



2022 Fall State Convention Rules Committee Report

APPROVED BY CONVENTION RULES COMMITTEE ON AUGUST 9, 2022

The Rules Committee for the 2022 Fall State Convention, having met to prepare and ratify this report, does hereby recommend the following permanent officers, agenda, and rules for the convention to be held on Saturday, August 20, 2022 and Sunday, August 21, 2022 at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan.

I. Convention Officers

Secretary, Nathan Triplett
Parliamentarian, Mary Ellen Gurewitz
Parliamentarian, Sheila Cummings

II. Caucus and Convention Agenda

- A. District Caucuses, Saturday, August 20th
 1. District Caucuses shall convene between 1:00 PM and 2:30 PM at the Lansing Center in the rooms as assigned on the Convention website at michigandems.com/state-convention. The duly elected district chair (or their designee) shall preside over the caucus meeting. In the event the district chair is not present and has failed to name a designee, a temporary chair shall be elected to preside. The duly elected district secretary shall serve as secretary. In the event the secretary is not present, a temporary secretary shall be elected.
 2. The order of business shall include the following:
 - a. Hearing from candidates for office
 - b. Additional business that is deemed proper and necessary
- B. Plenary Session, Saturday, August 20, 2022
 1. The convention shall be convened at 3:00 PM by the Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party and shall adjourn by 4:30 PM that same day. The convention will be held at the Lansing Center in Lansing and also live-streamed online at michigandems.com/state-convention.
 2. The order of business shall include the following:
 - a. Credentials Report
 - b. Rules Committee Report
 - c. Selection of Permanent Convention Chair
 - d. Appointment of Convention Officers
 - e. Adoption of Recommended Resolutions
 - f. Nomination of two (2) candidates for State Board of Education
 - g. Nomination of two (2) candidates for Michigan State University Board of Trustees
 - h. Nomination of two (2) candidates for University of Michigan Board of Regents
 - i. Nomination of two (2) candidates for Wayne State University Board of Governors
 - j. Conducting any other business which is proper and necessary.
- C. Plenary Session, Sunday, August 21, 2022
 1. The convention shall reconvene at 10:30 am by the permanent convention chair and shall adjourn by 2:00 pm that same day. The convention will be held at the Lansing Center in Lansing and also live-streamed online at michigandems.com/state-convention.
 2. The order of business shall include the following:
 - a. Nomination of two (2) candidates for State Supreme Court
 - b. Nomination of one (1) candidate for Secretary of State
 - c. Nomination of one (1) candidate for Attorney General
 - d. Nomination of one (1) candidate for Lieutenant Governor
 - e. Conducting any other business which is proper and necessary.



- D. State Central Committee Meeting, Sunday, August 21, 2022
 - 1. The State Central Committee shall convene on the Convention floor immediately following adjournment of the State Convention on Sunday.
 - 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. General Rules

- A. Proceedings of the State Convention and caucuses 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. The Convention hall shall be open to all members of the Michigan Democratic Party.
- C. In order to vote at state convention or during a caucus, a person must have credentialed through the VOATZ app and received a delegate credential in accordance with the eligibility standards outlined in the Official Call to Convention.
- D. All action by the Convention shall require approval of a majority of delegate votes at the convention.
- E. 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.
- F. Any delegate seeking to address this Convention upon recognition of the Chair shall identify themselves by name and District.
- G. A presiding chair shall be allowed to exercise discretion in presenting Democrats to address the Convention or Caucus.
- H. Scheduled adjournment times may be extended subject to a 2/3 vote by credentialed delegates.
- I. Each District shall select two members (each of a different gender) and two alternate members (each of a different gender) for each of the three Convention Committees. Each member from a District shall cast one-half the number of votes apportioned to the District represented. If only one delegate member is present and the alternate of said delegate member is present, each shall cast one-half of the number of votes apportioned to the District represented. If only one delegate member of a District is present and no alternates are present, said member shall cast the entire number of votes apportioned to the District represented. Alternate members may participate in committee discussions and shall vote in the absence of the delegate member.

IV. Nomination Rules

- A. 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 electronic signatures equal to 10% of the delegate vote or 563 signatures between Monday, August 15, 2022 at 9 AM and Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 11:59 PM.
 - a. Candidates seeking nomination who collected the required number of petition signatures and subsequently received the Michigan Democratic Party's endorsement at the Endorsement Convention shall not be required to collect additional signatures ahead of the Nominating Convention.
 - b. In order to sign a candidate petition, a person must have credentialed through the VOATZ app in accordance with the eligibility standards outlined in the Official Call to Convention. Once logged in to the VOATZ app, a credentialed delegate shall be permitted to sign a nominating petition. There is no limit to the number of petitions a delegate may sign provided that a delegate does not sign the same candidate's petition more than once.
 - c. State party staff will circulate petitions on behalf of all candidates via email.
 - 2. Each qualifying candidate will be entitled to a single nominating statement. No seconding speeches will be in order.
 - 3. Nomination of eligible candidates must be made by a credentialed delegate recognized by the Convention Chair.
 - 4. The nominator shall be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes each to address the convention for the purpose of making a nominating statement.
 - 5. Individuals selected as the Michigan Democratic Party's nominees for a university governing board and the State Board of Education shall be allowed up to three (3) minutes each to address the convention.



6. Individuals selected as the Michigan Democratic Party's nominees for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Michigan Supreme Court shall be allowed up to ten (10) minutes each to address the convention.
7. Nominations will be made by the individual office. All candidates seeking nomination for an office will be nominated on the floor of the convention prior to a vote.
8. At the discretion of the presiding chair, the convention shall be permitted to delay the casting of votes for the nominated positions under consideration to allow further nominations to be made.

V. Voting Rules

- A. 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.
- B. The presiding convention chair shall select the voting method most appropriate for a particular motion.
- C. The following voting methods may be used on the floor of convention:
 - a. **Voice Vote**, whereby a delegate expresses their preference verbally in response to a prompt, shall be permitted on the floor of convention and may be used to address convention business properly brought before the body.
 - i. Unless the convention chair determines that another voting method is more appropriate, all questions put before the convention shall be decided by voice vote.
 - ii. When the number of eligible candidates for Michigan Democratic Party nominee for a given office is equal to or less than the number of positions available, the candidates for that office shall be selected by unanimous consent expressed by voice vote.
 - b. **Rising Vote**, whereby a delegate expresses their preference by standing to be counted in response to a prompt, shall be permitted on the floor of convention.
 - c. **Hand Vote**, whereby a delegate expresses their preference by raising their delegate credential to be counted in response to a prompt, shall be permitted on the floor of convention.
 - d. In the event of a contested nomination, electronic ballots shall be available through the VOATZ electronic voting system to all credentialed delegates as outlined in the Convention Rules. **Electronic Hand Vote**, whereby a delegate expresses their preference by selecting their choice(s) through the VOATZ app. Where two offices are under consideration, a delegate may select up to two (2) choices.
- D. The casting of secret ballots shall be prohibited.