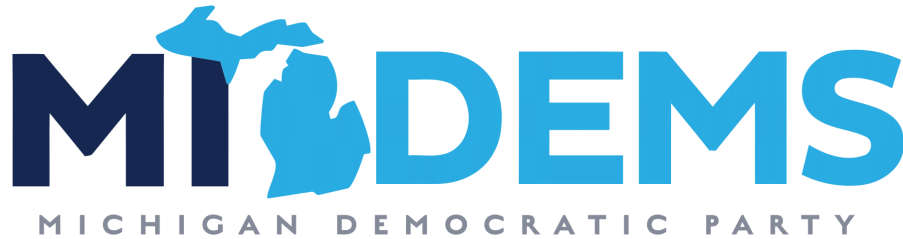




# 2022 STATE NOMINATING CONVENTION

CALL TO CONVENTION



**Official Call to Convention  
for the  
Michigan Democratic Party's  
2022 State Nominating Convention**

Saturday, August 20, 2022 & Sunday, August 21, 2022  
at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan.

*The Democratic Electors of the State of Michigan are hereby notified that by the direction of the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee, the 2022 State Nominating Convention of the Michigan Democratic Party will be held at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan on Saturday, August 20, and Sunday of August 21, of 2022.*

The purposes of the MDP's 2022 Nominating Convention  
shall be to formally nominate Democratic candidates  
to the November General Election in the following contests:

Lieutenant Governor  
Secretary of State  
Attorney General  
State Supreme Court  
Board of Education  
*and University Boards including:*  
Michigan State University Board of Trustees  
University of Michigan Board of Regents  
Wayne State University Board of Governors

Dear Michigan Democrats,

The election this November will determine Michigan's leadership and the course our state takes for the next four years. There's no turning back the progress we've made under the leadership of Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, and Attorney General Dana Nessel.

Michigan has a new landscape this year following redistricting and attaining majorities in the State House and State Senate is within our reach for the first time in generations.

At the State Convention, we will stand with our friends and neighbors to defend democracy and support our strong Democratic candidates from the bottom of the ticket to the top. We will be nominating a strong slate of Democratic candidates who will uphold our progressive values and fight for the hard working families of Michigan.

We must return Justice Richard Bernstein to the bench and elect Rep. Kyra Harris Bolden to add to our majority on the Supreme Court. We need fair and impartial justice in Michigan to defend a woman's right to make her own health care decisions and protect all the Democratic values we hold dear.

Our boards of education are the new battleground for having the backs of our teachers, defending the curriculum being taught to our students, and making the critical decisions about how to keep our most precious asset, our children, safe from threats like COVID or the frightening but all too real reality of physical danger we all want to believe would never happen where we live, until it does.

The diversity of Michigan Democrats is our greatest strength. While our opponents throw around the word family, like a brick through a window because it polls well, Democrats actually mean it. When we all come together we know we are with our brothers and sisters under that big tent, surrounded by family and together will battle for what is right and just alongside each other.

You are all warriors, and I look forward to linking arms with you and heading into the battle this November and doing the hard work necessary to continue Michigan on the path to prosperity that we started in 2018.

Let's return our incredible Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, to office, flip the State House and State Senate, grow our majority on the State Supreme Court and boards of education, and make sure Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and Attorney General Dana Nessel are re-elected. We have no choice if we want all Michiganders to thrive.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lavora Barnes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lavora" being more prominent than the last name "Barnes".

Lavora Barnes  
Chair, Michigan Democratic Party

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## An Overview of the 2022 Nominating Convention Timeline

### **Saturday, June 4**

The Michigan Democratic State Central Committee issues the Call to Convention.

### **Thursday, July 7**

Membership Deadline to be eligible to vote in County and District Conventions.

### **Thursday, July 21**

Membership Deadline to be eligible to vote at the 2022 Nominating Convention.

### **Friday, July 22**

Deadline to issue a call for a County or District Convention.

### **Sunday, July 31**

Deadline for MDP chartered constituency caucuses to request a meeting room and time at the Convention.

### **Tuesday, August 2**

Michigan's Primary Election Day.

### **Saturday, August 6**

County and District Conventions must be held on this day across Michigan.

### **Sunday, August 7 by 7 PM**

Deadline for County and District Chairs to submit Convention materials to the MDP.

### **Tuesday, August 9 at 6 PM**

Convention Rules Committee meets virtually to consider rules for the Nominating Convention.

### **Wednesday, August 10 at 6 PM**

Convention Resolution Committee meets virtually.

### **Friday, August 12 at 9 AM**

Credentialing Window Opens for the 2022 Nominating Convention

### **Saturday, August 13**

Convention Credentials Committee meets virtually.

### **Sunday, August 14; Tuesday, August 16; Wednesday, August 17**

MDP offers virtual trainings on how to become credentialed.

### **Monday, August 15 - Thursday, August 18**

Candidate signature petition window

### **Saturday, August 20 at 2 PM**

Credentialing window closes

### **Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21**

State Nominating Convention held in Lansing Michigan

## I. **2022 State Convention**

The State Nominating Convention will be held at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan on Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21, 2022.

### A. Schedule for Saturday, August 20, 2022

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Morning Constituency Caucus Meetings
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Morning Constituency Caucus Meetings
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Afternoon Congressional District Caucus Meetings
3:00 PM - Adjournment	Convention Business

Beginning at 3:00 PM, the Convention shall convene for the purposes of:

1. Hearing a report on the number of Delegates
2. Hearing and voting on the report of the Rules Committee
3. Electing a Convention Chair
4. Selecting Convention Officers
5. Adopting Resolutions
6. Nominating two (2) Candidates for State Board of Education
7. Nominating two (2) Candidates for Michigan State University Board of Trustees
8. Nominating two (2) Candidates for University of Michigan Board of Regents.
9. Nominating two (2) Candidates for Wayne State University Board of Governors
10. Conducting any other business which is proper and necessary.

The Convention is scheduled to adjourn on Saturday by 4:30 PM.

The time of adjournment is tentative and subject to change.

### B. Schedule for Sunday, August 21, 2022

10:30 AM - Adjournment Convention Business

Beginning at 10:30 AM, the Convention shall convene for the purposes of:

1. Hearing from Michigan's Delegation
2. Nominating one (1) candidate for Secretary of State
3. Nominating one (1) candidate for Attorney General
4. Nominating two (2) candidates for State Supreme Court
5. Nominating one (1) candidate for Lieutenant Governor
6. Hearing from Michigan's Governor
7. Conducting any other business which is proper and necessary.

The Convention is scheduled to adjourn by 2 PM.

The time of adjournment is tentative and subject to change.

The Michigan Democratic State Central Committee will meet on the floor of the convention immediately following the adjournment of the State Nominating Convention on Sunday to canvass and ratify the convention proceedings.

## C. Constituency Caucus Meetings

Chartered constituency group caucuses may meet on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at the Lansing Center between 9 AM and 12 PM. In order to obtain a room and time, groups must contact Director of Party Affairs, Emily Boyer at [eboyer@michigandems.com](mailto:eboyer@michigandems.com) no later than Sunday, July 31, 2022.

*Caucuses who fail to meet these requirements may be denied a room or time slot at Convention.*

## D. Congressional District Caucus Meetings

The delegates from each Congressional District under the 2020 Michigan Congressional District map will meet in Caucus on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 1 PM at the Lansing Center for such purposes as shall be proper and necessary. The Caucuses shall adjourn by 2:30 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 designee is not present at the Caucus at the hour for which it is called, his/her 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.

## E. Democratic State Central Committee Meeting

The DSCC will meet on the floor of the Convention immediately following adjournment of the State Nominating Convention on Sunday to canvass and ratify the convention proceedings.

# II. Voting Privileges at the State Convention

All delegates to the State Convention must be registered and qualified electors of the State of Michigan. To be eligible to become credentialed and vote at the State Nominating Convention, a person must be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party for at least thirty (30) days prior to August 20, 2022, which is July 21, 2022.

To be eligible to vote during a Constituency Caucus meeting or Congressional District Caucus, a person must be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party for at least thirty (30) days prior to August 20, 2022, which is July 21, 2022.

*\*According to rule 3.2.2 of the MDP bylaws, the thirty (30) day rule does not apply to Precinct delegates, Democratic elected officials, or Democratic nominees to partisan office. Instead, precinct delegates, Democratic elected officials and Democratic nominees to partisan office may become members of the Michigan Democratic Party on August 20, 2022 when they register at the State Convention.*

## A. Membership Deadline

1. Online membership applications are available [here](#). To meet the deadline to be eligible to vote, an online contribution toward a membership or a free membership application must be submitted by 11:59 PM on July 21, 2022.

2. Printable membership applications are available [here](#). To meet the deadline to be eligible to vote, a hard copy of a membership application must be either: hand-delivered to Hart-Kennedy House by 5 PM on July 21, 2022 or mailed to Hart-Kennedy House, and postmarked no later than July 21, 2022.

Michigan Democratic Party  
Hart-Kennedy House  
606 Townsend  
Lansing, MI. 48933

3. Persons whose memberships are current as of July 21, 2022 but expire before August 20, 2022 are eligible to become credentialed and vote if they renew on or before August 20, 2022.

#### B. Credentials for State Convention

To be eligible to vote at the State Convention, a person must satisfy the membership requirements listed above. That member must also become successfully credentialed through the VOATZ electronic voting system in order to sign candidate petitions and vote at the State Convention.

The credentialing window opens for the State Convention at 9:00 AM on Friday, August 12, 2022. All eligible members will receive instructions from VOATZ via their email on file with the Michigan Democratic Party about how to download the VOATZ app for phone or tablet and become credentialed. VOATZ will email follow up reminders in the week leading up to the State Convention. The credentialing window will close at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 20, 2022.

MDP Staff will offer virtual training via zoom [\[sign up\]](#) on how to become credentialed on the evenings of Sunday, August 14, Tuesday, August 16, and again on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

### III. County and District Conventions prior to the State Nominating Convention

County Conventions shall be held in all counties within the 1st through 8th and 10th Congressional Districts under the 2020 Michigan congressional district map. In those counties comprising more than one Congressional District, each portion of the county within one Congressional District shall be considered a “county” and shall hold a convention.

District Conventions shall be held in the 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th Congressional Districts under the 2020 Michigan congressional district map.

#### A. Date, Time, and Place

All County and District Conventions across Michigan shall occur on Saturday, August 6, 2022. Each convention shall convene at the time and hour designated in the local Call issued by each County or District Committee.

The Calls to County and District Conventions shall be issued to the delegates not less than fifteen (15) days before the Convention is held on Saturday, August 6, 2022. This requires that all calls to County and District Conventions be issued by Friday, July 22, 2022.



## B. Purpose

The purpose of the County and District Conventions shall be to elect Members and Alternates to the State Convention Committees and to consider resolutions to be forwarded to the State Party.

Each Congressional District shall be entitled to two delegates (one male and one female or not of the same gender identity) and two alternates (one male and one female not of the same gender identity) on each of the following convention committees: Rules, Resolutions, and Credentials.

In order to be elected to a Convention Committee, a person must be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party for at least thirty (30) days prior to August 20, 2022, which is July 21, 2022.

Committee members shall be apportioned among the various Counties of each District. Care should be taken to ensure that the delegates and alternates in each district are balanced by gender.

The Congressional District Chair shall have the final responsibility for approving appointments to Convention committees and forwarding such appointments' names, emails and other contact information to the Michigan Democratic Party no later than 7:00 PM on Sunday, August 7, 2022.

## C. County and District Convention Delegates

Delegates to County and District Conventions shall be the Precinct Delegates who were duly elected at the Primary Election held August 2, 2022, the Democratic nominees for County and Legislative office as set forth in section 3.2.2 of the MDP bylaws, and members of the Michigan Democratic Party whose membership was renewed at least thirty (30) days prior to the County or District Convention held on August 6, 2022, which is July 7, 2022.

*\* Precinct Delegates, Democratic elected officials and Democratic nominees to partisan offices residing in the corresponding County or District may become members that day when they register at the County and District Conventions.*

# IV. State Nominating Convention Committees

## A. Rules

Members of the Nominating Convention's Rules Committee shall meet virtually to consider rules for the State Nominating Convention and to receive training in those rules and on proportional voting. The Committee will approve the final version of the rules that will oversee all business at the Nominating Convention. Members of the Rules Committee are not required to attend the Nominating Convention.

Rules Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, August 9, 2022  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Virtual, via Zoom.

Invitation: All members and alternates on the Rules Committee will be emailed a zoom invitation to the meeting to the email contact provided by their County or Congressional District chair.

## B. Resolutions

Members of the Nominating Convention's Resolutions Committee shall meet to consider resolutions approved at County and District Conventions and submitted for statewide consideration.

The Resolutions Committee will discuss, edit, and vote on a number of resolutions with the ultimate goal of creating a packet of resolutions that will go before the entire membership at the Nominating Convention for a vote. Members of the Resolutions Committee are not required to attend the Nominating Convention.

Resolutions Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, August 10, 2022  
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Virtual, via Zoom.

Invitation: All members and alternates on the Resolutions Committee will be emailed a zoom invitation to the meeting to the email contact provided by their County or Congressional District chair.

*If work is not completed by the scheduled time of adjournment,  
the Resolutions Committee shall reconvene on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM.*

## C. Credentials

Members of the Nominating Convention's Credentials Committee shall meet to discuss and receive training on the credentialing process for the State Nominating Convention. Members of the Credentials Committee are encouraged to help fellow Democrats in their County and District to become credentialed.

Additionally, members are encouraged to provide staff support with credentialing at the Nominating Convention on Saturday, August 20th. Members of the Credentials Committee are asked to attend the Nominating Convention to assist with the credentialing process, which requires a comfortability with technology.

Credentials Committee Meeting  
Saturday, August 13, 2022  
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
Virtual, via Zoom

Invitation: All members and alternates on the Credentials Committee will be emailed a zoom invitation to the meeting to the email contact provided by their County or Congressional District chair.

## D. Voting Privileges

In order to vote at these committee meetings, Delegates and Alternates of these committees must be members of the Michigan Democratic Party at least thirty (30) days before the convention committee meeting.

## V. Notice of State Convention

This Call shall be e-mailed to all Democrats who are Federal and State Elected Officials as well as the District, County, Club, and Caucus Chairs on or before June 20, 2022.

Notice of the State Convention shall also be given to Michigan Democratic Party members via email, and the Call will be posted online at [michigandems.com](http://michigandems.com).

## **VI. Candidates Seeking Nomination**

Candidates seeking nomination by the Michigan Democratic Party shall be eligible for consideration if they gather a number of signatures equal to ten percent (10%) of the delegate vote or 563 signatures.

All nominating signatures will be gathered electronically from credentialed delegates through the VOATZ electronic voting system between Monday, August 15, 2022 at 9:00 AM and Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 11:59 PM.

Candidates seeking nomination who collected signatures for the Endorsement Convention and were subsequently endorsed by the Michigan Democratic Party will not be required to collect signatures for the Nominating Convention.

## **VII. Voting**

All eligible members of the Michigan Democratic Party who become successfully credentialed through the VOATZ electronic voting system are eligible to vote at the State Nominating Convention.

Voting shall be by voice vote or unanimous consent on the Convention floor or, when prescribed in the Convention Rules, by an electronic ballot using the VOATZ electronic voting system.

If only one person is nominated for a position, the candidate may be elected by unanimous consent.

In the event of a contested election, electronic ballots shall be available through the VOATZ electronic voting system to all credentialed delegates as outlined in the Convention Rules.

## **VIII. Proportional Voting System**

A proportional voting system (by County or by fraction of County in multi-county Districts) shall be used in County and District Conventions and Caucuses and on the floor of the State Convention. The system used shall be in accordance with the State Party Directive on Proportional Voting.

## **IX. Eligibility and Allocation of State Convention Delegates and Alternates**

In order to vote at the State Convention, a person must satisfy the membership requirements and become properly credentialed as outlined in this Call.

### **A. Allocation**

There shall be one State Convention vote for each 500 votes or major fraction thereof cast for the Democratic candidate for President in 2020 provided that no fraction of a County within a Congressional District shall be without a minimum of one vote.

**District Delegates:**

<b>1</b>	Alcona	4
	Alger	4
	Alpena	12
	Antrim	12
	Baraga	3
	Benzie	11
	Charlevoix	14
	Cheboygan	11
	Chippewa	13
	Crawford	5
	Delta	15
	Dickinson	9
	Emmet	19
	Gogebic	7
	Grand Traverse	57
	Houghton	16
	Iron	5
	Kalkaska	6
	Keweenaw	1
	Leelanau	18
	Luce	2
	Mackinac	5
	Manistee	12
	Marquette	41
	Mason (Part)	3
	Menominee	9
	Montmorency	3
	Ontonagon	3
	Oscoda	3
	Ostego	9
	Presque Isle	6
	Schoolcraft	3

**District Delegates:**

<b>2</b>	Allegan (part)	1
	Kent (part)	92
	Lake	5
	Mason (part)	10
	Muskegon	91
	Newaygo	16
	Oceana	2
	Ottawa	129

**District Delegates:**

<b>3</b>	Barry	24
	Calhoun	72
	Ionia	22
	Kent (part)	284
	Montcalm (part)	18

**District Delegates:**

<b>4</b>	Clare	10
	Clinton	44
	Gladwin	9
	Gratiot	13
	Isabella	28
	Mecosta	15
	Midland	41
	Missaukee	4
	Montcalm (part)	18
	Ogemaw	7
	Osceola	6
	Roscommon	10
	Saginaw (part)	37
	Shiawassee	31
	Wexford	12

**District Delegates:**

<b>5</b>	Arenac	6
	Bay	53
	Genesee	239
	Iosco	11
	Saginaw (part)	65
	Tuscola (part)	6

**District Delegates:**

<b>6</b>	Allegan (part)	48
	Berrien	75
	Cass	18
	Kalamazoo	167
	St. Joseph	19
	Van Buren	34

**District Delegates:**

<b>7</b>	Branch	12
	Eaton	63
	Hillsdale	12
	Jackson	64
	Lenawee	42
	Monroe	66
	Washtenaw (part)	71

**District Delegates:**

<b>8</b>	Ingham	188
	Livingston	96
	Oakland (part)	139

**District Delegates:**

<b>9</b>	Macomb (part)	284
	Oakland (part)	174

**District Delegates:**

<b>10</b>	Huron	11
	Lapeer	33
	Macomb (part)	164
	Sanilac	12
	St. Clair	63
	Tuscola (part)	12

**District Delegates:**

<b>11</b>	Oakland (part)	290
	Wayne (part)	185

**District Delegates:**

<b>12</b>	Washtenaw (part)	243
	Wayne (part)	261

**District Delegates:**

<b>13</b>	Wayne (part)	459
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**District Delegates:**

<b>14</b>	Oakland (part)	265
	Wayne (part)	289

**Total Delegates**

<b>Statewide:</b>	<b>5,631</b>
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