV. Voting Rules

- A. The following voting methods shall be used on the floor of convention:
 - 1. **Voice Vote**, whereby a delegate expresses their preference virtually in response to a prompt, shall be permitted on the floor of the virtual convention and may be used to address convention business properly brought before the body. This shall be the primary method of voting except where other methods are proper or necessary.
 - 2. **Electronic Hand Vote**, whereby a delegate expresses their preference by logging into the provided voting application and selecting their choice(s), shall be permitted on the floor of the virtual convention. The votes shall be attributed to the member casting them and made publicly available.
 - 3. **Acclamation**, whereby the Convention Chair, in the event that only one eligible individual is nominated for the office, declares that such nominee for a particular party office is elected.
- B. The casting of secret ballots shall be prohibited.
- C. The presiding convention chair shall exercise discretion in selecting the proper voting method.