

State of Minnesota
Supreme Court

Roque “Rocky” De La Fuente and James Bernard Martin, Jr.

Petitioners,

v.

Steve Simon, Minnesota Secretary of State,

Respondent.

**BRIEF OF
MINNESOTA DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR PARTY
AS AMICUS CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF RESPONDENT
MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE, STEVE SIMON**

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The Minnesota DFL Party (“DFL” or “the Party”), like all political parties, enjoys a constitutionally protected freedom of association which preserves for the DFL the exclusive right to determine its membership—including the power to define the process by which individuals can seek the nomination to be the Democratic candidate for the Office of President. Consistent with this right, the Minnesota Legislature, in creating the presidential nomination primary, gave the chairs of the major political parties the exclusive right to identify the candidates that will appear on the presidential nomination primary ballot for their respective parties. Petitioners ask the Court to reject the legislature’s approach and allow anyone to appear on the ballot for any party regardless of their political affiliation or adherence to the party’s rules. Such a system for the presidential nomination primary would wrest control of the process for nominating candidates for the Office of President away from the political parties in direct violation of their freedom of association. Accordingly, the DFL submits this amicus brief in support of Respondent Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon and respectfully requests that the Court deny the petition insofar as it challenges the constitutionality of Minn. Stat. § 207A.13 subd. 2(a) or would impinge the DFL’s ability to determine which candidates will appear on the Party’s ballot for the presidential nomination primary.¹

¹ No counsel for any party authored this brief either in whole or in part and no person, other than amicus curiae the Minnesota DFL Party, made a monetary contribution to the preparation or submission of the brief.

BACKGROUND

I. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY’S PROCESS FOR SELECTING A NOMINEE.

Every four years, the Democratic National Committee (“DNC”) holds its National Convention to, among other things, nominate the Democratic Party’s candidate for the Office of President of the United States. Each state party sends delegates to the National Convention to represent the state party in the nomination process. The delegates are selected and pledged to particular candidates based upon rules established by the state parties and approved by the DNC. DFLADD002-003 at ¶¶ 5-7.

In previous years, the Minnesota DFL Party pledged its delegates to the National Convention based on the results of straw polls conducted at local caucuses. However, in 2016, the Minnesota Legislature adopted Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 207A establishing a presidential nomination primary. This primary applies to major political parties “that select[] delegates at the presidential nomination primary to send to a national convention.” Minn. Stat. § 207A.11(d). The results of the primary do not determine who will appear on the General Election ballot as the Democratic candidate for the Office of President, but rather “bind the election of delegates in each party.” Minn. Stat. § 207A.12(d). That is, the results of the presidential nomination primary determine only how the delegates to the Democratic National Convention are pledged to the candidates seeking the Party’s nomination. Therefore, consistent with the requirements of Minnesota law, the DFL’s delegates for the 2020 Democratic National Convention will be allocated to fairly reflect “the expressed presidential preference or uncommitted status of the DFL presidential

primary voters” by allocating the delegates “in proportion to the percentages of the DFL presidential primary vote” in each district. DFLADD004 at ¶ 14, DFLADD146.

The DNC and the DFL each have established rules governing the eligibility of candidates for the nomination as the Democratic Party’s candidate for the Office of President and to appear on the ballot for the Minnesota presidential nomination primary. To be eligible for nomination as the Democratic candidate for the Office of President, a candidate must have “accrued delegates in the nominating process and plan[] to seek the nomination, [have] established substantial support for their nomination as the Democratic candidate for the Office of the President of the United States, [be] a bona fide Democrat whose record of public service, accomplishment, public writings and/or public statements affirmatively demonstrates that the candidate is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, and will participate in the Convention in good faith.” DFLADD001-002 at ¶ 3, DFLADD013. Additionally, presidential candidates must submit a written affirmation to the Chairperson of the DNC that they (A) are a member of the Democratic Party; (B) will accept the Democratic nomination; and (C) will run and serve as a member of the Democratic Party. DFLADD002 at ¶ 4, DFLADD013, DFLADD043.

In order to appear on the DFL primary ballot, a presidential candidate first must submit a statement specifying the steps the candidates will take to encourage full participation in the affirmative action, outreach, and inclusion goals of the DFL’s delegate selection process. DFLADD003 at ¶ 8, DFLADD084. This statement must be provided by October 1, 2019 or, if they announce their candidacy after this date, within 30 days of

announcing their candidacy. DFLADD003 at ¶ 9, DFLADD115. Candidates then must “submit[] a letter to the State DFL Chair by 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time on December 10, 2019” requesting to be included on the DFL primary ballot and to “certify in writing to the State DFL Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) by December 10, 2019.” DFLADD003 at ¶ 10, DFLADD084.

Fifteen candidates provided full participation plans by October 1, 2019 or within 30 days of announcing their candidacy and submitted the letter requesting ballot access and certification of their authorized representative(s) by December 10, 2019. DFLADD003 at ¶ 11. As required in Minn. Stat. § 201A.13, subd. 2, DFL Party Chair Ken Martin submitted a letter to Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon on December 17, 2019 identifying the 15 candidates to appear on the presidential primary ballot for the DFL. DFLADD003 at ¶ 12, DFLADD122. One candidate, Rosalind Greene, submitted a full participation plan prior to October 10, 2019 but did not submit a letter requesting ballot access by December 10, 2019 and, therefore, was not included on the list of candidates provided to the Minnesota Secretary of State. DFLADD003-004 at ¶ 13. Two additional candidates announced their candidacy prior to October 1 but did not submit their full participation plans and were not included in the letter to the Secretary of State. DFLADD003-004 at ¶ 13.

ARGUMENT

Minnesota’s law governing which candidates appear on the ballots for the presidential nomination primary properly balances the State’s interest in increasing participation in the process of nominating major party candidates for the Office of President

while preserving the parties' Constitutionally protected freedom of association. The law, which preserves the parties' role in selecting their respective candidates, neither impairs the First and Fourteenth Amendment rights of would-be candidates nor adds qualifications for holding the Office of President. The law is consistent with both the United States and Minnesota Constitutions and De La Fuente's petition should be denied.

I. THE STATUTE PRESERVES THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES' CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION.

It is well-settled that political parties enjoy a freedom of association protected by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution. As the Supreme Court has said:

[T]he freedom to join together in furtherance of common political beliefs necessarily presupposes the freedom to identify the people who constitute the association, and to limit the association to those people only. That is to say, a corollary of the right to associate is the right not to associate. Freedom of association would prove an empty guarantee if associations could not limit control over their decisions to those who share the interests and persuasions that underlie the associations being. *In no area is the political association's right to exclude more important than in the process of selecting its nominee.*

California Democratic Party v. Jones, 530 U.S. 567, 575 (2000) (citing *Democratic Party of U.S. v. Wisconsin ex rel. La Follette*, 450 U.S. 107, 122 (1981) (“*La Follette*”)) (emphasis added). Time and again, the Supreme Court has reaffirmed that the State may not force a political group to associate with particular individuals. For example, *California Democratic Party v. Jones* involved a challenge to California's blanket primary system, in which voters could vote for any candidate regardless of the voter's or candidate's party affiliation. 530 U.S. at 569-70. The Supreme Court held that this violated the parties'

freedom of association because it forced the parties to associate with and to have their nominees determined by those who “at best, have refused to affiliate with the party, and at worst, have expressly affiliated with a rival.” *Id.* at 577. The Court concluded that the law forced the party to “adulterate their candidate-selection process,” and was therefore unconstitutional. *Id.* at 581.

Similarly, in *La Follette*, the Supreme Court struck down a Wisconsin rule that required delegates to a National Convention to vote in accordance with the results of the State’s open primary election. 450 U.S. at 112. The Court concluded that such a rule violated the Party’s freedom of association by forcing it to affiliate with individuals outside of the Party and in violation of the Party’s official rules. *Id.* at 121-24. *See also Cousins v. Wigoda*, 419 U.S. 477 (1975) (finding the state could not compel the seating of particular delegates at the Party’s National Convention).

The principles established by these Supreme Court precedents suggest that the political parties, not the states, must control the candidate nomination process including determining which individuals may carry the party’s name on a primary ballot. Indeed, the Eleventh Circuit reached precisely that conclusion in *Duke v. Cleland*, 954 F.2d 1526 (11th Cir. 1992). In that case, David Duke challenged the constitutionality of the Republican Party’s decision to exclude him from the presidential primary ballot asserting that this decision infringed his right of association. *Id.* at 1528-30. The court rejected this claim, finding that “the Republican Party enjoys a constitutionally protected freedom which includes the right to identify the people who constitute this association ... and to limit the association to those people only.” *Id.* at 1531 (citing *La Follette*, 450 U.S. at 122). That

is to say, the court concluded that Duke's freedom of association was not infringed by the Party exercising its own right to determine its own membership—including who may seek the Party's nomination.

With respect to the Minnesota presidential nomination primary, the DNC and the DFL have established a process for determining which candidates are eligible for nomination as the Democratic candidate for the Office of President and which candidates may appear on the DFL ballot in the primary. The DNC determines eligibility for nomination as the Democratic candidate for the Office of President based on the candidate's demonstrated past commitment to the Party's principles and agreement to participate in the nominating convention in good faith. The DFL allows all such candidates to appear on the DFL primary ballot provided that the candidates timely submit a plan for how they will carry-out the requirements of the DFL's Delegate Selection Plan and provide a letter requesting to appear on the ballot and certify the names of their authorized representatives by December 10, 2019. Fifteen candidates completed this process and, on December 17, 2019, DFL Party Chair Ken Martin notified Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon that these candidates would appear on the DFL's primary ballot.

Minn. Stat. § 207A.13 properly protects the DNC's and the DFL's right to determine who may associate with the Party by allowing the DFL Party Chair to determine which candidates will appear under on the Party's primary ballot.² Overriding the DFL's process

² In so arguing, the DFL in no way sanctions or supports the Minnesota Republican Party's choice to exclude potential challengers to the incumbent President from the primary process. As laid out in the Factual Background, 15 candidates will appear on the DFL's presidential primary ballot after having satisfied the relatively simple, straight-forward, and

and forcing it to accept all-comers as its own candidate, regardless of the candidate's views or compliance with the Party's process, would have the unacceptable result of forcing the DFL to associate with potentially unwanted individuals in violation of the Party's freedom of association.

The Court in *Duke v. Cleland* also considered a claim that the decision to exclude Duke from the primary ballot burdened the right to vote. *Id.* at 1531. The court rejected this claim finding that it did not concern the "absolute" right to vote—that is, the right to cast a ballot for the Office of President—but rather the right to vote for a particular candidate as a Republican in the presidential primary. *Id.* The court found that even if the inability to vote for a particular individual as a Republican on the primary ballot burdened a citizen's right to vote, the state's countervailing interest in preserving the Republican Party's freedom of association justified any such burden. *Id.* at 1532-33.

Similarly, here, Petitioner James Martin, Jr.'s right to vote is burdened only to the extent that he cannot vote for a particular person as a Republican candidate in the presidential primary. Nothing prevents De La Fuente from appearing on the General Election ballot in November nor does it prevent Petitioner Martin from exercising his right to vote for De La Fuente at that time. *See* Minn. Stat. §§ 204B.07 – .09.

Pursuant to clear Supreme Court precedent, the major political parties' freedom of association necessarily includes a right *not* to associate. Minnesota's presidential

neutrally applicable criteria for securing a place on the primary ballot. To the extent De La Fuente has an issue with the Republican Party's internal process for selecting which candidates will appear on the primary ballot, his claim, if any, lies against the Party, and not against the State.

nomination primary law, Minn. Stat. § 207A.13, preserves this freedom of association and De La Fuente’s challenge fails as a result.

II. THE STATUTE DOES NOT VIOLATE THE MINNESOTA CONSTITUTION.

Article 12, Section 1 of the Minnesota Constitution prohibits the legislature from enacting special legislation, including legislation that grants an association a special or exclusive privilege. However, the Minnesota Supreme Court has held that the legislature may lawfully “create different classes and apply different rules to them, so long as the classification is based on substantial distinctions.” *In re Tveten*, 402 N.W.2d 551, 558 (Minn. 1987). To determine whether an appropriate classification has been made, the Court applies a three-part rational basis test:

(a) The classification applies to and embraces all who are similarly situated with respect to conditions or wants justifying appropriate legislation; (b) the distinctions are not manifestly arbitrary or fanciful but are genuine and substantial so as to provide a natural and reasonable basis justifying the distinction; and (c) there is an evident connection between the distinctive needs peculiar to the class and the remedy or regulations therefore which the law purports to provide.

Id. at 558-59. Importantly, in evaluating a challenge to the constitutionality of a statute, the Court must start with the premise that a “duly enacted statute carries with it a presumption in favor of its constitutionality,” and this presumption prevails unless the party challenging the statute “has demonstrated beyond a reasonable doubt that it violates a constitutional provision.” *Id.* at 556 (citations omitted).

Here, Minn. Stat. § 207A.13 undoubtedly meets the rational basis test. The Minnesota Legislature chose to replace the local caucuses with a state-wide primary, and

to limit participation in the primary to the major political parties that send delegates to a national nominating convention. The State has permissibly determined that the major political parties are similarly situated and that there is a reasonable basis for singling out this group for inclusion in the presidential nomination primary. De La Fuente does not challenge this decision.

Accordingly, the question in this case is whether the State has a rational basis for giving this particular “class,” namely, the major political parties in Minnesota, the discretion to choose which candidates will appear on the presidential primary ballot. For all of the reasons already discussed above, the answer to this question is yes. Each major political party participating in the primary process enjoys a freedom of association, which would be eviscerated if the Parties were required to surrender control over which candidates could appear under the party’s name on the primary ballot to the State. *See Cousins*, 419 U.S. at 487 (finding the freedom of association is protected against encroachment by the states through the Fourteenth Amendment). The Minnesota Legislature did not grant any special privilege to the major political parties when it enacted Minn. Stat. § 207A.13 but rather preserved their Constitutionally protected freedom of association. The statute does not violate the Minnesota Constitution, and Count I of De La Fuente’s petition should be denied.

III. THE STATUTE DOES NOT ADD QUALIFICATIONS TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT.

Finally, De La Fuente’s argument that the statute adds qualifications to hold the office of President should be dismissed outright. The statute merely guides the State’s

process for determining who will appear on the primary ballots of the major political parties in Minnesota. As De La Fuente himself acknowledges, a different process applies for a candidate who wishes to run in the General Election, and the statute in no way prevents De La Fuente from running in that election, winning, and becoming President of the United States. De La Fuente's claim that the statute violates the Presidential Qualifications Clause is baseless and should be dismissed.

CONCLUSION

For these reasons, the DFL respectfully requests the Court deny De La Fuente's petition insofar as it challenges the constitutionality of Minn. Stat. § 207A.13 subd. 2(a) or would otherwise impinge the DFL's ability to determine which candidates will appear on the Party's ballot for the presidential nomination primary.

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Petitioner,

**DECLARATION OF
KEN MARTIN**

v.

Steve Simon, Minnesota Secretary of
State,

Respondent.

I, Ken Martin, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am the Chair of the Minnesota DFL Party (“DFL”) and Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee (“DNC”). I submit this declaration in support of the DFL’s amicus curiae brief in the above-captioned matter.

2. In my roles as Chair of the DFL and Vice Chair of the DNC, I am familiar with the process for nominating the Democratic candidate for the Office of President including the process for identifying the candidates to be listed on the DFL ballot for Minnesota’s March 3, 2020 presidential nomination primary.

3. Section VI of the 2020 Call for the Democratic National Convention provides that, in order to be eligible for nomination as the Democratic candidate for the Office of President, a candidate must have “accrued delegates in the nominating process and plan to seek the nomination, [have] established substantial support for their nomination as the Democratic candidate for the Office of the President of the United States, [be] a bona fide

Democrat whose record of public service, accomplishment, public writings and/or public statements affirmatively demonstrates that the candidate is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, and will participate in the Convention in good faith.” A true and correct copy of the 2020 Call for the Democratic National Convention is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

4. Presidential candidates must submit a written affirmation to the Chairperson of the DNC that they (A) are a member of the Democratic Party; (B) will accept the Democratic nomination; and (C) will run and serve as a member of the Democratic Party. A copy of the written affirmation form is included as Appendix E to the 2020 Call for the Democratic National Convention.

5. On August 25, 2018, the DNC adopted Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (“Delegate Selection Rules”). A true and correct copy of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules are attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

6. Rule 1 of the Delegate Selection Rules directs the state parties to adopt a Delegate Selection Plan containing explicit rules and procedures governing all aspects of the delegate selection process.

7. A true and correct copy of the final version of the Minnesota Delegate Selection Plan, as approved by the DFL’s State Central Committee on September 21, 2019, is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

8. Article II.C. of the Minnesota Delegate Selection Plan requires candidates “to use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action, outreach, and inclusion goals established by this Plan, and

is equally divided between men and women.”

9. Pursuant to the schedule on page 48 of the Minnesota Delegate Selection Plan, each announced presidential candidate must submit a statement specifying the steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process by October 1, 2019. Individuals who announce their candidacy after October 1, 2019 are required to provide the statement within 30 days after their announcement.

10. Article II.A. of the Minnesota Delegate Selection Plan provides that, in order to gain access to the DFL primary ballot, a presidential candidate must “submit[] a letter to the State DFL Chair by 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time on December 10, 2019.” In addition, each presidential candidate is required to “certify in writing to the State DFL Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) by December 10, 2019.”

11. Fifteen candidates provided the required full participation plans by October 1, 2019 or within 30 days of announcing their candidacy and submitted the letter requesting ballot access and certification of their authorized representative(s) by December 10, 2019.

12. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 207A.13, subdivision 2, I submitted a letter to Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon on December 17, 2019 identifying the 15 candidates to appear on the ballot for the DFL. A true and correct copy of my December 17, 2019 letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

13. One candidate, Rosalind Greene submitted a full participation plan prior to October 10, 2019 but did not submit a letter requesting ballot access by December 10, 2019 and, therefore, was not included on the list of candidates provided to the Minnesota Secretary of State. Two additional candidates announced their candidacy prior to October

1 but did not submit their full participation plans and were not included in the letter to the Secretary of State.

14. As provided in Section II.C.3. of the DFL Party's 2020-2021 Official Call, delegate positions for the Democratic National Convention shall be allocated "so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference or uncommitted status of the DFL presidential primary voters in each district" by allocating the delegates at each district level "in proportion to the percentage of the DFL presidential primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates." A true and correct copy of the 2020-2021 Official Call is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 31st day of December, 2019.

s/Ken Martin
Ken Martin
Chair, Minnesota DFL Party



CALL

For the 2020 Democratic National Convention

Issued by the Democratic Party of the United States

Tom Perez, Chair

Adopted by the Democratic National Committee on August 25, 2018

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CALL

For the 2020 Democratic National Convention

To Whom It May Concern:

By authority of the Democratic National Committee, the National Convention of the Democratic Party is hereby scheduled to convene on July 13-16, 2020 in **TBD** at an hour to be announced, to select nominees for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States of America, to adopt and promulgate a platform and to take such other actions with respect to such other matters as the Convention may deem advisable.

I. Distribution of Delegate Votes

The distribution of votes, delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention shall be in accordance with the following:

- A. The number of Convention votes for delegates to the Convention shall be as set forth in the compilation included in this resolution and determined as provided in paragraphs B, C, D, E, F, G, and H¹.
- B. A base of 3,200 delegate votes is distributed among the 50 states and the District of Columbia according to a formula giving equal weight to the sum of the vote for the Democratic candidates in the three (3) most recent presidential elections and to population by electoral vote. The formula is expressed mathematically as follows:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{SDV\ 2008 + SDV\ 2012 + SDV\ 2016}{TDV\ 2008 + TDV\ 2012 + TDV\ 2016} + \frac{SEV}{538} \right)$$

A = Allocation Factor
SDV = State Democratic Vote
SEV = State Electoral Vote
TDV = Total Democratic Vote

To determine the base delegation for each state and the District of Columbia, the allocation factors as determined by the above formula are multiplied by 3,200.

Fractions of .5 and above are rounded up to the next highest integer.

- C. 1. For purposes of this paragraph C, the period of time in which the first determining stage of the presidential nomination process takes place during 2020 shall be divided into Stages as follows:
 - Stage I: The earliest date specified in Rule 12 of the Delegate Selection Rules through March 31, 2020, inclusive.
 - Stage II: April 1 through April 30, 2020, inclusive.
 - Stage III: May 1 through June 16, 2020, inclusive.
- 2. A percentage of the base delegate votes determined pursuant to paragraphs B and E shall be added to the number of base pledged delegates otherwise determined pursuant to those paragraphs, for the purpose of increasing the size of the base pledged delegation, as follows:
 - a. for any state in which the meeting, caucus, convention or primary which constitutes the first determining stage in the presidential nomination process in that state occurs in 2020 on a date in Stage II, the percentage shall be 10%; and in which the meeting, caucus,

¹ See Appendix B for the allocation of delegates and alternates.

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convention or primary which constitutes the first determining stage in the presidential nomination process in that state occurs in 2020 on a date in Stage III, the percentage shall be 20%.

- b. for any state in which the meeting, caucus, convention or primary which constitutes the first determining stage in the presidential nomination process in that state is held in a regional cluster, that percentage shall be an additional 15 % added onto the base delegate vote without accounting for any adjustments made pursuant to Article I.C.2.a. States deemed to qualify as a regional cluster shall have contests that are:
 - i. held in conjunction with at least two other neighboring states holding similar contests; and
 - ii. on or after the fourth Tuesday in March.

D. Fifteen percent (15%) of the base delegate votes determined pursuant to paragraphs B and E shall be added to the number of votes allocated for the purpose of representing pledged Party and Elected Official delegates. For purposes of this paragraph, the number of base delegate votes determined pursuant to paragraph B shall be the number determined thereunder after rounding. Fractions of .5 and above resulting from the multiplication required by this paragraph are rounded up to the next highest integer.

E. American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and the Virgin Islands will each receive six (6) at-large delegate votes. Democrats Abroad will receive twelve (12)

at-large and one (1) pledged Party and Elected Official delegate votes. Puerto Rico will receive forty-four (44) base delegate votes.

F. Automatic² votes shall be allocated to each delegation to accommodate the members of the Democratic National Committee from that state or territory in which they legally reside. The size of such a member's vote (i.e., whole or fractional) shall be the same size as that which he or she is allowed to cast at meetings of the Democratic National Committee. Additional automatic delegate votes shall be allocated for other officers serving in positions created by the Democratic National Committee in accordance with Article 3, Section 1.e. of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States.

G. Automatic votes shall be allocated to provide for the Democratic President, the Democratic Vice President, and all former Democratic Presidents, all former Democratic Vice Presidents, all former Democratic Leaders of the United States Senate, all former Democratic Speakers of the United States House of Representatives and Democratic Minority Leaders, as applicable, and all former Chairpersons of the Democratic National Committee.³ Such delegates shall be seated with the state delegations from the state in which they have their voting residences.

H. Additional automatic votes shall be added if needed to provide for the Democratic Governor⁴ (if any) from that state or territory and for the Democratic Members of the United States House of Representatives and Democratic United States Senators from that state or territory (if any).⁵

I. Each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico may select a number of

² For the purpose of the Call for the Convention, the term "automatic" used in reference to the delegates described in Delegate Selection Rule 9.A corresponds with the term "unpledged" as used in Article Two, Section 4(h) of the Charter.

³ Former Chairpersons of the Democratic National Committee shall include National Chairs and General Chairs.

⁴ The Mayor of the District of Columbia, if a Democrat, shall be treated as a Democratic Governor.

⁵ The District of Columbia's Statehood Senators, if Democrats, shall be treated as Democratic United States Senators.

alternates equivalent to one (1) alternate for every twelve (12) Convention votes received by it pursuant to paragraphs B, C, D, and E, provided, however, that each such delegation shall have at least two (2) alternates. American Samoa, Democrats Abroad, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and the Virgin Islands shall each have one (1) alternate. Fractions of .5 and above are rounded up to the next highest integer. It is further provided that each state shall have the additional number of at-large alternates necessary to provide at least one alternate for each presidential candidate who is entitled to delegates from that state, if the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee determines that the number of alternates allocated to the state is not sufficient for each presidential candidate to have at least one alternate.

- J. Members of the Democratic National Committee and delegates selected pursuant to paragraphs G and H (“Automatic delegates”) may run and be elected as Pledged delegates. If an Automatic delegate is elected and certified as a Pledged delegate, that individual shall not serve as an Automatic delegate at the 2020 National Convention. No delegate may hold more than one (1) vote. Democratic Governors, Democratic Members of the United States House of Representatives and Democratic United States Senators who are members of the Democratic National Committee shall serve as delegates by virtue of their membership on the National Committee.

II. Qualifications of State Delegations

- A. Notice is hereby given that delegates, alternates and standing committee members to the Democratic National Convention shall be elected in accordance with the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, and the Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws

Committee. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have the final authority to regulate the delegate selection process, subject to the authority of the Convention Credentials Committee and the Democratic National Convention. It shall be the duty of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee to administer the delegate selection process and ensure compliance with the rules, including equal division, and report to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee those states which are in non-compliance. Only delegates and alternates selected under a delegate selection procedure approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall be placed on the Temporary Roll of the 2020 Democratic National Convention. Only standing committee members and convention pages chosen pursuant to a state delegate selection procedure approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall be qualified to serve in their respective capacities.

- B. It is understood that a State Democratic Party, in electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention, thereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the state a full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action and outreach and inclusion plans toward that end; that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention adopted by the Democratic National Committee on August 25, 2018; and that the delegates it certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention. Furthermore, voters in the state will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by said Convention.
- C. It is presumed that the delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention, when certified pursuant to the Call, are bona fide Democrats who are

faithful to the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribe to the substance, intent, and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith and shall not express support for any candidate who is opposed to the Democratic nominee. Therefore, no additional assurances shall be required of delegates to the Democratic National Convention in the absence of a credentials contest or challenge.

III. Delegate Selection Deadline

All state parties are required to take all steps necessary and appropriate to complete the process of selecting delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention no later than June 20, 2020.

IV. Certification Requirements

- A. Pledged Delegates and Alternates: Each state's Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of their state's delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention ten (10) days after their election. For the purposes of this Call, the Chair of a committee constituted pursuant to Rule 21.C. of the Delegate Selection Rules, shall be recognized to act in place of the state's Democratic Chair.
- B. Automatic Delegates:
 - 1. Pursuant to Rule 9.A. of the Delegate Selection Rules, official confirmation by the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee to each State Democratic Chair shall constitute verification of the following automatic delegates: members of the Democratic National Committee; the Democratic President, Vice President and Democratic Governor, if applicable; all Democratic members of the United States House of Representatives and all Democratic members of the United States Senate;

and all former Democratic Presidents, Vice Presidents, Democratic Leaders of the United States Senate, Speakers and Democratic Minority Leaders of the United States House of Representatives, and Chairs of the Democratic National Committee.

- C. Presidential Preference:

Ten (10) days after the completion of the state's delegate selection process, each state's Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the presidential preference (including uncommitted) of the state's delegates.

- D. Replacements:

- 1. Pledged Delegates and Alternates:

Replacement of a delegate (due to resignation or death) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the State's Democratic Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (pursuant to Rule 19 of the Delegate Selection Rules) within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. Certification of replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene.

- 2. Automatic Delegates:

- a. Members of Congress and Democratic Governors shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of any changes or vacancies in a state's Democratic congressional delegation following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the United States House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the

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United States Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in a state's office of Governor following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association.

- b. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In cases where a state's DNC membership changes following the Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the certification of the new DNC member shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of automatic delegates.
 - c. Delegates allocated pursuant to Articles I.F., I.G. and I.H. of this Call shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement.
- E. Delegation Chair: Each delegation shall select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair. The State Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair. Such certification shall be in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the position is filled, which shall be no later than the date by which the state certifies its standing committee members.
- F. Convention Pages:
1. A base of 151 Convention Pages shall be allocated among the 57 delegations as follows:⁶

- a. Each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico shall have a minimum of two (2) pages.
 - b. One (1) additional page will be allocated to a state for every fifty (50) additional delegate votes. Fractions of .5 and above are rounded up to the next highest integer.
 - c. American Samoa, Democrats Abroad, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands shall each be allocated one (1) page.
2. The National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee may select not more than twenty-five (25) pages to assist him/her and the Democratic National Convention Committee in carrying out the work of the Convention.
 3. The State Chair shall certify the person(s) to serve as the Delegation's Convention Page(s), as allocated to the delegation by this section. Such certification shall be in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee and shall be made no later than the time the state certifies its standing committee members pursuant to Article VII.B.3. of this Call. The National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee shall certify the person(s) to serve as the Chair's Convention Page(s), as allocated to the National Chairperson by this section. Such certification shall be in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee and shall be made within three (3) days after these positions are filled, but in any event, no later than June 20, 2020.
- G. Certification Requirements: Each certification required herein will include full name, address and other information as

⁶ See Appendix C for the allocation of Convention Pages.

required by the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.

V. Management of the 2020 Democratic National Convention Operations

- A. The Democratic National Committee has the authority to plan, arrange, manage and conduct the Democratic National Convention.
- B. In its sole discretion, the Democratic National Committee may establish and organize a 2020 Democratic National Convention Committee (“DNCC”) to exercise the authority on behalf of the Democratic National Committee and the Democratic National Convention, to enter into contracts relating to business and financial matters connected with the conduct of the 2020 Democratic National Convention, in compliance with the parameters for convention operations set forth herein.
- C. The DNC shall make every effort to exercise its authority in accordance with the following guidelines, subject to Rule 21.C. of the Delegate Selection Rules:
 - 1. Contractors: The DNC shall as a policy seek to engage the services of unionized firms, including those owned by minorities, women, LGBTQ+ persons, and people with disabilities. Contractors shall be engaged according to DNC policy.
 - 2. Housing: The DNC shall design and implement a fair and equitable system by which hotel facilities shall be allocated to eligible state delegations and to presidential candidates.
 - 3. Delegate and Alternate Seating in Convention Hall: The DNC shall design and implement a fair and equitable system by which the location of each eligible state delegation’s seating in the Convention Hall shall be determined. Alternates shall be afforded preferential

seating, as close to delegate seating as arrangements will permit. Members of Democratic National Convention Standing Committees who are not already delegates or alternates shall be afforded guest seating for each session of the Convention proceedings. Those with disabilities shall be afforded seating within the delegation, or as close to the delegation seating as arrangements will permit.

- 4. Delegates’ and Alternates’ Credentials: The state’s delegate, alternate, and standing committee credentials shall be distributed to the Chair of the state delegation from the credentials office.
- 5. Floor Access: Floor access shall be given to delegates, alternates replacing delegates, the highest ranking Democratic official in each state that does not have a Democratic Governor, each State Democratic Party’s Executive Director, such number of representatives of the presidential candidates as may be deemed necessary by the DNC, and such press personnel and other personnel as may be determined by the DNC to be necessary for the proper functioning of the Convention and which does not compromise security and safety requirements. Additionally, any person who is certified by Convention Operations as necessary to accompany an individual with Floor access who is in a wheelchair shall receive Floor access.
- 6. Visitor’s Seating: Seats for members-elect of the Democratic National Committee as certified by the state’s Democratic Chair, guests and other observers shall be allocated for and shall be fairly apportioned to the states according to each state’s relative delegate strength. The Delegation Chair and the State Democratic Chair shall each be given one half of the credentials for guest seats apportioned to the state pursuant to this paragraph. Presidential preference shall be taken into account in

the distribution of these guest credentials.

7. Communications:
 - a. Microphones: Each state shall be provided one (1) floor microphone which shall be located at the position of the Chair of the state delegation. Each delegate shall have access to the microphone.
 - b. Telephones: Adequate provisions shall be made for communication between the floor and the Chair of the Convention so as to advise the Chair of the identity of any delegate seeking recognition to speak and the purpose for which recognition is sought. One (1) such telephone shall be provided for each state delegation.
 - c. General: The DNC may, in its discretion, promulgate guidelines or restrictions regarding the use of communications equipment on the floor of the Convention.
8. Facilities for Presidential Candidates: The National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee and representatives of the presidential candidates shall design and implement a fair and equitable system whereby facilities in the Convention Hall and its immediate environs shall be fairly apportioned to presidential campaigns so as not to afford an undue advantage to any presidential candidate. The cost of such facilities shall be paid by the presidential campaigns.
9. Facilities for News Media and Press Seating: There shall be made available adequate facilities, as close to the Convention floor as conditions permit, for the print press, radio, on-line, and television, including a limited number of camera positions commanding a full view of the proceedings. The cost of such facilities shall not be borne by the DNC.

10. Security: Coordination for security within the Convention Hall, premises and surrounding area shall be under the authority of the DNC.
11. Financial Reports: All financial reports relating to convention financing required by the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and applicable Federal Elections Commission regulations shall be filed by the DNC or its authorized committees.

VI. Presidential Candidates

The term "presidential candidate" herein shall mean any person who, as determined by the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, has accrued delegates in the nominating process and plans to seek the nomination, has established substantial support for their nomination as the Democratic candidate for the Office of the President of the United States, is a bona fide Democrat whose record of public service, accomplishment, public writings and/or public statements affirmatively demonstrates that the candidate is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, and will participate in the Convention in good faith. At the time a presidential candidate announces their candidacy publicly, they must publicly affirm that they are a Democrat. Each candidate pursuing the Democratic nomination shall affirm, in writing, to the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee that they:

- A. are a member of the Democratic Party;
- B. will accept the Democratic nomination; and
- C. will run and serve as a member of the Democratic Party.

This requirement of written affirmation shall not supplant any necessary qualifications a candidate must satisfy at the state level, but is in addition to such affirmations required by individual states and territories. The written affirmation shall be done via an approved

format by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee appended to this Call⁷.

VII. Standing Committees on Platform, Rules and Credentials of the 2020 Democratic National Convention

The Democratic National Committee, acting under its authority to issue the Call and establish the standing committees of the National Convention, hereby creates and organizes the Standing Committees on Platform, Rules, and Credentials of the 2020 Democratic National Convention. The jurisdiction and rules of procedure of each standing committee are set forth in this Call to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. Each standing committee may, by a majority of the members voting, adopt additional rules of procedure for the conduct of its business not inconsistent with this Call. The Democratic National Committee shall publish and make available all relevant requirements and deadlines for submitting proposals for consideration by the standing committees. Such information shall be distributed to the standing committee members and made available to the public as early as practicable before the committees meet.

A. Membership: Subject to Rule 21.C. of the Delegate Selection Rules, each standing committee shall be composed of:

1. Base: A base of 162 members, casting 158.25 votes, allocated to the states and territories in accordance with the same distribution formula used to allocate delegates to the Democratic National Convention.⁸
2. PLEOs: 25 members, each casting one (1) vote who shall be Party Leaders and Elected Officials.
3. Delegate Status: Members of the standing committees need not be

delegates or alternates to the Democratic National Convention.

4. Qualifications: Members of the Convention Standing Committees must be bona fide Democrats who are faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith.
5. Quorum: A majority of the total votes allocated to a standing committee shall constitute a quorum thereof for the purpose of transacting business. Such votes shall be present and represented by the standing committee members. Upon a point of order of no quorum, the Chair shall ascertain the presence or absence of a quorum by visual estimation and shall not proceed until a quorum is present, provided, however, that a roll call shall be had to determine whether a quorum exists if the Chair is in doubt or upon demand of any member of the standing committee supported by:
 - a. twenty percent (20%) of the members of the committee as evidenced by a petition submitted to the Chair indicating support of the demand by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the members present, or
 - b. by the rising in support of the demand by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the members present, except that a motion to adjourn or to recess may be offered and voted upon without a quorum present.
6. Proxies: As the standing committees are deliberative bodies of the National

⁷ See Appendix E for the Presidential candidate written affirmation.

⁸ See Appendix D for the allocation of standing committee members.

Convention, proxy voting by standing committee members shall not be permitted.

7. Subcommittees: Any subcommittee of the standing committees of the National Convention shall be composed only of members of standing committees, except that these subcommittees may be chaired by persons other than members of the committee.

B. Election:

1. The members of the standing committees allocated to the states and territories shall be elected by each state's National Convention delegates present at a meeting of which adequate notice of time and place shall be given and at which a quorum of the state's delegates shall be present. Such meeting shall be held in accordance with procedures approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee and consistent with this Call. Such meeting shall take place within 14 days after the final selection of a state's delegation, but no such meeting shall be held after June 27, 2020.
2. The members of the standing committees allocated as Party Leaders and Elected Officials shall be elected by the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee during the calendar year of the National Convention upon nomination received from the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, after consultation with the State Chairs from those states from which members are contemplated to be nominated. Said members must be elected at a meeting of the Executive Committee or by mail ballot no later than 30 days prior to the date of the standing committee meeting.
3. Each state's Democratic Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee their state's standing committee members within three (3) days after their selection. The National Chairperson of

the Democratic National Committee shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the Party Leader and Elected Official standing committee members within three (3) days after their election. Certification of each person will include full name, address and other information as required by the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.

4. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the election procedures specified in Article VII.B., C., D. and E., and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee, in accordance with procedures specified in Article VII.B.3. Substitutions of standing committee members are encouraged to be made up to forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time the standing committee meets, except in the case of death.
5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of this Call. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention.

C. Presidential Preference:

1. The members of the standing committees allocated to the states and territories shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in that state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 14.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules, provided, however, that members of the standing committees from primary states shall be allocated to presidential candidates

(including uncommitted status) based on the statewide popular vote.

2. The presidential preference percentage of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to that state or territorial delegation. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference in question is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc.
3. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position.
4. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions.

D. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval:

1. Each presidential candidate or that candidate's representative authorized pursuant to Rule 13.D.1. of the 2020

Delegate Selection Rules shall be given adequate notice of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to select standing committee members.

2. The delegation shall select the standing committee members from among names submitted by the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status), and presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. Provided further, that presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that the name or names of standing committee members submitted help achieve the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion goals established by the state's Delegate Selection Plan.

E. Division Between Men and Women:

1. In the case of gender non-binary committee members, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between male gender (men) and female gender (women).
2. The membership of each of the standing committees from a state or territory shall be as equally divided among men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation; the variance between men and women in any committee or among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have continuing jurisdiction to ensure compliance with this equal division requirement. No standing committee members from a state shall be officially recognized unless the Rules and Bylaws Committee has certified to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee that such state's standing committee delegation complies with this equal division rule. It is the duty of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee to

determine such compliance as soon as practicable following the certification of the state's standing committee members.

3. The Party Leader and Elected Official membership of the standing committees elected by the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee shall be divided among men and women so that the variance between men and women in any committee or among the three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one.

F. Chairs of Standing Committees:

1. The Chair(s) of each Standing Committee shall be elected by the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee upon nomination of the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee. Co-Chair(s) and Vice Chair(s) may also be elected in this manner.
2. Individuals who are not otherwise members of the standing committees who are elected Chair(s), Co-Chair(s) or Vice Chair(s) thereof shall not have any voting privileges on the standing committees, except that the Chair(s), may vote in the case of a tie.
3. The Chair(s) of each standing committee shall call and preside over each committee meeting, prepare an agenda to provide for orderly conduct of the committee's business, and supervise preparation of such research studies and briefing materials as are required to accomplish the committee's work.

G. Temporary Standing Committee Members:

1. In the event that a standing committee meeting is held prior to the election of a state's standing committee members, a state may select temporary members for those standing committee member positions.

2. The selection must take place at an open well publicized meeting of by the State Party's governing body, provided it meets the qualifications of Delegate Selection Rule 10.B as if it were a state party committee. The procedures for selection must be approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee as part of the state's Delegate Selection Plan.
3. Members selected as temporary standing committee members under this provision serve only in the event that a standing committee is called to meet prior to completion of the state's delegate selection process. Temporary members selected after the first determining step has occurred in a state shall reflect the Presidential preferences so established. No such temporary member may continue to serve after the permanent standing committee members are selected unless he or she is elected as a permanent member pursuant to the provisions in Section B of this Article.
4. Substitutions in a state's list of temporary standing committee members may only be made up to 10 days prior to the time the standing committee meets.

H. Platform Committee:

1. The Platform Committee shall be responsible for drafting and recommending the Platform of the Democratic Party to the Democratic National Convention.
2. The Chair(s) of the Platform Committee, in consultation with the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, shall determine the number, place and time for conducting hearing(s) and/or forum(s) and name the presiding panel, who need not be members of the Platform Committee, for each hearing and/or forum. Any person may submit a written statement concerning the Platform to the Platform Committee at any time prior to the

- Platform Committee meeting, and may request permission to testify at a public hearing and/or forum.
3. No later than thirty (30) days before the first meeting of the Platform Committee, written notice of the date, time, place, and the tentative agenda of such meeting shall be sent to all members of the Platform Committee. A special or emergency meeting of the Platform Committee may be held upon call of the Chair(s) of the Platform Committee with reasonable notice to the members.
 4. Prior to the first meeting of the Platform Committee, the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee shall distribute to the members of the Platform Committee a document outlining the issues to be considered by the committee.
 5. The National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, in consultation with the Chair(s) of the Platform Committee, shall appoint fifteen (15) persons to serve on a Platform Drafting Subcommittee and the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee shall appoint the Chair(s) thereof. In addition, one (1) non-voting member may be appointed by each presidential candidate to serve on the Drafting Subcommittee. The Platform Drafting Subcommittee is considered a subcommittee of the Platform Committee as defined in Article I.A.6 provided, however, that members of the Platform Drafting Subcommittee need not be members of the Platform Committee. The Drafting Subcommittee shall be responsible for the drafting of the report of the Platform Committee under the direction and with the approval of the full Platform Committee.
 6. Upon the request of members representing twenty-five percent (25%) of the total votes of the Platform Committee, a minority report shall be prepared for distribution to the Convention delegates and alternates as part of the committee's report. The committee staff shall assist in the preparation of such report.
 7. The report of the Platform Committee and any minority reports shall be distributed to all delegates and alternates, and to the public as soon as practicable after their adoption.
- I. Rules Committee:
1. The Rules Committee shall issue a report to the Democratic National Convention recommending the Permanent Rules of the Convention, the Convention agenda, the permanent officers of the Democratic National Convention, amendments to the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States, and resolutions providing for the consideration of any other matter not provided for in the Permanent Rules of the Convention and not contained in the reports of other standing committees. The foregoing notwithstanding, no amendment to the Charter of the Democratic Party shall be effective unless and until it is subsequently ratified by a vote of the majority of the entire membership of the Democratic National Committee.
 2. No later than thirty (30) days before the first meeting of the Rules Committee, written notice of the date, time, place, and the tentative agenda of such meeting shall be sent to all members of the Rules Committee. A special or emergency meeting of the Rules Committee may be held upon call of the Chair(s) of the Rules Committee with reasonable notice to the members.
 3. Upon the request of members representing twenty-five percent (25%) of the total votes of the Rules Committee, a minority report shall be prepared for distribution to the Convention delegates and alternates as part of the committee's report. The

committee staff shall assist in the preparation of such report.

4. The report of the Rules Committee and any minority reports shall be distributed to all delegates, alternates, and to the public as soon as practicable after their adoption.

J. Credentials Committee and Procedures for Challenging Delegates or State Delegations:

1. The Credentials Committee shall determine and resolve questions concerning the seating of delegates and alternates to the Convention pursuant to the resolution entitled the "Relationship Between the 2020 Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee and the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules," which includes the "Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention" hereby approved and adopted by the Democratic National Committee, and set forth in full in the Appendix to this Call. The committee shall report to the Convention for final determination and resolution of all such questions. This committee does not have authority over the allocation and distribution of convention credentials, including passes for delegates, alternates, guests or press.
2. Challenges to the seating of any delegate or alternate shall be in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee. Any challenge to the seating of a delegate or alternate that is not made in conformity with these rules shall be deemed waived.
3. Upon the request of members representing twenty-five percent (25%) of the total votes of the Credentials Committee, a minority report shall be prepared for distribution to the Convention delegates and alternates as part of the committee's report; provided, however, that no member elected to the committee by a state delegation may join in such request as to

a proposed minority report relating to a credentials challenge to any delegate or alternate from their state. The committee staff shall assist in the preparation of such report.

4. The report of the Credentials Committee and any minority reports shall be distributed to all delegates, alternates, and the public as soon as practicable after their adoption.

VIII. Elector Qualifications

Each State Democratic Party shall take adequate steps, as set forth in its Delegate Selection Plan, to assure that presidential electors will vote for the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees including, having each candidate for presidential elector sign a certification to so vote.

IX. Procedural Rules of the 2020 Democratic National Convention

The following Procedural Rules shall serve as the Temporary Rules of Procedure for the 2020 Democratic National Convention and are recommended to the Rules Committee and to the Convention as the Permanent Rules of Procedure for the conduct of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

A. Temporary Chair:

1. The National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee shall call the Convention to order and shall preside until the Permanent Chair of the Convention shall be chosen in accordance with these rules.
2. The National Committee Secretary shall serve as Temporary Secretary. The Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee shall appoint such other temporary officers as may be required to assist in the conduct of the business of the Convention. These officers shall be divided equally. In the case of gender

non-binary temporary officers, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the officers shall be equally divided.

B. Temporary Roll:

1. The Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall determine a Temporary Roll of delegates to the Convention which shall consist only of those persons selected and certified as delegates in accordance with the Rules and pursuant to this Call, unless a credentials contest shall have arisen with respect to any such person(s), in which case the Secretary shall include on the Temporary Roll the name of the credentials contestant recommended for inclusion by the Credentials Committee in its report.
2. Persons whose names are included on the Temporary Roll of delegates shall be permitted to vote on all matters before the Convention until after the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee; provided that no person shall be permitted to vote on their credentials contest.

C. Order of Business: The order of business for the Democratic National Convention shall be as provided in these rules and in any special order of business adopted under Section D. of these rules. The Chair of the Convention may, at appropriate times, interrupt the order of business provided for in these rules for introductions, announcements, addresses, presentations, resolutions of tribute and appreciation, or remarks appropriate to the business of the Convention.

1. Report of the Committee on Credentials: The Report of the Credentials Committee shall be acted upon before the consideration of other business.
 - a. The Temporary Chair shall recognize the Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee for up to thirty (30) minutes to present the

committee's report unless a longer period of time shall be provided in a special order of business agreed upon by the Convention. The Chair(s) of the committee may present committee amendments, yield part of their time to others and may yield for the presentation and disposition of minority reports without losing the right to the floor.

- b. The Temporary Chair shall arrange for the orderly presentation of amendments and of minority reports offered at the direction of the committee. Twenty (20) minutes shall be allowed for the presentation of each committee amendment or minority report unless a longer period for any committee amendment or minority report is provided in special orders of business agreed to by the Convention. Time shall be allotted equally to proponents and opponents of each committee amendment or minority report. The questions shall be put on each committee amendment or minority report immediately following its presentation without intervening motion.
- c. Upon conclusion of the consideration and disposition of committee amendments and minority reports, the Temporary Chair shall put the question on the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee with amendments previously adopted, if any, without intervening motion. A majority vote of the Convention delegates eligible to vote shall constitute adoption of the report.
- d. In the event that the committee's report shall not be adopted when the question is put, the committee shall immediately reconvene to reconsider its report and shall present a new report to the Convention as soon as possible.

2. Report of Rules Committee: The Temporary Chair(s) may then recognize the Chair(s) of the Rules Committee to present the committee's report for the Rules of the Convention and minority reports, if any, in the same manner as that provided for the presentation of the Report of the Credentials Committee. However, the Temporary Chair may, in the interest of conducting an orderly proceeding, opt to place before the Convention the election of the Permanent Chair, the Co-Chairs and the Secretary, prior to the presentation of the Rules Committee report.
3. Convention Chair: The Convention shall proceed to elect the Permanent Convention Chair in the following manner:
 - a. In accordance with the requirements of the 1984 Democratic National Convention Resolution which calls for alternating the Convention Chair by gender, the Permanent Chair of the 2020 Democratic National Convention shall be a male.
 - b. The Chair(s) of the Rules Committee shall be recognized to offer a nomination for Convention Chair as recommended by the Committee on Rules. Nominations from the floor shall then be received.
 - c. When there are no further nominations or upon adoption of a motion to close nominations, the Temporary Chair of the Convention shall conduct a vote for Permanent Convention Chair.
 - d. A majority vote of the delegates present and voting shall be required to elect the Convention Chair. Balloting shall continue until a Chair is elected. The Permanent Chair shall then take the gavel.
4. Convention Co-Chairs: The Convention shall proceed to elect Co-Chairs and a Secretary in the same manner in which it elected the Chair. The Co-Chairs shall be divided equally.
5. Committee on Platform: The Permanent Chair shall recognize the Chair(s) of the Platform Committee to present the committee's report and minority reports, if any, in the same manner as that provided for the presentations of the reports of the Credentials and Rules Committees.
6. Nomination of the Democratic Candidate for President: The Permanent Chair shall receive nominations from the floor for the Democratic candidate for the Office of President of the United States in the following manner:
 - a. Requests to nominate a presidential candidate shall be in writing and shall have affixed thereto the written approval of the proposed nominee and the name of the individuals who shall be recognized to make the nominating and seconding speeches on behalf of a presidential candidate and shall be delivered to the Convention Secretary at a location as specified by the Secretary no later than 6:00 p.m. of the day preceding the day designated for the commencement of presidential nominations.
 - b. Each such request must be accompanied by a petition indicating support for the proposed nominee signed by delegates representing not less than 300 or more than 600 delegate votes, not more than 50 of which may come from one (1) delegation. A delegate may not sign more than one (1) nominating petition for president and for vice president. Pledged and automatic delegates may sign the petition.
 - c. The order for nominating presidential candidates shall be determined by the National

Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, the Permanent Chair of the Convention and each presidential candidate, or their authorized representative, who qualifies to be nominated pursuant to this section.

- d. Each presidential candidate shall be allowed a total of twenty (20) minutes for the presentation of their name in nomination by nominating and seconding speeches, the time to run without interruption from the recognition of the nominator.
 - e. Delegates and alternates shall maintain order during and following nominations for the Office of President and demonstrations shall not be permitted.
7. Roll Call for Presidential Candidate:
- a. After nominations for presidential candidates have closed, the Convention shall proceed to a roll call vote by states on the selection of the presidential candidate. The roll call voting shall follow the alphabetical order of the states with the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico and the territories treated as states for the purpose of the alphabetical roll call.
 - b. On the first ballot of the presidential roll call, only pledged delegates will be permitted to vote unless a presidential candidate has been certified by the DNC Secretary to have obtained a number of pledged delegates equal to a majority of all pledged and automatic delegates to the Convention⁹, at which point automatic delegates will also be permitted to vote on the first ballot.

- c. In the event that a nominating contest moves beyond the first ballot of the presidential roll call, all pledged and automatic delegates will be permitted to vote for a presidential candidate on all subsequent ballots until a nominee is chosen.
- d. A majority vote of all Convention delegates eligible to vote on the ballot in question shall be required to nominate the presidential candidate.
- e. Eligible delegates may vote for the candidate of their choice whether or not the name of such candidate was placed in nomination. Any vote cast other than a vote for a presidential candidate meeting the requirements of Article VI of this Call and Rule 13.K. of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules shall be considered a vote for "Present."
- f. Balloting will continue until a nominee is selected. Upon selection, balloting may be temporarily suspended, provided that the balloting shall continue at a time certain determined by the Convention Chair, until all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the territories shall publically deliver their vote prior to the nominee's acceptance speech. The nominee shall become the candidate of the Democratic Party of the United States for the Office of President upon the conclusion of their acceptance speech.

8. Acceptance Speech by Presidential Candidate: Immediately after the selection of the Democratic nominee for

⁹ The determination that a presidential candidate has secured the requisite number of pledged delegates shall be made by the DNC Secretary upon certification of pledged delegates at the conclusion of the delegate selection process (the Secretary's calculation shall not take into account any alternates). The DNC

Secretary shall publicly announce his or her determination as soon as practicable after receiving every delegation's certification of pledged delegates. Subsequent events after the Secretary's announcement shall not change the determination.

President, the Permanent Chair shall invite the nominee to deliver an acceptance speech to the Convention.

9. Nomination for the Democratic Candidate for Vice President: The selection of a nominee for the Office of Vice President of the United States shall be conducted in the same manner as that heretofore provided for the selection of the nominee for President of the United States except that (i) a request to nominate must be delivered to the Convention Secretary at a location as specified by the Secretary not later than 9:00 a.m. of the day designated for the commencement of Vice Presidential nominations, and (ii) automatic delegates shall be permitted to vote on all ballots for the nomination of the Democratic candidate for Vice President.

10. Roll Call Ballot for Vice Presidential Candidate:

- a. After nominations for Vice Presidential candidates have closed, the Convention shall proceed to a roll call vote by states on the selection of the Vice Presidential candidate. The roll call voting procedure shall be conducted in the same manner as that heretofore provided for the selection of the nominee for President of the United States except that automatic delegates shall be permitted to vote on all ballots for the nomination of the Vice President.
- b. A majority vote of the Convention's delegates shall be required to select the Vice Presidential candidate. Delegates may vote for the candidate of their choice whether or not the name of such candidate was placed in nomination. Balloting will continue until a nominee is selected.

11. Acceptance Speech by Vice Presidential Candidate: Immediately after the selection of the Democratic nominee for

Vice President, the Permanent Chair shall invite the nominee to deliver an acceptance speech to the Convention. The nominee shall become the candidate of the Democratic Party of the United States for the office of Vice President upon completion of their acceptance speech to the Convention.

- D. Special Orders of Business: It shall be in order at any time for the Rules Committee at the request of the Chair of the Convention, or pursuant to its rules, to report a resolution providing a special order of business for debate of any resolution, motion, committee report or minority report or for the consideration of any matter.

E. Powers and Duties of the Chair:

1. It shall be the responsibility of the Chair to conduct and expedite the business of the Convention and to preserve order and decorum in its proceedings.
2. The Chair is authorized to appoint such Convention officers as may be required to assist in the conduct of the business of the Convention, such officers to be divided equally (In the case of gender non-binary convention officers, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided); to appoint any delegate temporarily to perform the duties of the Chair; and to take such lawful action as may be necessary and appropriate to preserve order throughout the Convention Hall; and to take any other actions consistent with the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States and this Call.

F. Voting:

1. Secret Ballot: No secret ballots shall be permitted at any stage of the Convention or its committee proceedings.

2. Proxy Voting: Neither delegate nor alternate delegate votes may be cast by proxy.
3. Roll Call Votes:
 - a. On all votes, except the first ballot of the presidential roll call as described in Article IX.C.7, automatic delegates retain their ability to vote according to their own preferences.
 - b. Voting shall be by voice vote or, when prescribed by these rules, by roll call vote. The roll call voting shall follow the order as specified in Article XI.C.7.a. A roll call vote shall also be had if the Chair is in doubt or upon demand of any delegate supported by twenty-five percent (25%) of the Convention's delegates as evidenced by one of the following methods:
 - (1) A petition submitted to the Chair indicating support of the demand by not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the Convention's delegates.
 - (2) By the rising in support of the demand by not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the delegates present.
 - c. When a roll call vote is ordered, the roll call shall be called by states, and the Chair of each delegation or Their designee shall report the vote of their delegation and shall send to the Convention Secretary a tally showing the vote of each member of their delegation indicating whether such vote was cast in person or by an alternate. Such roll call votes may be conducted by having the Chair for each delegation report by telephone, or electronic voting mechanism, the vote of their delegation to the rostrum, provided that the telephone poll shall not be used in the balloting for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees. Business shall be permitted to proceed during the telephone roll call and votes may be conducted by electronic mechanism. After each official vote, the Delegation Chair shall record and tally votes of the delegation on official roll call tally sheets provided by the Convention Secretary. All official roll call tally sheets shall be turned in to the Convention Secretary at a specified location not more than thirty (30) minutes after the close of each voting period.
 - d. All delegates to the National Convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them.
 - e. In the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a vote is taken, an alternate may be designated according to the rules to cast the vote. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for a delegate allocated under I.F., I.G., or I.H. of this Call.
 - f. On a roll call vote by states, the vote cast on behalf of a delegation may be challenged by communication to the Convention Secretary by telephone or other means by any voting member of that state's delegation within ten (10) minutes after the Convention Secretary's announcement of the state's vote. The votes of that delegation shall then be recorded as polled without regard to any state law, party rule, resolution or instruction binding the delegation or any member thereof to vote for or against any candidate or proposition. The Convention Chair may send a parliamentarian

to the delegation to conduct the poll. At the discretion of the Convention Chair, the roll call may continue instead of waiting for the result of the polling.

- g. On a roll call vote conducted by telephone or other electronic voting mechanism, the vote of a delegation as shown on the video projection system may be challenged by communication to the Convention Secretary by telephone or other means by any voting member of the delegation within ten (10) minutes after the delegation's vote is shown on the screen.
- h. A demand to poll a delegation may be withdrawn at any time before the actual polling has begun.

- 4. Interruption of Vote: When the question has been put, the vote thereon may not be interrupted for any purpose other than a demand for a roll call vote or a point of order directed to the conduct of the vote.
- 5. Determination of Question: Except as otherwise provided in these rules, all questions shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates to the Convention.

G. Filling a Vacancy on the National Ticket: In the event of death, resignation or disability of a nominee of the Party for President or Vice President after the adjournment of the National Convention, the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee shall confer with the Democratic leadership of the United States Congress and the Democratic Governors Association and shall report to the Democratic National Committee, which is authorized to fill the vacancy or vacancies.

H. Interpretation of the Rules: In interpreting the rules, the Chair may have recourse to the ruling of Chairs of previous Democratic

Conventions, to the precedents of the United States House of Representatives and to general parliamentary law.

I. Appeals:

1. The Chair shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal by any delegate which may be debated for not more than ten (10) minutes, the time to be equally divided between the delegate appealing the ruling and a delegate in favor of sustaining the ruling of the Chair; provided that an appeal shall not be in order while another appeal is pending or from decisions on recognition or from decisions on dilatoriness of motions or during a roll call vote or on a question on which an appeal has just been decided or, when in the opinion of the Chair, such appeal is clearly dilatory.

2. Before the question is put on any appeal, the Chair shall be entitled to state briefly the reasons for the ruling being appealed.

J. Motion to Suspend the Rules: The Chair shall entertain a motion to suspend the rules, which shall be decided without debate and which shall require a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the delegates voting, a quorum being present.

K. Motion:

1. No question of privilege or any motion other than those provided under these rules shall be entertained, except the motion to recess (to a time certain or at the call of the Chair), which shall be privileged, and the motion to adjourn, which shall be the highest privilege.

2. Motions to adjourn or to recess shall be in order at any time except when the question has been put or a vote is in progress and shall be decided without debate. The Chair shall not entertain a motion to adjourn or recess when such motion closely follows another such

motion if in the opinion of the Chair such motion is dilatory.

- L. Amendments: No amendments to resolutions or motions before the Convention shall be permitted, except amendments to standing committee reports or resolutions offered at the direction of the standing committee or in a minority report of that standing committee; provided that no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted in the form of such an amendment.
- M. Minority Reports: Minority reports of committees shall not be considered unless adopted in writing by members representing at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total votes of a committee. A minority report may be withdrawn at any time prior to or during the Convention. A minority report shall be deemed to be withdrawn when support for the report falls below the number of members representing twenty-five percent (25%) of the total votes of the standing committee as evidenced by the written withdrawal of support by proponents of the report. A committee member may withdraw their support for a minority report by written notice to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee.
- N. Responsibility: By participating in the Democratic National Convention, each delegate assumes the responsibility for doing all within their power to assure that voters of their state will have the opportunity to cast their election ballots for the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by the Convention or, should a vacancy arise, pursuant to Article VIII.G. of these rules, and expressly agrees that he or she will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention, or, should a vacancy arise, the nominee(s) selected pursuant to Article VIII.G.
- O. Debate: Unless otherwise provided in these rules or in a resolution providing for a special order of business, debate on any question shall be limited to a total of twenty (20) minutes and shall be equally divided between proponents and opponents unless they and the Chair agree upon an additional or lesser amount of time.
- P. Quorum: A majority of the delegates to the Convention shall constitute a quorum thereof for the purpose of transacting business. Upon a point of order of no quorum being made, the Chair shall ascertain the presence or absence of a quorum by visual estimation and shall not proceed until a quorum is present; provided that a motion to adjourn may be offered and voted upon without a quorum present.
- Q. References to the "Chair": All references to the authority and responsibilities of the "Chair" shall pertain to the Temporary Chair, the Permanent Chair, the Co-Chair(s) and any other person assuming the duties of the Chair as appropriate during the Convention.
- R. Equal Division: The Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States provides that the National Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternates equally divided between men and women (as determined by self-identification). This Call, in compliance with the Charter, and pursuant to Rule 6.C. of the *2020 Delegate Selection Rules*, mandates that delegates and alternates from each state and jurisdiction shall be equally divided between men and women with a variance of no more than one (1). In the case of gender non-binary delegates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided between male gender and female gender.
- S. Non-Discrimination: Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status or disability in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited.
- T. Territories: The term "territories" shall refer to American Samoa, Democrats Abroad,

Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands in this Call.

U. Proceedings:

1. A record of all actions taken each day by the Convention shall be made available to all delegates and alternates.
2. The Secretary of the Democratic National Committee will provide a journal of the full proceedings of the Convention, which shall be made available within the year following the Convention.

Appendix A

Relationship Between the 2020 Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee and the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules

Under Rule 21.B. of the *2020 Delegate Selection Rules*, the Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection Plans, Affirmative Action Plans, and Outreach and Inclusion Programs. The following “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention” describes the procedure for considering challenges once the Credentials Committee assumes responsibility for the challenge process as otherwise described in Rule 21.B.

All delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention shall be selected in accordance with the *2020 Delegate Selection Rules* and the *2020 Call*. Only delegates and alternates selected under a delegate selection system approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee pursuant to the *2020 Delegate Selection Rules* shall be placed on the Temporary Roll of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

All challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.”

Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention

1. Jurisdiction of the Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee shall have jurisdiction to hear and decide:

- A. Any challenge brought before the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee and not resolved before the 56th calendar day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention; and,
- B. Any challenge alleging:
 1. Failure to implement a final order of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee; or
 2. Failure to implement a plan approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, if such challenge is initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention, except with regard to Rule 19.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules.

2. Parties

- A. Challenging Parties: A challenge to the credentials of any delegate or alternate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention shall be brought by at least fifteen (15) Democrats who are residents of the state and level at which delegates to the National Convention are elected in which the challenge arises, and who fulfill (1), or if there is no Democratic Party enrollment or registration in the state, then either (2) or (3) below:

1. Registration or enrollment as Democrats in those states which employ such procedures. Persons not registered to vote or persons registered as unaffiliated voters or enrolled as members of other parties or as independents shall not have standing to bring a challenge.
 2. Participation in Democratic Party affairs. Persons who have participated in the affairs of another political party during the preceding 12-month period shall not have standing to bring a challenge. Participation in a party's affairs shall include, but not be limited to, voting in the immediately preceding primary of that political party.
 3. Any person who lacks standing under paragraphs (1) and (2) and who demonstrates that he or she attempted to participate in the affairs of the Democratic Party in good faith shall have standing to challenge.
 4. Each challenge shall include a statement indicating that each challenger subscribes to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States. Each challenger must have been personally injured with respect to their participation in the delegate selection process by any violation complained of or shall be so situated that he or she clearly will be personally injured by such violation.
- B. Challenged Parties:
1. Where delegates or alternates to the Convention have been selected from the level at which delegates to the National Convention are elected in which the challenge arises, the challenged party or parties shall be a delegate or alternate or a group of delegates or alternates or the entire delegation from that level.
 2. Where delegates or alternates to the Convention have not yet been selected from the level at which delegates to the National Convention are elected in which the challenge arises, the challenged party shall be the Democratic Party organization responsible for that level; provided that where any state law or state party rule, regulation, decision or other state party action or omission is challenged, the State Democratic Party shall also be named as a challenged party. If during the tendency of the challenge, any delegate(s) or alternate(s) to the Convention are selected from the level involved, such delegate(s) or alternate(s) shall be joined as challenged parties if any relief with respect to their credentials at the Convention is sought.
 3. The State Democratic Party shall be joined as a challenged party if a challenged party so requests.
- C. Intervening Parties:
1. A State Democratic Party may intervene as of right in any challenge proceeding for the purpose of protecting any interest it may have with respect to that proceeding.
 2. A presidential candidate may intervene as of right in any challenge proceeding for the purpose of protecting any interest he or she may have with respect to that proceeding.
 3. For good cause shown, any other person having standing under Section 2.A. may be permitted to be heard as an amicus curiae or, in appropriate circumstances, to intervene, for all or limited purposes, by leave of the Chair of the Credentials Committee or the Hearing Officer.

3. Filing, Service of Documents and Computation of Time
 - A. Filing: Any challenge, answer and accompanying documents to be considered in the processing of any challenge shall be filed by hand delivery (receipt to be retained), certified mail (return receipt requested), or by an overnight delivery service (signature required) to: Chair, 2020 Convention Credentials Committee, c/o Democratic National Committee, 430 South Capitol Street, S.E., Washington, DC 20003 with a copy to the Chair of the Democratic Party of the state in which the challenge arises. The original and a copy of each document shall be filed. Filing shall be deemed complete upon receipt, or in the case of hand delivery, upon delivery.
 - B. Service: Any document filed in any proceeding pursuant to these rules shall be served at the same time by the filing party upon all other parties to the proceeding, with a copy to the Chair of the Democratic Party of the state in which the challenge arises. Service shall be made by hand delivery (receipt to be obtained), certified mail (return receipt requested), or an overnight delivery service (signature required) to each party or their attorney, if any. Any document filed pursuant to these rules shall be accompanied by a certificate of service signed by the filing party or by their attorney, if any. Service shall be deemed complete, in the case of hand-delivery, on the date of receipt by the served party or, in the case of service by certified mail or an overnight delivery service, on the first business day on which delivery is attempted.
 - C. Time:
 1. In computing any period of time prescribed by these rules, the day of the act or event from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. Weekends and holidays shall be included.
2. The Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee shall have authority for good cause, on application or sua sponte, to enlarge or shorten any period of time prescribed by these rules. An extension of time shall be granted only when compelling need is shown.
4. Challenges
 - A. A credentials challenge shall be commenced by the filing of a written challenge not later than:
 1. Fifteen (15) calendar days after the violation occurred, or
 2. Fifteen (15) calendar days after the selection of any delegate or alternate whose credentials to the Democratic National Convention are to be put in issue, whichever occurs first. The challenging parties shall, within the period provided by the State Democratic Party in its Delegate Selection Plan, invoke, and shall thereafter exhaust, the remedies provided by State Democratic Party procedures for the violations alleged.
 - B. The challenge shall be verified by the notarized signature of each challenging party, and shall include the following:
 1. The name, address and telephone number of each challenging party and allegations of fact fulfilling the requirements of Section 2.A.; and the name, address and telephone number of each challenging party's attorney or other representative authorized to receive documents on behalf of the challenger.
 2. The name, address and telephone number of each delegate or alternate whose credentials are challenged, or a statement that such information is unavailable to the challenging parties; or, where delegates or alternates have not yet been selected,

the name, address and telephone number of each challenged party.

3. An identification of the state and level at which delegates to the National Convention are elected in which the challenge arises.
4. A plain, concise and specific statement of each violation of a state delegate selection plan approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, or of a final order of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee; or a statement that the state does not have an approved delegate selection plan.
5. A plain, concise and specific statement of how each challenging party has been injured with respect to their participation in the delegate selection process by each alleged violation.
6. A plain, concise and specific statement of the remedies each challenging party has invoked with respect to each alleged violation before filing a credentials challenge with the Credentials Committee, and a statement of the expected length of time for exhaustion of the state party procedures.
7. A plain, concise and specific statement of the relief requested and the reason therefore. If a challenging party proposes that he or she be seated in the state's delegation, the challenge shall include a plain, concise and specific statement of the reasons why that party has a right to be seated, superior to that of the delegate or alternate whose seat he or she seeks; and a plain, concise and specific statement of how the challenging party has complied with all applicable laws, rules and regulations and has participated in the delegate selection process.

C. The challenge shall be accompanied by the following documents:

1. A plain, concise and specific statement that contains, by separately numbered paragraphs, each violation alleged and each form of relief sought.
 2. A list of the name, address and telephone number of each witness who is likely to be called to testify in support of the challenge.
 3. A list of the documents likely to be offered in support of the challenge, together with copies of those documents.
5. Answer
- A. Within ten (10) calendar days after service of a challenge, each challenged party shall file a written answer, verified by the notarized signature of each challenged party, including the following:
 1. The name, address and telephone number of each challenged party and the name, address and telephone number of their attorney or other representative authorized to receive documents on behalf of the challenged party.
 2. A statement as to whether the standing under Section 2.A. of the challenging parties is in dispute.
 3. A response to the challenge, separately admitting or denying each statement therein, or stating that the challenged party is without sufficient information to admit or deny. A response to a statement shall fairly meet its substance, admitting those parts that are true and denying those parts that are false.
 4. A plain, concise and specific statement of each and every

affirmative defense to the alleged violations.

5. A plain, concise and specific statement of any other reasons why the challenged party should prevail.

B. The answer shall be accompanied by the following documents:

1. A plain, concise and specific statement that contains, by reference to each numbered paragraph of the challenging statement required by Section 4.C.1., a response to each alleged violation or request for relief. A response to a proposition shall fairly meet its substance, admitting those parts that are true and denying those parts that are false. Wherever a proposition is denied in whole or in part, the proposition supported by the challenged party on that point shall be stated.
2. A list of the name, address and telephone number of each witness who is likely to be called in opposition to the challenge.
3. A list of the documents likely to be offered in opposition to the challenge, together with copies of those documents.

C. Challenged parties may consolidate their answers.

6. Dismissal and Decision on the Pleadings

A. Dismissal:

1. The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall dismiss any challenge, or part of a challenge, which does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Credentials Committee.
2. If a state party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action and outreach and inclusion program, the Chair shall

dismiss any challenge, or part of a challenge, which is based solely on composition of the Convention delegation, except in the case of a challenge based upon the failure to achieve equal division.

3. The Chair shall have authority to dismiss any challenge which is brought by persons lacking standing under Section 2.A., or which otherwise fails to comply substantially with these rules, or which is otherwise manifestly insufficient.

4. Any dismissal shall be accompanied by a written opinion by the Chair.

B. Decision on the Pleadings: The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall have authority to make a decision on the pleadings where it is plain from the challenge and the answer, together with the documents accompanying those pleadings, that there is no genuine issue of material fact between the parties. Any decision on the pleadings shall be accompanied by a written opinion by the Chair.

C. Review of Dismissal or Decision on the Pleadings: Within five (5) calendar days after service of a notice of the entry of a dismissal under Section 6.A. or under Section 1.B., an aggrieved party may file a Petition for Review by the Credentials Committee stating the objections to the Chair's action, and may file a brief. Within five (5) calendar days after service of the petition, any other party may file a brief. Consideration of the challenge by the Credentials Committee shall proceed as in other cases, except that the challenge shall be given precedence on the committee's docket.

7. Decision of State Party Body

- A. The Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee may defer, for such period as is appropriate, proceedings on a challenge in order to give time for the

consideration of any challenge or other related matter under State Democratic Party procedures. The deferral period shall not be so long as to interfere with the processing and consideration of the challenge by the Credentials Committee if that should prove necessary.

- B. The State Democratic Party body may take such action with respect to the challenge or other related matter as it is authorized to take under state law and state party rules.
 - C. After a decision by a state party body on a challenge or other related matter, any party to the challenge pending before the Credentials Committee may request the Committee to process the challenge and the Committee shall do so. The party making the request shall file any written decision or order made with respect to the challenge by the state party body. The decision of the state party body shall be given such weight as the Credentials Committee finds warranted in the circumstances.
 - D. Records of proceedings conducted by the state party body with respect to the challenge or other related matter, and other papers relating to the state party proceedings, shall be admissible in Credentials Committee proceedings on the challenge.
8. Hearing
- A. With respect to any challenge or part of a challenge not dismissed or decided on the pleadings under Section 6., an open and public hearing shall be held on the specific factual and legal matters in dispute. An electronic or stenographic recording or clerical notes shall be made of the proceedings at any such hearing.
 - B. The hearing shall be held in Washington, D.C. unless the Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee determines that in the interest of justice it should be held elsewhere.
 - C. The hearing shall be conducted by a Hearing Officer appointed by the Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee. The Hearing Officer shall be a Democrat, neutral in the context of the challenge, experienced in the law, known by reputation to be fair and shall not be involved in or identified with any presidential campaign or any group promoting or opposing credentials challenges. The Chair(s) shall make a reasonable effort to secure the agreement of the parties to the Hearing Officer.
 - D. The Hearing Officer shall have all power necessary to conduct the hearing in such manner, consistent with these rules, as to secure the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of the challenge, including the right to require the parties to participate in a pre-hearing conference.
 - E. Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Hearing Officer shall announce a ruling identifying, on the basis of the papers filed in the challenge and any pre-hearing conference, the specific issues in dispute. The Hearing Officer shall have power to rule that on certain issues only documentary evidence shall be received. Any party objecting to a ruling under this paragraph may make a proffer of the evidence that would have been presented but for the ruling.
 - F. The Hearing Officer shall hear the evidence, dispose of procedural requests and similar matters and, to the extent possible, obtain stipulations of the parties as to the facts of the challenge.
 - G. A challenging party shall have the burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence on all factual issues necessary to the challenge, except that the burden of proof shall rest with the challenged party in the case of:
 - 1. any unresolved challenges to a state's affirmative action program filed thirty (30) days or more prior to the initiation of the state's delegate

- selection process other than a challenge made on the basis of non-implementation of a specific requirement of a state plan; and,
2. any challenge for failure to submit and implement an approved affirmative action program by the deadline specified in the Delegate Selection Rules.
- H. The Hearing Officer shall have authority to receive all competent evidence relevant to the specific matters in issue and to assign to it appropriate weight.
- I. The Hearing Officer shall have authority to order for good cause, on application or sua sponte, that a party produce at the hearing designated evidence in the interest of justice. Where a party fails to produce such evidence, the Hearing Officer may make findings of fact adverse to the party on all issues to which the evidence would have been material.
- J. Subject to any ruling under Section 8.E., each party shall have the right to present competent oral and documentary evidence relevant to the specific matters in issue and to conduct cross-examination.
- K. The Hearing Officer may require parties to consolidate their challenges or defenses for purposes of the hearing.
- L. The Hearing Officer shall make and file a written report to the Credentials Committee, which shall include findings of fact, conclusions of law and a recommendation for disposition of the challenge. The reports shall be served on all parties to the challenge.
- M. Any transcript or other papers in the record from any proceedings before the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall be part of the record.
9. Consideration by the Credentials Committee
- A. The Credentials Committee shall begin meeting at the call of the Chair(s) in Washington, D.C., or elsewhere at the call of the Chair(s), to hear challenges. No later than thirty (30) days before the first meeting of the Credentials Committee, written notice of the date, time, place, and the tentative agenda of such meeting shall be sent to all members of the Credentials Committee. A special or emergency meeting of the Credentials Committee may be held upon call of the Chair(s) of the Credentials Committee with reasonable notice to the members.
 - B. All meetings of the Credentials Committee shall be open to the public; provided that the Chair(s) of the Committee shall exclude from the specific area where the committee is conducting its business all persons whose presence in that area is not required for the proper conduct of the business.
 - C. Request for hearing by Full Committee: Within two (2) days after service of the Hearing Officer's report, an aggrieved party may file a written Petition for Review by the Credentials Committee. The petition shall contain a plain, concise and specific statement of the reasons for appeal and the procedural and/or substantive errors claimed by the petitioner.
 - D. Briefs:
 1. Within three (3) calendar days after filing the Petition for Review, the petitioner for review may file a brief.
 2. Within three (3) calendar days after service of the petitioner's brief, a respondent may file a brief.
 3. Any party filing a brief shall file as many copies as there are members of the committee, plus ten (10) copies for the Chair(s) and staff of the committee.

E. Argument:

1. Each side of a challenge shall be entitled to present oral argument before the Committee for a period determined by the Chair(s) of the committee, generally not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes.
2. The Chair(s) of the committee may require parties to consolidate or separate their challenges or defense for purposes of oral argument.
3. The Chair(s) of the committee shall notify the parties of the time and place of oral argument.

F. Resolutions:

1. All proposed resolutions relating to the disposition of a credentials challenge shall be in writing and signed by the proponent and at least one (1) second. Proposed resolutions relating to the seating or unseating of delegates or alternates shall be seconded in writing by at least seven (7) members, no more than two (2) of whom may be members elected by the delegation from the same state as the proponent of the resolution.
2. All proposed resolutions relating to the disposition of a credentials challenge shall be framed so as to be dispositive of the entire challenge and, to that end, shall be specific in stating the action recommended to be taken by the Convention.
3. Following the submission of all proposed resolutions to the Chair(s), the resolution having the largest number of signed seconds shall become the pending order of business. Twenty (20) minutes of debate shall be allotted to each proposed resolution, equally divided between the proponents and the opponents. At the conclusion of the debate, the resolution shall be put to a vote. In the event the resolution is

not adopted, the proposed resolution having the next largest number of signed seconds shall become the pending order of business, and so on until the challenge is disposed.

4. No amendment to any proposed resolution shall be permitted, except with the consent of the proponent, and no resolution or propositions on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted in the form of such an amendment.

G. Presidential Preference of Delegation:

Except where the issue is the expressed presidential preference of the level at which delegates to the National Convention are elected represented by the challenged delegates, any remedy for a violation shall fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference of that level.

H. Voting: A member of the Credentials Committee elected by a state delegation shall not vote on a challenge arising in that state. All matters shall be determined by a majority vote of those present and voting, a quorum of the full Committee being present. A quorum shall consist of members present in person representing a majority of the total number of committee votes entitled to be counted in the matter.

I. Proxies: Proxy voting shall be prohibited.

10. Committee Report

The Report of the Credentials Committee shall be distributed to all delegates, alternates and the public as soon as practicable after its adoption.

11. Minority Reports

Upon the request of members representing at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total votes of the Credentials Committee, a minority report shall be prepared for distribution to all Convention delegates, alternates and the public as part of the

Committee's report. This minority report shall be distributed at the same time the Credentials Committee Report is distributed. No member elected to the committee by a state delegation may join in such request as to a proposed minority report relating to a credentials challenge to any delegate from their state. The committee staff shall assist in the preparation of such report.

2. The answer and accompanying papers shall be filed not later than three (3) days after service of the challenge.

12. Record

- A. The official record of any proceedings under these rules shall be maintained in the office at the Democratic National Committee in Washington, D.C. and shall be open and available for public inspection and duplication at reasonable times.
- B. All meetings of the full Credentials Committee shall be transcribed.

13. Interpretation and Waiver of Rules and Provision for Special Rules

- A. These rules shall be interpreted and applied in the interests of justice and fairness to all parties, speed and economy. To serve these interests, and for good cause, on application or sua sponte, the Chair(s) of the committee shall have the authority to waive any provision of these rules other than Sections 1.B. and Section 5.
- B. In the case of any challenge filed on or after the 56th calendar day before the convention begins, the Chair(s) may shorten the time periods specified in these rules for processing the challenge, including the time to file documents and conduct hearings, as the interests of justice and the orderly disposition of challenges dictate; provided, however, that in any event:
 1. The challenge and accompanying papers shall be filed not later than three (3) days after the occurrence of the violation alleged.

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		Allocated Base Delegates		Party Ldrs & Elected Officials (15% add on)	Dem. Nat'l Comm. Members (a)		Dem. Members of Congress (b)	Dem. Governors (c)	Distin-guished Party Leaders (d)					
		Total Base Delegates	District Level (+) (75% of Base)											
			At-Large (+) (25% of Base)											
AL	0.01418	45	34	11	7	52	7	2		9	61	4	65	
AK	0.00369	12	9	3	2	14	4			4	18	2	20	
American Samoa	0.00000	6	0	6	0	6	4	1		5	11	2	13	
AZ	0.01823	58	44	14	9	67	5	6		11	78	6	84	
AR	0.00855	27	20	7	4	31	5			5	36	3	39	
CA	0.11300	362	272	90	54	416	33	45	1	79	495	35	530	
CO	0.01819	58	44	14	9	67	6	5	1	13	80	6	86	
CT	0.01347	43	32	11	6	49	6	7	1	15	64	4	68	
DE	0.00461	15	11	4	2	17	6	3	1	11	28	2	30	
Dems. Abroad	0.00000	12	0	12	1	13	4			4 (a)	17	1	22	
DC	0.00477	15	11	4	2	17	22	3	1	26	43	2	45	
FL	0.05934	190	143	47	29	219	15	12	2	29	248	18	266	
GA	0.02854	91	68	23	14	105	9	5	1	15	120	9	129	
Guam	0.00000	6	0	6	0	6	4	1		5	11	2	13	
HI	0.00595	19	14	5	3	22	4	4	1	9	31	2	33	
ID	0.00531	17	13	4	3	20	5			5	25	2	27	
IL	0.04229	135	101	34	20	155	13	14	1	29	184	13	197	
IN	0.01908	61	46	15	9	70	5	2		7	77	6	83	

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		Total Base Delegates	District Level (+) (75% of Base)											
			At- Large (+) (25% of Base)											
IA	0.01131	36	27	9	5	41	5	3			8	49	4	53
KS	0.00901	29	22	7	4	33	4	1	1		6	39	3	42
KY	0.01256	40	30	10	6	46	5	1			6	52	4	56
LA	0.01333	43	32	11	7	50	5	1	1		7	57	4	61
ME	0.00665	21	16	5	3	24	4	2	1	1	8	32	2	34
MD	0.02169	69	52	17	10	79	13	9	1		23	102	7	109
MA	0.02470	79	59	20	12	91	9	11	3		23	114	8	122
MI	0.03403	109	82	27	16	125	13	8	1		22	147	10	157
MIN	0.02045	65	49	16	10	75	8	7	1	1	17	92	6	98
MS	0.00956	31	23	8	5	36	4	1			5	41	3	44
MO	0.01859	59	44	15	9	68	7	2	1		10	78	6	84
MT	0.00431	14	11	3	2	16	4	1	1		6	22	2	24
NE	0.00693	22	17	5	3	25	4				4	29	2	31
NV	0.00957	31	23	8	5	36	5	5	1	1	12	48	3	51
NH	0.00646	21	16	5	3	24	5	4			9	33	2	35
NJ	0.02914	93	70	23	14	107	7	13	1		21	128	9	137
NIM	0.00781	25	19	6	4	29	4	5	1	1	11	40	2	42
NY	0.06087	195	146	49	29	224	23	21	1	1	46	270	19	289

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		Total Base Delegates	District Level (+) (75% of Base)											
			At- Large (+) (25% of Base)											
NC	0.03013	96	72	24	14	110	8	3	1	12	122	9	131	
ND	0.00368	12	9	3	2	14	4			4	18	2	20	
N. Mar. Is.	0.00000	6	0	6	0	6	4	1		5	11	2	13	
OH	0.03701	118	89	29	18	136	11	5	1	17	153	11	164	
OK	0.00990	32	24	8	5	37	4	1		5	42	3	45	
OR	0.01399	45	34	11	7	52	8	6		14	66	4	70	
PA	0.04145	133	100	33	20	153	12	10	1	24	177	13	190	
PR	0.00000	44	33	11	7	51	7		1	8	59	5	64	
RI	0.00578	18	14	4	3	21	4	4	1	9	30	2	32	
SC	0.01479	47	35	12	7	54	7	2		9	63	5	68	
SD	0.00387	12	9	3	2	14	4		1	5	19	2	21	
TN	0.01748	56	42	14	8	64	6	2	1	9	73	5	78	
TX	0.06196	198	149	49	30	228	21	13		34	262	19	281	
UT	0.00779	25	19	6	4	29	5	1		6	35	2	37	
VT	0.00427	14	11	3	2	16	4	2	1	7	23	2	25	
Virgin Islands	0.00000	6	0	6	0	6	4	1		5	11	1	12	
VA	0.02679	86	65	21	13	99	14	9	1	25	124	8	132	
WA	0.02421	77	58	19	12	89	9	9		18	107	7	114	

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		Total Base Delegates	District Level (+) (75% of Base)												
		At- Large (+) (25% of Base)													
WV	0.00646	21	16	5	3	24	5	1		6	30	2	32		
WI	0.02093	67	50	17	10	77	8	4	1	13	90	6	96		
WY	0.00331	11	8	3	2	13	4			4	17	2	19		
Un- assigned	0.00000	0	0	0	0	0	1			1	1	0	1		
TOTAL		3,278	2,437	841	490	3,768	440	278	24	23	4,537	327	4,864		

Footnotes:

- (a) Each member of the Democratic National Committee, as duly certified to the Party Secretary, is a delegate from the state or territory in which he or she legally resides at the time of the 2020 Democratic National Convention. This allocation reflects the current legal residence of all such members, including the officers and those who, pursuant to the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States, are members by virtue of their status as Party leaders in the U.S. Congress or by virtue of their status as representatives or designees of such Party leaders or of other associations and organizations specified in the Charter. Because such members are subject to change, delegate distribution at the Convention may differ from that set forth above. In addition, the DNC member allocation set forth above reflects the number of votes (not the number of delegates) added to the delegation from each state or territory to take into account such members. Because of fractional votes in Democrats Abroad, the number of such delegates will differ from the number of delegate votes allocated.
- (b) Members of Congress include all Democratic members of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, except those Democratic members who are reflected as delegates in other categories pursuant to the rules. Democratic Members of Congress are allocated to the states based upon the residence of those members. The exact number of those delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections between now and the time of the 2020 Democratic National Convention, and possible changes in the membership of the Democratic National Committee.
- (c) The allocation for Democratic Governors does not include those Democratic Governors who are members of the Democratic National Committee and serve as delegates in that capacity. This allocation for Democratic Governors is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections between now and the time of the 2020 Democratic National Convention, and possible changes in the membership of the Democratic National Committee. Except as otherwise provided herein, Democratic Governors are those individuals as recognized by the Democratic Governors Association.
- (d) Pursuant to Article I.G. of the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, this category includes the Democratic U.S. President and Vice President, former Democratic U.S. Presidents and Vice Presidents, former Democratic Leaders of the U.S. Senate, former Democratic Speakers of the U.S. House of Representatives and Democratic Minority Leaders, as applicable, and former Chairs of the Democratic National Committee. This allocation for Distinguished Party Leaders is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections between now and the time of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.
- + Bonus delegates are awarded pursuant to Article I.C. of the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention and will be indicated next to (and in addition to) a state's allocation for District Level and At-Large delegates and included in the Total Pledged Delegates Votes for the state and the Grand Total. Bonus alternates will be indicated and included in the Delegation Size for the state and Grand Total.

Appendix C

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2020 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION ALLOCATION OF CONVENTION PAGES TO STATES & TERRITORIES

(As approved by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018)

State/Territory	Pages	State/Territory	Pages
ALABAMA	2	NEW HAMPSHIRE	2
ALASKA	2	NEW JERSEY	4
AMERICAN SAMOA	1	NEW MEXICO	2
ARIZONA	3	NEW YORK	6
ARKANSAS	2	NORTH CAROLINA	3
CALIFORNIA	11	NORTH DAKOTA	2
COLORADO	3	NORTHERN MARIANA IS.	1
CONNECTICUT	2	OHIO	4
DELAWARE	2	OKLAHOMA	2
DEMOCRATS ABROAD	1	OREGON	2
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	2	PENNSYLVANIA	5
FLORIDA	6	PUERTO RICO	2
GEORGIA	3	RHODE ISLAND	2
GUAM	1	SOUTH CAROLINA	2
HAWAII	2	SOUTH DAKOTA	2
IDAHO	2	TENNESSEE	2
ILLINOIS	5	TEXAS	6
INDIANA	3	UTAH	2
IOWA	2	VERMONT	2
KANSAS	2	VIRGIN ISLANDS	1
KENTUCKY	2	VIRGINIA	3
LOUISIANA	2	WASHINGTON	3
MAINE	2	WEST VIRGINIA	2
MARYLAND	3	WISCONSIN	3
MASSACHUSETTS	3	WYOMING	2
MICHIGAN	4	TOTAL	154
MINNESOTA	3		
MISSISSIPPI	2		
MISSOURI	3		
MONTANA	2		
NEBRASKA	2		
NEVADA	2		

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Appendix D

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2020 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION ALLOCATION OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(As approved by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2018)

State/Territory	Members	Votes	State/Territory	Members	Votes
ALABAMA	2	2	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1	1
ALASKA	1	1	NEW JERSEY	4	4
AMERICAN SAMOA	1	0.25	NEW MEXICO	1	1
ARIZONA	3	3	NEW YORK	10	10
ARKANSAS	1	1	NORTH CAROLINA	5	5
CALIFORNIA	18	18	NORTH DAKOTA	1	1
COLORADO	3	3	NORTHERN MARIANA IS.	1	0.25
CONNECTICUT	2	2	OHIO	6	6
DELAWARE	1	1	OKLAHOMA	1	1
DEMOCRATS ABROAD	1	0.25	OREGON	2	2
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	1	1	PENNSYLVANIA	6	6
FLORIDA	9	9	PUERTO RICO	2	2
GEORGIA	4	4	RHODE ISLAND	1	1
GUAM	1	0.25	SOUTH CAROLINA	2	2
HAWAII	1	1	SOUTH DAKOTA	1	1
IDAHO	1	1	TENNESSEE	3	3
ILLINOIS	7	7	TEXAS	10	10
INDIANA	3	3	UTAH	1	1
IOWA	1	1	VERMONT	1	1
KANSAS	1	1	VIRGIN ISLANDS	1	0.25
KENTUCKY	2	2	VIRGINIA	4	4
LOUISIANA	2	2	WASHINGTON	4	4
MAINE	1	1	WEST VIRGINIA	1	1
MARYLAND	3	3	WISCONSIN	3	3
MASSACHUSETTS	4	4	WYOMING	1	1
MICHIGAN	5	5	TOTAL	162	158.25
MINNESOTA	3	3			
MISSISSIPPI	1	1			
MISSOURI	3	3			
MONTANA	1	1			
NEBRASKA	1	1			
NEVADA	1	1			

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Appendix E



Presidential Candidate Written Affirmation

Pursuant to Article VI of the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, I hereby affirm that, upon publicly announcing my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States in the 2020 election, I am a member of the Democratic Party. I will run as a Democrat, accept the nomination of my Party, and I will serve as a Democrat if elected. I understand that signing this form does not supplant any legal or Party requirement by any state or territory to qualify for ballot placement in that jurisdiction.

Further, I acknowledge that the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee is authorized to determine whether a presidential candidate has established substantial support for their nomination as the Democratic candidate for the Office of the President of the United States, is a bona fide Democrat whose record of public service, accomplishments, public writings and/or public statements affirmatively demonstrate that the candidate is faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, and will participate in the Convention in good faith.

Print or Type Candidate's name

Candidate's signature

Date

Campaign Point of Contact:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>

NOTARY AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on this ___ day of _____, 20___, personally appeared before me _____, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and swore and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purpose and in the capacity therein expressed, and that the statements contained therein are true and correct.

Notary Public, State of _____

Name, Typed or Printed: _____

My Commission Expires: _____ DFLADD043



DELEGATE SELECTION RULES

For the 2020 Democratic National Convention

Tom Perez, Chair

Adopted by the Democratic National Committee August 25, 2018

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DELEGATE SELECTION RULES

For the 2020 Democratic National Convention

Rule 1

Publication and Submission of State Party Rules

- A. State parties shall adopt a Delegate Selection Plan, including an Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program (as defined in Rules 6 and 7) which contain explicit rules and procedures governing all aspects of the delegate selection process. These rules shall include, but are not limited to:
1. Procedures for electing and certifying delegates and alternates at all levels;
 2. Timing of primary/caucuses/conventions;
 3. Procedures providing for equal division in each state's convention delegation;
 4. Procedures providing for the selection of the chair of the delegation;
 5. Particulars concerning the scheduling of delegate selection meetings including methods by which each meeting or event will be publicized;
 6. Affirmative Action Plans and Outreach and Inclusion Programs which include affirmative action and inclusion obligations of presidential candidates;
 7. All filing and petition requirements, including filing fees, if applicable, and corresponding deadlines prescribed by state law for delegate and alternate candidates and for presidential candidates;
 8. All filing and petition requirements, including filing fees, if applicable, and corresponding deadlines prescribed by State Party rules for delegate and alternate candidates and for presidential candidates;
 9. Procedures for ascertaining delegate/alternate preference at all stages;
 10. Procedures for presidential candidate right of approval;
 11. Method of awarding delegates and alternates to presidential candidates;
 12. Methods and timetable for the selection of standing committee members;
 13. Procedures for challenges of the delegate selection, affirmative action, and outreach and inclusion processes;
 14. Methods and timetable for the selection of convention pages; and
 15. Other appropriate provisions from these Rules, the Call, and the Regulations.
- B. The following items are to be routinely included at an appropriate place in each state Delegate Selection Plan:
1. Eligibility requirements for participation in the delegate selection process in conformance with Rule 2 [Rule 2.A.];
 2. Prohibition of cost and fees [Rule 2.D.];
 3. Prohibition of participation by those participating in another party's process [Rule 2.E.];
 4. One-meeting limitation for first-stage participants [Rule 3.E.];
 5. "Six basic elements" of an open party [Rule 4];
 6. Non-discrimination principles [Rule 5];

7. Requirement that all steps take place within calendar year of convention [Rule 12.B.];
 8. Required identification of preference of candidates for delegate and alternate [Rule 13.A.];
 9. Protection against coerced vote [Rule 13.I.];
 10. Quorum requirements [Rule 16];
 11. Proxy voting rules, if any [Rule 17];
 12. Unit rule prohibition [Rule 18.A.];
 13. Slate making limitations [Rule 18.B.]; and
 14. Succession of alternates to delegate status and filling of vacancies in delegate positions [Rule 19].
- C. Each State Party shall provide for a thirty (30) day¹ period of public comment to solicit opinion on the State's Delegate Selection Plan, Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program prior to adoption. All written public comments submitted to the state Democratic Committee shall be submitted along with the plans to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee ("DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee").
- D. State Delegate Selection Plans, including Affirmative Action Plans and Outreach and Inclusion Programs, shall be submitted to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for approval on or before May 3, 2019.
- E. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall act on the proposed plans as soon as practicable, but in no case later than September 13, 2019, or four months before the respective State's first determining step, whichever is earlier. Its decision shall be final and binding.
- F. Implementation of state Affirmative Action Plans and Outreach and Inclusion Programs shall begin no later than September 13, 2019, or four months before the respective state's first determining step, whichever is earlier.
- G. State Delegate Selection Plans shall specify the methods and timetable to be followed in selecting members of standing committees of the national convention. These procedures shall be in conformity with the rules to be contained in the Call for the 2020 Convention.
- H. The Democratic National Committee ("DNC") and the state parties shall publish and make available at no cost their rules, the 2020 National Delegate Selection Rules, and a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate selection process. The DNC shall prepare and provide at no cost to state parties a clear and concise explanation of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules. This shall be done no later than October 1 of the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year of the national convention.

Rule 2

Participation

- A. Participation in the delegate selection process shall be open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats.
1. Democratic voters shall be those persons who publicly declare their Party preference and have that preference publicly recorded.
 2. Implementation of this administrative matter shall be delegated to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
- B. Nothing in these rules shall be interpreted to encourage or permit states with party registration and enrollment, or states that limit participation to Democrats only, to

¹ Unless otherwise explicitly specified, reference in these Rules to "day" or "days" means "calendar days." If the last day of a period falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a federally

recognized holiday, the time shall be extended to the next business day.

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- amend their systems to open participation to members of other parties.
- C. State parties shall take all feasible steps to encourage non-affiliated and new voters to register or enroll, to provide simple procedures through which they may do so and to eliminate excessively long waiting periods for voters wishing to register or to change their party enrollment status. All Democrats who comply with Rule 2.A. shall be allowed to participate in the delegate selection process.
- D. At no stage of the delegate selection process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating in the delegate selection process. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation.
- E. No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for a Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating processes of any other party for the corresponding elections.
- F. In accordance with Article Nine, Section 12 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States, votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or State Chairs and Vice Chairs, who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in a process that is the first determining stage of the delegate election process and in which all individual voters are eligible to participate in accordance with the provisions of this Rule 2.
- G. The casting of ballots over the Internet may be used as a method of voting in a vote only for presidential preference in a State Party-run process constituting the first determining stage in the presidential nominating process, and only if such casting of ballots over the Internet:
1. Is used in a system in which voters may cast their ballots in person on the day of such process and/or by mail, and in which casting of ballots over the Internet is an alternate means of voting;
 2. Is accompanied by a comprehensive, proactive education and outreach program on the use of Internet voting that is set forth in the state's delegate selection plan and approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee;
 3. Is conducted in accordance with a plan approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee that is included in the state's delegate selection plan, and that provides adequate measures to achieve security, reliability, access to eligible voters and transparency, including contractual and other safeguards to secure exclusive ownership and control by the State Party of voting data;
 4. Is accomplished through a system which provides the voter with an opportunity to verify the voter's ballot and correct any error before the voter's vote is cast; which can be permanently maintained by the voter at the voter's option in paper, electronic or other form; and which produces a paper record of the voter's vote that is preserved and maintained by the State Party in the event of a manual audit, until the expiration of the time for filing an implementation challenge under these Rules.
- H. State Delegate Selection Plans shall include a description of actions taken or to be taken by the State Party to seek enactment of legislation, rules, and policies at the state and local level to enhance voter and election security, that will:
1. Maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible American who registers to vote has their personal information protected and secure;

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2. Implement transparent and accurate voter registration list maintenance procedures that comply with federal requirements and ensure that every eligible voter stays on the rolls;
 3. Promote the acquisition, maintenance, and regular replacement of precinct based optical scan voting systems;
 4. Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record;
 5. Implement risk limiting post-election audits such as manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records;
 6. Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures; and
 7. Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately.
- I. Each State Party shall include in its Delegate Selection Plan a description of steps taken or to be taken to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and delegate selection contests and procedures.
1. Such steps shall include establishment, with DNC assistance, of year-round voter protection programs. As part of such programs, state parties are encouraged to support educational, administrative, legislative, and litigation based efforts to protect and expand the vote and advance election fairness and security. Such efforts may include the goals set forth below.
 - a. Expand access to voting, including by early voting, no excuse absentee, same-day voter registration, and voting by mail;
 - b. Ensure that voting locations are accessible, fairly placed, and adequate in number, and have a sufficient number of voting machines;
 - c. Speed up the voting process and minimize long lines;
 - d. Eliminate onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements;
 - e. Count and include in the final total ballots from voters who are eligible to vote but cast their ballot in the wrong precinct, for offices for which they are eligible to vote; and
 - f. Facilitate military and overseas voting.
 2. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, state parties are encouraged to support efforts to make voter registration easier including:
 - a. Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration and automatic and same-day registration;
 - b. Pre-registration of high school students so that they are already registered once they reach voting age;
 - c. Restoration of voting rights to all people who have served the time for their criminal conviction, without requiring the payment of court fees or fines; and
 - d. Allow same-day or automatic registration for the Democratic presidential nominating process.
- J. When employing government-run voting systems, it is important for State Parties to resist attempts at voter suppression, disenfranchisement, and ensure an open and inclusive process. These efforts include revising State Party rules and encouraging

administrative rules, legislation, or considering litigation to:

1. Allow same-day party switching for the Democratic presidential nominating process or to achieve state laws that allow voters to switch parties at least as late as the deadline for registering to vote.

K. While parties are encouraged to use government-run primaries, in states where the State Party chooses to hold a Party-run process to establish presidential preference, the State Party's Delegate Selection Plan shall prevent attempts at voter suppression, disenfranchisement, and ensure an open and inclusive process. Further, the Rules and Bylaws Committee shall determine whether the State Party's Delegate Selection Plan meets the requirements specified in this section, including:

1. Incorporating mechanisms with reasonable safeguards against error and fraud to vote absentee or vote early;
2. Demonstrating that the State Party has the financial and technical ability to successfully run the process;
3. Implementing same-day voter registration and party-affiliation changes at the voting location;
4. Creating a process for publicly reporting the total statewide and district level results for each candidate based on the first expression of preference by the participants at the first determining step, as determined in the State's Plan;
5. Requiring that the allocation of all national delegates, be locked in at the final expression of preference at the first determining step, as determined by the State's Plan, subject to recount;
6. Ensuring final expressions of preference as part of the presidential nominating process are securely preserved, in a method to be specified in the State's Plan, that ensures the availability of a

prompt and accurate recount or recanvas;

7. Providing a standard and procedure by which a presidential candidate may request a recount or recanvas that is paid for by the candidate and carried out in a timely manner;
8. Creating mechanisms that allow voters who are unable to be a part of the process in person to participate. This can include, but is not limited to those serving in the military, those with a disability or illness preventing participation, those who are not able to take time off from work or obtain child care, and other reasons; and
9. Taking appropriate steps to ensure voters in party-run processes, like those in primary states, have a right to participate in the process. These steps could include any required rules changes and the proper education and outreach to ensure accessibility, including specifically for people with disabilities and for people with limited English proficiency in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and Sections 203 and 208 of the Voting Rights Act.

Rule 3

Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings

- A. All official Party meetings and events related to the national convention delegate selection process, including caucuses, conventions, committee meetings, filing dates, and Party enrollment periods, shall be scheduled for dates, times and publicly accessible places which would be most likely to encourage the participation of all Democrats, and must begin and end at reasonable hours. It shall be the responsibility of the State Party to select the dates, times and to locate and confirm the availability of publicly accessible facilities for all official party meetings and events

related to the national convention delegate selection process.

- B. All such meetings or events which are the first meeting or event in the delegate selection process shall be scheduled at times and dates which are uniform throughout the state, except where it is established by the State Party and approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee that such uniform times and dates would significantly reduce participation in the delegate selection process.
- C. The times, dates, places, and rules for the conduct of all caucuses, conventions, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the Party organization, official, candidate or member calling the same.
- D. Concise statements in advance of all meetings and events concerning the relationship between the business to be conducted and the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the Party organization, official, candidate or member calling the same.
- E. No person shall participate in more than one meeting which is the first determinative step in the delegate selection process.

Rule 4 **An Open Party**

- A. The Democratic National Committee reaffirms its commitment to the 1964 resolution, and requires the national and state parties to incorporate the Six Basic Elements, as updated, into their Party rules and to take appropriate steps to secure their implementation.
- B. The 1964 Democratic National Convention adopted a resolution which conditioned the seating of delegates at future conventions on the assurances that discrimination in any State Party affairs on the ground of race, color, creed or national origin did not occur. The 1968 Convention adopted the 1964

Convention resolution for inclusion in the Call for the 1972 Convention. In 1966, the Special Equal Rights Committee, which had been created in 1964, adopted six anti-discrimination standards — designated as the Six Basic Elements. As our Party strives to progress in the fight against discrimination of all kinds, these Six Basic Elements have evolved and grown along with the constant push for more inclusion and empowerment. These working principles, as updated, are as follows:

1. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party in each state should be open to all members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”).
2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party in any state should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on “status.”
3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Democratic Party on all levels should be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons.
4. The Democratic Party, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.”
5. The Democratic Party in each state should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for selection of Democratic Party officers and representatives on all levels.

Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of each State Democratic Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of the Democratic Party organization. Each State Party should develop a strategy to provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation.

6. The Democratic Party in each state should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the state Democratic Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within each State Democratic Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office.

C. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all “status” (as defined in Rule 4.B.1) members to participate in the delegate selection process.

Rule 5 **Non-Discrimination**

A. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action and inclusion is hereby adopted.

B. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is prohibited.

C. In order to continue the Democratic Party’s ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability, each State Party shall develop and submit Party outreach programs, including recruitment, education and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups and diversity in the delegate selection process and at all levels of Party affairs.

Rule 6 **Affirmative Action**

A. The promises of a democratically elected government and the right to vote have not always been extended equally to all Americans. Historically, certain groups of Americans have been explicitly denied the right to vote or have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices with the intended effect of denying them voting rights. In recognition of this past history of discriminatory denial of the franchise and in order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs, the national and state Democratic Parties shall adopt and implement affirmative action programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women.

1. The goal of such affirmative action shall be to achieve participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate.

2. This goal shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party's imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selection process or in any other Party affairs.
 3. In the selection of each state's at-large delegation, priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women, if such priority of consideration is needed to fulfill the affirmative action goals outlined in the state's Delegate Selection Plan. Such remedial action is necessary in order to overcome the effects of past discrimination. Use of the at-large delegation to fulfill the plan's affirmative action goals does not obviate the need for the State Party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training. Priority of consideration shall also be given to other groups as described in Rule 5.C, which are under-represented in Democratic Party affairs, in order to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups.
 4. The DNC will work with the State Party to ascertain the demographic make-up of the aforementioned groups of the state's Democratic electorate.
- B. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If a State Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results.
- C. State Delegate Selection Plans shall provide for equal division between delegate men and delegate women and alternate men and alternate women within the state's entire convention delegation (determined by gender-self-identification). For purposes of this rule, the entire delegation includes all pledged delegates and alternates and automatic delegates (including automatic party leaders and elected official delegates). In the case of gender non-binary delegates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender.
1. State Delegate Selection Plans shall, as far as mathematically practicable, also provide for equal division between district-level delegate men and delegate women and district-level alternate men and alternate women, as described in Rule 6.C.
 2. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have continuing jurisdiction to ensure compliance with this equal division requirement. No at-large delegate or alternate from a state shall be placed on the temporary roll of the 2020 Democratic National Convention unless the Rules and Bylaws Committee has certified to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee that such state's delegation complies with this equal division rule. It shall be the duty of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee to determine such compliance as soon as practicable following the certification of the state's at-large delegates and alternates.
 3. Notwithstanding sub-paragraph A.2 above, equal division at any level of delegate or committee positions between delegate men and delegate women or committeemen and committeewomen shall not constitute a violation of any provision thereof.
- D. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection process under Rule 3, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all caucuses, conventions, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized, multilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups.

- E. State Democratic Parties shall ensure that district lines used in the delegate selection process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders or women.
- F. Each state Affirmative Action Plan shall provide for the appointment of a representative state Affirmative Action Committee by March 1, 2019. Before the State Party submits its Plan to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, the Affirmative Action Committee shall review the proposed outreach program required in Rule 5.C.
- G. Each State Affirmative Action Plan shall include outreach provisions to encourage the participation and representation of persons of low and moderate income, and a specific plan to help defray expenses of those delegates otherwise unable to participate in the national convention.
- H. State Parties in their Delegate Selection Plans shall impose reasonable specific Affirmative Action and Inclusion obligations upon presidential candidates consistent with the delegate selection system employed by the state.
 - 1. State Parties shall require presidential candidates to submit statements that specify what steps such candidates will take to encourage full participation in their delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. Provided further that presidential candidates submit such full participation statements to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee at the same time they are submitted to state parties.
 - 2. State Parties shall require presidential candidates to submit demographic information with respect to candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them.

- I. Each State Party shall certify to the Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has used best efforts to ensure that their respective delegations at each level within a state's delegation shall fulfill the requirements of Rule 6 and Rule 7 established by the state's Delegate Selection Plan and that the respective delegations of each presidential candidate within the state's delegation shall be equally divided between men and women (as described in Rule 6.C).

Rule 7

Outreach and Inclusion Programs

The Democratic National Committee recognizes that other groups of Americans in addition to those described in Rule 6 may be under-represented in Party affairs. These groups include members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth. The National and State Parties shall adopt and implement Outreach and Inclusion Programs in order to achieve the full participation of members of these and other groups in the delegate selection process and in all party affairs, as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. The DNC will work with the State Party to ascertain the presence of these groups in the State's Democratic electorate. As is already the practice in most states, State Parties should use goals to achieve these ends; however, in no event may such participation be accomplished by the use of quotas.

Rule 8

National Convention Delegate Apportionment

- A. Apportionment of district-level delegates within states shall be based on one of the following:
 - 1. A formula giving equal weight to total population and to the average of the vote for the Democratic candidates in the two most recent presidential elections;

2. A formula giving equal weight to the vote for the Democratic candidates in the most recent presidential and gubernatorial elections;
3. A formula giving equal weight to the average of the vote for the Democratic candidates in the two most recent presidential elections and to Democratic Party registration or enrollment as of January 1, 2020; or
4. A formula giving one-third (1/3) weight to each of the formulas in items (1), (2), and (3).

B. Apportionment for each body selecting delegates to state, district, and county conventions shall be based upon population and/or some measure of Democratic strength.

C. The Call for the 2020 Convention shall state the base delegation for each delegation. Seventy-five percent (75%) of each state's base delegation shall be elected at the congressional district level or smaller. Twenty-five percent (25%) of each state's base delegation shall be elected at large. Delegates so elected shall hereafter be termed "district-level" and "at-large" delegates, respectively. Each State Democratic Chair shall certify all delegates in writing to the Secretary of the DNC.

D. In those states with more than one congressional district, after the election of district-level delegates and prior to the selection of at-large delegates, each State Democratic Chair shall certify pledged party leader and elected official delegates equal to 15% of the state's base delegation selected pursuant to Rule 10.

E. The election of district-level and at-large delegates and alternates may take place at the same meeting, provided that district-level delegates are selected first. In states with one congressional district the election of delegates selected in accordance with Rules 8.B., 8.C., and 10.A., may be conducted simultaneously. In all cases, affirmative action, inclusion and fair

reflection guidelines must be met and the Democratic Chair of each such state shall make the certifications required by subsection 8.D.

Rule 9 **Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official Delegates**

A. For the purpose of these rules, the term "automatic" used in this Rule corresponds with the term "unpledged," as used in Article Two, Section 4(h) of the Charter. The procedure to be used for certifying automatic party leader and elected official delegates is as follows:

Not later than March 6, 2020, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to each State Democratic Chair the names of the following automatic delegates who legally reside in their respective state and who shall be recognized as part of their state's delegation unless any such member has publicly expressed support for the election of, or has endorsed, a presidential candidate of another political party:

1. The individuals recognized as members of the DNC (as set forth in Article Three, Sections 2 and 3 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States); and,
2. The Democratic President and the Democratic Vice President of the United States, if applicable; and,
3. All Democratic members of the United States House of Representatives and all Democratic members of the United States Senate; and,
4. The Democratic Governor, if applicable; and,
5. All former Democratic Presidents, all former Democratic Vice Presidents, all former Democratic Leaders of the U.S. Senate, all former Democratic Speakers of the U.S. House of Representatives

and Democratic Minority Leaders, as applicable, and all former Chairs of the Democratic National Committee.

- B. Except as provided in 9.A. above, no person shall serve as an automatic delegate at any level of the delegate selection process by virtue of holding a public or party office.

Rule 10

Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Official Delegates

- A. Following the selection of district-level delegates under 8.E., pledged party leader and elected official delegates are to be selected subject to the following procedures:
1. Persons shall be considered for pledged party leader and elected official delegates and alternates according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials to be given equal consideration; state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders.
 2. These slots shall be allocated on the same basis as the state's at-large delegates.
 3. If persons eligible for pledged party leader and elected official delegate positions have not made known their presidential preference under the procedures established by the state pursuant to Rule 13 for candidates for district-level and at-large delegate positions, their preferences shall be ascertained through alternative procedures established by the State Party, which shall require a signed pledge of support for a presidential candidate. Such an alternative system shall have a final deadline for submitting a pledge of support after the selection of all district-level delegates has been completed and must provide an opportunity for disapproval by the presidential candidate or the candidate's authorized representative.

- B. A state's party leader and elected official delegates may be chosen by a state convention or by a committee consisting of a quorum of district-level delegates. They may also be chosen by the State Party Committee, as recognized by the Democratic National Committee, but only if the state's Delegate Selection Plan is in full compliance with these rules, and provided:

1. Membership on the State Party Committee is apportioned on the basis of population and/or some measure of Democratic strength;
2. Members of the State Party Committee have been elected through open processes in conformity with the basic procedural guarantees utilized for delegate selection;
3. Such delegates are elected at a public meeting subsequent to the election of district-level delegates;
4. Members of the State Party Committee exercising such authority shall have been elected no earlier than the calendar year of the previous national convention; and
5. Membership of the State Party Committee complies with the equal division requirements of Article Nine, Section 16 of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States.

Rule 11

Selection of At-Large Delegates

- A. The selection of at-large delegates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women and the representation goals established in the State Party's Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Such goals apply to the state's entire delegation considered as a whole. For purposes of this rule, the entire

delegation includes all automatic as well as all pledged delegates. Delegates and alternates shall each, as a group, be equally divided and, to the extent possible, each as a group shall reflect the representation goals established in the state's Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.

- B. A state's at-large delegates and alternates shall be selected by one of the bodies, subject to the same conditions specified in Rule 10.B. above, provided, however, the State Party Committee may choose such delegates and alternates only if the state's Delegate Selection Plan is in full compliance with these rules.
- C. At-large delegates and alternates (including pledged party leader and elected official delegates, which shall include those to be allocated to uncommitted status) in primary states shall be allocated according to the state-wide primary vote or, in states holding no state-wide primary, according to the division of preferences among convention and caucus participants. In non-primary states which do not hold state conventions authorized to elect delegates, at-large delegates shall be apportioned according to the division of preferences among district-level delegates at the time of district-level selection. If a presidential candidate entitled to an allocation under this rule is no longer a candidate at the time at-large delegates are selected, his/her allocation shall be proportionately divided among the other preferences entitled to an allocation.

Rule 12

Timing of the Delegate Selection Process

- A. No meetings, caucuses, conventions or primaries which constitute the first determining stage in the presidential nomination process (the date of the primary in primary states, and the date of the first tier caucus in caucus states) may be held prior to the first Tuesday in March or after the second Tuesday in June in the calendar year of the national convention. Provided,

however, that the Iowa precinct caucuses may be held no earlier than 29 days before the first Tuesday in March; that the New Hampshire primary may be held no earlier than 21 days before the first Tuesday in March; that the Nevada first-tier caucuses may be held no earlier than 10 days before the first Tuesday in March; and that the South Carolina primary may be held no earlier than 3 days before the first Tuesday in March.

- B. All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candidates, must take place within the calendar year-of the Democratic National Convention (except as otherwise provided in these rules or specifically allowed by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee).

Rule 13

Presidential Preference

- A. All candidates for delegate and alternate in caucuses, conventions, committees and on primary ballots shall be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels of a process which determines presidential preference. Candidates may state a preference for only one presidential candidate, including uncommitted at any time. In no case shall a candidate for delegate or alternate indicate more than one such presidential preference at each level.
- B. All persons wishing to be elected to a district-level or at-large delegate position must file a statement of candidacy designating the presidential or uncommitted preference of the delegate candidate and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) the person favors, if any, with the State Party by a date certain as specified in the state's Delegate Selection Plan. Persons wishing to be elected as pledged party leader and elected official delegates shall comply with Rule 10.B.3.

- C. All candidates considered for district-level alternate positions must meet the same requirements as candidates for district-level delegate positions, except that the state may allow candidates who were not chosen at the delegate level to be considered at the alternate level.
- D. Prior to the selection of national convention delegates and alternates, the State Party shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate positions pledged to that presidential candidate. All such delegate and alternate candidates shall be considered bona fide supporters of the presidential candidate whom they have pledged to support, unless the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the State Party by a date certain as specified in the state's Delegate Selection Plan.
1. Presidential candidates shall certify in writing to the Democratic State Chair the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) by a date certain.
 2. In states where delegates are voted upon on the ballot, the date by which the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), signifies approval or disapproval of the list of delegate and alternate candidates in writing to the State Party as required by Rule 13.D., must allow sufficient time to ensure that names removed from the list do not appear on the ballot.
 3. Presidential candidates or their authorized representatives shall not be required to exercise their right of candidate approval with respect to pledged party leader and elected official (PLEO) delegate candidates until such time after the district-level delegates have been elected.
 4. Presidential candidates or their authorized representatives shall not be required to exercise their right of candidate approval with respect to at-large delegate candidates until such time after the pledged party leader and elected official (PLEO) delegates have been elected.
- E. National convention delegate and alternate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate.
1. Presidential candidates may not remove any candidate for a district-level delegate or alternate position from the list of bona fide supporters unless, at a minimum, three (3) names remain for every such position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. Provided, however, that in states where individual district-level delegates and alternates are voted upon on a primary ballot, the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may approve a number of delegate candidates or alternate candidates equal to or greater than the number of delegates or alternates allocated to the district.
 2. Presidential candidates, in consultation with the State Party, may remove any candidate for at-large and pledged party leader and elected official delegate or alternate position from the list of bona fide supporters as long as, at a minimum, one (1) name remains for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled, except that a state may provide in its delegate selection plan, if the plan is approved by the Rules and Bylaws Committee, that presidential candidates may remove any candidate for an at-large and party leader and elected official delegate or alternate position from the list of bona fide supporters as long as, at a minimum, two (2) names remain for

- every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled.
- F. State parties shall ensure that state Delegate Selection Plans provide fair and adequate time for persons to file for delegate or alternate positions, and for presidential candidates, or their authorized representative(s), to review the list of persons who have filed, and to remove from that list persons not confirmed by the presidential candidate or his/her representative(s) as bona fide supporters of the presidential candidate.
- G. Except in states where individual delegates and alternates are selected on the primary ballot, district-level national convention delegates and alternates pledged to a presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall be selected or nominated by a caucus of persons from the unit electing the delegates and alternates who sign statements of support for that presidential candidate. Uncommitted delegates and alternates shall be elected by the uncommitted caucus from the appropriate unit.
- H. A district-level delegate and alternate candidate may run for election only within the district in which they are registered to vote. For purposes of these rules, all delegates and alternates at any level of the delegate selection process must be bona fide Democrats (which shall include being registered as a Democrat in states that permit Democratic Party registration) who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith.
- I. No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be mandated by law or Party rule to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected.
- J. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them.
- K. 1. Based on the right of the Democratic Party to freely assemble and to determine the criteria for its candidates, it is determined that all candidates for the Democratic nomination for President or Vice President shall:
- a. be registered to vote, and shall have been registered to vote in the last election for the office of President and Vice President; and
 - b. as determined by the National Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, be a bona fide Democrat whose record of public service, accomplishment, public writings, and/or public statements affirmatively demonstrates that the candidate is faithful to the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribes to the substance, intent, and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith.
2. It is further determined that these requirements are in addition to the requirements set forth by the United States Constitution and any law of the United States.

Rule 14
Fair Reflection of Presidential Preferences

- A. Delegates shall be allocated in a fashion that fairly reflects the expressed presidential preference or uncommitted status of the primary voters or, if there is no binding primary, the convention and/or caucus participants.

- B. States shall allocate district-level delegates and alternates in proportion to the percentage of the primary or caucus vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a fifteen percent (15%) threshold shall not be awarded any delegates. Subject to section F. of this rule, no state shall have a threshold above or below fifteen percent (15%). States which use a caucus/convention system, shall specify in their Delegate Selection Plans the caucus level at which such percentages shall be determined.
- C. A presidential candidate or his/her authorized representative(s) should act in good faith to slate delegate and alternate candidates, however, in any event, if a presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) has qualified to receive delegates and alternates but has failed to slate a sufficient number of delegate and alternate candidates, then additional delegates and alternates for that preference will be selected in a special post-primary procedure. The State Party will administer special post-primary procedures according to rules approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee and such procedures should be set forth in the state's delegate selection plan, where applicable.
- D. District-level delegates and alternates shall be allocated according to the following procedures:
- Step 1: Tabulate the percentage of the vote that each presidential preference (including uncommitted status) receives in the congressional district to three decimals.
- Step 2: Retabulate the percentage of the vote to three decimals, received by each presidential preference excluding the votes of presidential preferences whose percentage in Step 1 falls below 15%.
- Step 3: Multiply the number of delegates to be allocated by the percentage received by each presidential preference.
- Step 4: Delegates shall be allocated to each presidential preference based on the whole numbers which result from the multiplication in Step 3.
- Step 5: Remaining delegates, if any, shall be awarded in order of the highest fractional remainders in Step 3.
- E. At-large and pledged party leader and elected official delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated to presidential preferences by reference to primary or convention votes or to the division of preference among district-level delegates or alternates, as the case may be, as specified in Rule 11.C., except that a preference falling below a threshold of fifteen percent (15%) shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates at this level. Such delegates and alternates in primary states shall be allocated to presidential preference (including uncommitted status) according to the statewide primary vote.
- F. In all situations where no preference reaches the applicable threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received at each level of the delegate selection process by the front-runner.
- G. For the purpose of fairly reflecting the division of preferences, the non-binding advisory presidential preference portion of primaries shall not be considered a step in the delegate selection process and is considered detrimental. State Parties must take steps to educate the public that a non-binding presidential preference event is meaningless, and State Parties and presidential candidates should take all steps possible not to participate.
1. In a state that uses a caucus and/or convention to determine presidential preference of voters, the plan must provide for the timely reporting of the election results to the State Party.

Rule 15
**Petition Requirements and
Filing Deadlines**

- A. If a state requires the filing of petitions with the signatures of registered/enrolled voters as the sole method to place a presidential candidate's name on the primary ballot in connection with the Democratic presidential nominating process, such number of valid signatures shall not exceed 5,000.
- B. No fee in excess of \$2,500 may be charged (either to a presidential campaign or State Party) as the sole method to place a presidential candidate on the ballot in connection with the Democratic presidential nominating process. If state law requires such a fee in excess of \$2,500, such law was in place prior to 2018, and a State Party has taken provable, positive steps to change such law, then a State Party may seek a waiver of this provision to charge such a fee to presidential campaigns.
- C. If a state requires the filing of a petition with the signatures of registered/enrolled voters in order to have a delegate/alternate candidate gain access to the primary ballot in connection with the Democratic presidential nominating process, the number of valid signatures shall not exceed either one half of one percent (.5%) of the registered/enrolled Democrats in such district or one half of one percent (.5%) of the total votes in such district for all Democratic presidential candidates (including uncommitted) during the immediately preceding presidential nominating process, whichever is lower, but in no event shall the number of valid signatures required exceed 500.
- D. Subject to the prior sections of this rule, the number of valid signatures required of a presidential candidate to file a petition to gain access to the primary ballot, and the number of valid signatures required of a delegate/alternate candidate to gain access to the primary ballot, and the fees required to be paid to the state by a presidential

candidate and by a delegate/alternate candidate to gain access to the primary ballot, in connection with the Democratic presidential nominating process, shall not exceed those in effect in the particular state as of January 1, 1994.

- E. No deadline for the filing of petitions for participation in the presidential nomination process by a presidential candidate shall be less than 30 days in advance of the primary or caucus nor more than 75 days in advance of the primary or caucus.
- F. No candidate for delegate or alternate shall be required to file a statement of candidacy or a pledge of support as required by Rule 13.B. prior to 30 days before such delegate or alternate candidate is to be selected or elected in a primary, caucus or pre-primary caucus; provided, however, that in states holding a presidential primary where individual district-level delegates or alternates are to be voted upon on the ballot, no candidate for delegate or alternate shall be required to submit or file a statement of candidacy or a pledge of support prior to 90 days before the date on which they are to be voted upon.
- G. No candidate for at-large or pledged party leader and elected official delegate or alternate shall be required to file a statement of candidacy or a pledge of support required by Rule 13.B. prior to 30 days before the date when the delegate or alternate is to be selected or voted upon.
- H. No state's delegate selection rules may require the filing of district-level delegate or alternate candidates pledged to a presidential candidate or uncommitted status as a condition of access by a presidential candidate to the primary ballot for voting upon presidential preference.

Rule 16
Quorum Requirements

No less than forty percent (40%) of the members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate selection process shall constitute a

quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of convention delegates.

Rule 17 **Proxy Voting**

To insure full participation in the delegate selection process, State Party rules may, at their discretion, provide for proxy voting. Such rules shall allow an accredited participant in a caucus, convention or committee meeting, after having established credentials, to register the non-transferable proxy with another duly accredited participant at that meeting (except where an accredited alternate is present and eligible to serve as a replacement). Unless otherwise specified, a proxy shall be deemed to be general and uninstructed. No such rule shall allow a person to hold more than one (1) proxy at a time.

Rule 18 **Unit Rule and Slate-Making**

- A. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process.
- B. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection process.

Rule 19 **Alternates and Vacancies**

- A. Alternate delegates shall be selected by primary, convention or committee processes subject to the same National Party Rules

applicable to the selection of delegates, except that the provisions of Rule 9.A. shall not apply to the election of alternates. Each State Democratic Chair shall certify all alternates in writing to the Secretary of the DNC.

- B. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions in a state but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one at-large alternate position.
- C. The proportions of alternates elected at the district level, and at-large, and as pledged party leader and elected official alternates, may be the same as the proportions of delegates elected in those categories.
- D. Each state Delegate Selection Plan shall specifically provide how and under what conditions an alternate is to replace or act in lieu of (collectively referred to as “replace” or “replaces”) a delegate.
 - 1. Delegate Selection Plans may specify one or any combination of the following alternatives for permanent and temporary replacements:
 - a. The delegate chooses the alternate;
 - b. The delegation chooses the alternate;
 - c. The alternate who receives the highest number of votes; or
 - d. Such other process as protects the interests of presidential candidates, delegates and alternates.
 - 2. If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not yet certified to the Secretary of the DNC resigns, dies or is no longer eligible to serve, the delegate-elect or alternate-elect shall be replaced, after consultation with the State Party, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom the delegate or alternate was pledged.

Rule 20
**DNC Rules and Bylaws
Committee**

3. A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns, dies or is no longer eligible to serve prior to or during the National Convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention. Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair. They shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and gender of the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate; except in the case where the presidential candidate has only one alternate, in which case, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
 4. A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place. Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be of the same gender and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
 - E. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same sex and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. Each replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State Democratic Chair.
- A. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee will assist in the administration and enforce affirmative action, inclusion and delegate selection requirements for the national and state Democratic parties.
 - B. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall implement the Delegate Selection Rules in a manner consistent with these rules.
 - C. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee will provide State Parties with a model Delegate Selection Plan and an Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program.
 - D. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall:
 1. review Affirmative Action Plans, Outreach and Inclusion Programs and Delegate Selection Plans submitted by State Parties and approve or recommend changes in such plans;
 2. conduct periodic evaluations and provide technical assistance to state parties on Affirmative Action Plan, Outreach and Inclusion Program and delegate selection implementation; and
 3. hear and recommend solutions to resolve complaints regarding Delegate Selection Plans, including Affirmative Action Plans and Outreach and Inclusion Programs, unresolved by appropriate state party bodies.
 - E. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall retain jurisdiction over the approval of amendments to state Delegate Selection Plans and state delegation compliance with equal division requirements, even after the Convention Credentials Committee assumes jurisdiction over challenges to the credentials of delegates.

- F. No later than December 21, 2018, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall send to state parties its regulations adopted pursuant to these rules and a checklist.
- G. The DNC shall allocate sufficient financial resources and staff to implement this rule.

Rule 21 **Challenges**

- A. Jurisdictional Challenges. Any challenges to a State Party organization in respect to its status as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state must be presented to the DNC at any time up to thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process. Such a challenge must be brought by at least fifteen (15) Democrats from the state.
- B. Submission, Non-Implementation and Violation Challenges. Failure to submit or implement an approved Affirmative Action Program and Outreach and Inclusion Program by the deadline specified in these rules shall constitute grounds for a challenge with the burden of proof on the challenged party.
 - 1. At any time up to thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of the state's delegate selection process, any group of not less than fifteen (15) Democrats in that state can challenge the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program on the basis of non-implementation of a specific requirement of a state plan, which challenge shall include reasonable documentation of alleged violations. (In such challenges, the challenging party shall have the burden of proof, but the challenged party shall present its case first.)
 - a. In the absence of any such challenge, the implementation of any such program shall be presumptively in compliance.

- b. If challenged and upheld, the compliance of such implementation programs shall be conclusive but not as to compliance or non-compliance that may occur after the date of the challenge.
 - 2. Challenges regarding alleged violation of an approved Delegate Selection Plan shall first be brought to the appropriate state Democratic Party body for a decision to be rendered within twenty-one (21) days. After due notice, any aggrieved party shall have the right to appeal to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee within ten (10) days following the decision of the state body according to procedures established by DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
 - 3. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall either certify compliance, certify non-compliance or require corrective action after which compliance or non-compliance shall be certified.
- C.
 - 1. a. Violation of timing: In the event the Delegate Selection Plan of a State Party provides or permits a meeting, caucus, convention or primary which constitutes the first determining stage in the presidential nominating process to be held prior to or after the dates for the state as provided in Rule 12 of these rules, or in the event a state holds such a meeting, caucus, convention or primary prior to or after such dates, the number of pledged delegates elected in each category allocated to the state pursuant to the Call for the National Convention shall be reduced by fifty (50%) percent, and the number of alternates shall also be reduced by fifty (50%) percent. In addition, none of the members of the Democratic National Committee and no other automatic delegate allocated pursuant to Rule 9.A. from that state shall be permitted to vote as members of the state's delegation.

- In determining the actual number of delegates or alternates by which the state's delegation is to be reduced, any fraction below .5 shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number, and any fraction of .5 or greater shall be rounded up to the next nearest whole number.
- b. A presidential candidate who campaigns in a state where the State Party is in violation of the timing provisions of these rules, or where a primary or caucus is set by a state's government on a date that violates the timing provisions of these rules, may not receive pledged delegates or delegate votes from that state. Candidates may, however, campaign in such a state after the primary or caucus that violates these rules. "Campaigning" for purposes of this section includes, but is not limited to, purchasing print, internet, or electronic advertising that reaches a significant percentage of the voters in the aforementioned state; hiring campaign workers; opening an office; making public appearances; holding news conferences; coordinating volunteer activities; sending mail, other than fundraising requests that are also sent to potential donors in other states; using paid or volunteer phoners or automated calls to contact voters; sending emails or establishing a website specific to that state; holding events to which Democratic voters are invited; attending events sponsored by state or local Democratic organizations; or paying for campaign materials to be used in such a state. The Rules and Bylaws Committee will determine whether candidate activities are covered by this section.
 2. Violation of proportional representation: In the event the Delegate Selection Plan of a State Party provides or permits the pledged delegates or alternates to be allocated to a presidential preference (including uncommitted status) other than as provided under Rule 14 of these rules, or in the event a State Party, in fact, allocates its pledged delegates or alternates to a presidential preference (including uncommitted status) other than as provided under Rule 14 of these rules, the delegation of the state shall be reduced by the same amount and as provided in section C.(1) of this rule.
 3. Violation of the threshold: In the event the Delegate Selection Plan of a State Party provides or permits a threshold other than 15% as set forth in Rule 14 of these rules, or in the event a State Party in fact permits the implementation of a threshold other than 15% as provided in Rule 14 of these rules, the delegation of the state shall be reduced by the same amount and as provided in section C.(1) of this rule.
 4. Upon a determination of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee that a state is in violation as set forth in subsections (1), (2) or (3) of section C. of this rule, the reductions required under those subsections shall become effective automatically and immediately and without further action of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, the Executive Committee of the DNC, the DNC or the Credentials Committee of the Democratic National Convention.
 5. Nothing in the preceding subsections of this rule shall be construed to prevent the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee from imposing additional sanctions, including, without limitation, those specified in subsection (6) of this section C., against a State Party and against the delegation from the state which is subject to the provisions of any of subsections (1) through (3) of this section C., including, without limitation, establishing a committee to propose and implement a process which will result in the selection of a delegation from the affected state which shall (i) be broadly representative, (ii) reflect the state's division of presidential preference and

- uncommitted status and (iii) involve as broad participation as is practicable under the circumstances.
6. Nothing in these rules shall prevent the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee from imposing sanctions the Committee deems appropriate with respect to a state which the Committee determines has failed or refused to comply with these rules, where the failure or refusal of the State Party is not subject to subsections (1), (2) or (3) of this section C. Possible sanctions include, but are not limited to: reduction of the state's delegation; pursuant to Rule 22.C., recommending the establishment of a committee to propose and implement a process which will result in the selection of a delegation from the affected state which shall (i) be broadly representative, (ii) reflect the state's division of presidential preference and uncommitted status and (iii) involve as broad participation as is practicable under the circumstances; reducing, in part or in whole, the number of the state's members to the Standing Committees; reducing, in part or in whole, the number of guests, VIP and other passes/tickets to the National Convention and related functions; assignment of location of the state's delegates and alternates in the Convention hall; and assignment of the state's housing and other convention related facilities.
 7. In the event a state shall become subject to subsections (1), (2) or (3) of section C. of this rule as a result of state law but the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, after an investigation, including hearings if necessary, determines the State Party and the other relevant Democratic party leaders and elected officials took all provable, positive steps and acted in good faith to achieve legislative changes to bring the state law into compliance with the pertinent provisions of these rules and determines that the State Party and the other relevant Democratic party leaders and elected officials took all provable, positive steps and acted in good faith in attempting to prevent the legislative changes which resulted in state law that fails to comply with the pertinent provisions of these rules.
 8. A State Party may provide in its Delegate Selection Plan the specific method and procedures by which it will reduce its delegation pursuant to this Rule 21 in the event the State Party or delegation becomes subject to this Rule 21 by which categories of delegates must be reduced by 50%, which specific method and procedures shall be subject to the review and approval of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. In the event a state's Delegate Selection Plan does not provide for the specific method and procedures referred to in the immediately preceding sentence, or in the event the state's Delegate Selection Plan is either not approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee or the specific method and procedures referred to in the first sentence of this subsection (8) are not approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, or in the event a state's Delegate Selection Plan specifies the method and procedures which have been approved by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, but the State Party fails or refuses to implement those

specific method and procedures, and in the event the state's delegation is required to be reduced pursuant to this Rule 21, then the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall, by lottery, or other appropriate method determined by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee, determine which delegates and alternates shall not be a part of the state's delegation in order to achieve the reduction of the state's delegation pursuant to this Rule 21. Any reduction of delegates under this provision shall be accomplished in a manner which complies with the requirement of proportional representation as provided for in Rule 14.

9. Except as provided by subsection (7) of this section C., the fact that a State Party took provable, positive steps as provided in Rule 22 of these rules shall not preclude the state's delegation from being subject to the sanctions set forth in subsections (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of this section C.

- D. Unresolved Challenges and Report to the Credentials Committee. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall report its activities, together with all challenges and complaints, to the Credentials Committee of the Democratic National Convention. In cases involving unresolved challenges which are appealed to the Credentials Committee, the burden of proof shall rest with the party presenting the challenge.

Rule 22

State Legislative Changes

- A. Subject to Rule 21.C. of these Rules, wherever any part of any section contained in these rules conflicts with existing state laws, the State Party shall take provable positive steps to achieve legislative changes to bring the state law into compliance with the provisions of these rules.
- B. Provable positive steps shall be taken in a timely fashion and shall include, but not be

limited to: the drafting of corrective legislation; public endorsement by the State Party and the other relevant Democratic party leaders and elected officials of such legislation; efforts to educate the public on the need for such legislation; active support for the legislation by the State Party lobbying state legislators, other public officials, Party officials and Party members; encouraging consideration of the legislation by the appropriate legislative committees and bodies.

- C. A State Party may be required by a vote of the DNC Executive Committee upon a recommendation of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee to adopt and implement an alternative Party-run delegate selection system which does not conflict with these rules, regardless of any provable positive steps the state may have taken.

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SECTION I

INTRODUCTION & DESCRIPTION OF DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Minnesota has a total of 91 delegates and 6 alternates. (Call I & Appendix B)
2. The delegate election process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (“Rules”), the *Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (“Call”), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (“Regs.”), the Constitution & Bylaws and Call of the Minnesota Democratic Farmer Labor Party, and this Delegate Selection Plan. (Call II.A)
3. Following the adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan by the State Central Committee, the plan shall be submitted for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee (“RBC”). The State DFL Constitution, Bylaws, and rules Committee shall be empowered to make any technical revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within 30 days of receipt of notice of the RBC’s findings. (Regs. 2.5, 2.6 & 2.7)
4. Once this Plan has been found in compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the Plan by the State DFL Party will be submitted to and approved by the RBC before it becomes effective. (Reg. 2.9)

B. DESCRIPTION OF DELEGATE ELECTION PROCESS

1. Minnesota will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the presidential primary for apportioning delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.
2. The “first determining step” of Minnesota’s delegate election process will occur on March 3, 2020, with a primary.

C. VOTER PARTICIPATION

1. Participation in Minnesota’s delegate election process is open to all voters who wish to participate as Democrats. (Rule 2.A & 2.C)
 - a. The first step of the delegate selection process is precinct caucuses. As there is no pre-registration requirement, new participants can register until adjournment.
 - b. The state of Minnesota allows both pre-registration and same-day registration for all primaries and elections. Pre-registration temporarily closes 20 days before any election and opens again on election day for voters who register at their polling place. Minnesota does not have registration by party. (Rule 2.A & Reg. 4.3.B) Party preference is declared when requesting a primary ballot, and the preference is provided to the chair of each major political party. (Rule 2.A & Ref. 4.3.A, MN Statute 201.091, Subd. 4a).
 - c. To participate in the delegate selection process, participants must be at least 18 years old and otherwise qualified to vote by November 3, 2020. (Rule 4.3.C)

- d. At no stage of Minnesota’s delegate election process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation. (Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4)
 - e. No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding elections. (Rule 2.E)
 - f. Votes shall not be taken by secret ballot at any stage of the delegate selection process, including processes leading up to the selection of DNC Members or DFL Chair or Vice Chair, who serve as DNC members by virtue of their office, except that use of such voting by secret ballot may be used in a process that is the first determining stage of the delegate election process and in which all individual voters who wish to participate as Democrats are eligible to do so. (Rule 2.F)
 - g. No person shall vote in more than one meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate election process. (Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.7)
2. The State of Minnesota, and the Minnesota DFL, have taken steps to enact legislation, rules, and policies at the state and local level to enhance voter and election security, and to specifically accomplish the following seven goals specified in the Rules:

- a. Maintain secure and accurate state voter registration rolls, so that every eligible American who registers to vote has their personal information protected and secure; (Rule 2.H.1)

Minnesota is committed to the protection and security of personal information for every eligible voter. MN Statute 204C.18 and 201.022 provides such protections. MN Statute 204.18 states that election judges shall make no entry or notation of the voter’s political party or for which party the voter voted. MN Statute 201.022 states that the state must provide security and protection of all information in the statewide registration system and ensure that unauthorized access is not allowed. The Secretary of State is responsible for defining, maintaining, and administering the centralized system. Only election officials and other authorized government agencies may access this information.

- b. Implement transparent and accurate voter registration list maintenance procedures that comply with federal requirements and ensure that every eligible voter stays on the rolls; (Rule 2.H.2)

Minnesota’s Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS), is the centralized database for registered voters which the state is working to modernize. This system is controlled by the Secretary of State’s office and updated by County staff in an effort to make sure every voter gets a singular vote. Same-day registration provides a safeguard for Minnesota’s voters from worrying about being purged from the voter roll.

MN Statute 201.021 PERMANENT REGISTRATION SYSTEM

“A permanent system of voter registration by county is established, with a single, official, centralized, interactive computerized statewide voter registration list defined, maintained, and administered at the state level that contains the name and registration information of every legally registered voter in the state, and assigns a unique identifier to each legally

registered voter in the state. The interactive computerized statewide voter registration list constitutes the official list of every legally registered voter in the state. The county auditor shall be chief registrar of voters and the chief custodian of the official registration records in each county. The secretary of state is responsible for defining, maintaining, and administering the centralized system.”

- c. Promote the acquisition, maintenance, and regular replacement of precinct based optical scan voting systems; (Rule 2.H.3)

MN Administrative Rule 8230.3550 TEST OF PROGRAM BEFORE AND DURING TABULATION.

“Prior to the tabulation of ballots, the central counting center personnel shall test the voting system as to its accuracy and certify the results. The accuracy test must be conducted with the test deck designated in parts 8220.1050 and 8220.1150. A copy of each test certificate must accompany the results of the tabulation of the ballots and be filed with the county auditor in the county where the precincts are located.

Before tabulating the ballots, central counting center personnel shall run a zero report to verify that the initial counts for each precinct are zero.

Authorized central counting center personnel may at their discretion test the program using the official test deck periodically throughout the tabulation of ballots to verify that the voting system is operating accurately.”

MN Administrative Rule 8230.3560 USE OF PRECINCT COUNT VOTING SYSTEMS AT CENTRAL COUNTING CENTERS.

“A. Central count voting systems must be used in central counting centers. One precinct count voting system and one memory unit may be used at a central counting center.
B. Results must be produced for each precinct by either (1) printing a separate summary statement for each precinct, or (2) producing segregated results for each precinct that can be identified and attached individually as part of a complete summary statement for each precinct.”

MN Administrative Rule 8230.4365 PRECINCT COUNT VOTING SYSTEM EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES.

“Subpart 1. Number of ballot counters and memory units.

A. At least one precinct count voting system and at least one memory unit must be used in each precinct. One precinct count voting system and one memory unit may be used to count ballots for combined precincts.

B. Results must be produced for each precinct by either (1) printing a separate summary statement for each precinct, or (2) producing segregated results for each precinct that can be identified and attached individually as part of a complete summary statement for each precinct. The voted ballots must be separated and sealed by precinct.

Subp. 2. Procedure before polls open. Each ballot counter must be tested to ensure that the components are operating properly. The election judges shall verify that the ballot counter at the precinct polling place has the correct seal number and certify the seal number on the summary statement. Before opening the polls, the election judges shall initialize the ballot counter in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The judges shall verify that the initial counts are zero, that the public counter is set at zero,

and that the order of the offices and questions to be voted on and the candidates' names on the zero tape is the same as their order on the ballot for that precinct.

Subp. 3. Procedures during voting hours. Ballot counters must be programmed to return to the voter a ballot having an overvote or votes for candidates of more than one political party in a partisan primary election. Ballot counters must be programmed to print a message describing the error on a paper tape or to display the error message electronically. If the voting system is capable of emitting an audible signal while electronically displaying the error message, it must do so. The election judges shall read the error message to the voter and may explain the conditions that cause a ballot to be rejected, but the judges shall not examine the voted ballot unless the voter requests assistance or it is necessary to determine what style of replacement ballot must be given to the voter.

If the voter wants to change the rejected ballot, the election judge shall treat the rejected ballot as a spoiled ballot, place the rejected ballot in the spoiled ballot envelope, and issue the voter a new ballot.

If the voter does not want to change the rejected ballot, the election judge shall override the rejection of the ballot. No means of overriding the rejection of a ballot having defects may be used that does not meet the conditions in items A to C.

- A. The override must be protected against being inadvertently activated.
- B. The override must not allow more than one ballot to be processed each time it is operated.
- C. An override message must be printed on the results tape, or be displayed electronically while the voting system emits an audible signal, each time the override is operated.

Subp. 4. Error messages. The following messages are sufficient for optical scan voting systems to print or display for the described errors or actions:

- A. overvote for (voting system will supply and print the name of the overvoted office);
- B. overvote for multiple offices;
- C. crossover vote; and
- D. ballot overridden.

Subp. 5. Opening ballot box during voting hours. Two election judges of different political parties may open the ballot boxes on election day to straighten or remove the voted ballots but they shall not count or inspect the ballots. If removing ballots, the election judges shall put the ballots taken from the ballot box's main compartment into containers and seal them. If the ballot box contains a compartment for write-in ballots, the judges shall put the ballots taken from the ballot box's write-in compartment into containers separate from the other ballots and seal them. The judges shall label the ballot containers and store them in a secure location. The judges shall note on the incident report the fact that the ballot box was opened, the time the box was opened, and, if applicable, the numbers of any seals used to seal the ballot containers.

Subp. 6. Procedures after voting has ended. As soon as voting has ended, the election judges shall process any ballots in the auxiliary ballot box and then secure the ballot counter against receiving any more ballots. The election judges must inspect the seals on each ballot counter to ensure that they have not been altered and are intact and that the

seal numbers agree with the numbers as verified at the opening of the polls. Any discrepancy must be noted in the incident report.

According to MN Statute 201.225, the Office of the Secretary of State must be notified at least 90 days before the first election in which a county, municipality, or school district intends to use electronic rosters. Voting systems must be approved by the Secretary of State and certified by an independent testing authority accredited by the Election Assistance Commission or appropriate federal agency responsible for testing and certification of compliance with the federal voting systems guidelines at the time of submission of the application required by subdivision 1 to be in conformity with voluntary voting system guidelines issued by the Election Assistance Commission or other previously referenced agency.”

- d. Ensure that any direct recording electronic systems in place have a voter verified paper record; (Rule 2.H.4)

Minnesota direct voting is done through paper ballots before submitted to an electronic recording device.

MN Statute 206.80 ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS:

“(a) An electronic voting system may not be employed unless it:

- (1) permits every voter to vote in secret;
- (2) permits every voter to vote for all candidates and questions for whom or upon which the voter is legally entitled to vote;
- (3) provides for write-in voting when authorized;
- (4) automatically rejects, except as provided in section 206.84 with respect to write-in votes, all votes for an office or question when the number of votes cast on it exceeds the number which the voter is entitled to cast;
- (5) permits a voter at a primary election to select secretly the party for which the voter wishes to vote;
- (6) automatically rejects all votes cast in a primary election by a voter when the voter votes for candidates of more than one party; and
- (7) provides every voter an opportunity to verify votes recorded on the permanent paper ballot, either visually or using assistive voting technology, and to change votes or correct any error before the voter's ballot is cast and counted, produces an individual, discrete, permanent, paper ballot cast by the voter, and preserves the paper ballot as an official record available for use in any recount.

(b) An electronic voting system purchased on or after June 4, 2005, may not be employed unless it:

- (1) accepts and tabulates, in the polling place or at a counting center, a marked optical scan ballot; or

- (2) creates a marked optical scan ballot that can be tabulated in the polling place or at a counting center by automatic tabulating equipment certified for use in this state.”

Voting Rosters: As stated in MN Statute 201.225, precincts that may use electronic rosters for election day registration must have a paper backup system approved by the Secretary of State, present at the polling place to use in the event of electronic rosters being unavailable or unreliable. The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of paper polling place rosters that include the voter's name, address, date of birth, school district number, and space for the voter's signature. An electronic roster and the voter signature certificate together must include the same information as a paper polling place roster.

- e. Implement risk limiting post-election audits such as manual audits comparing paper records to electronic records; (Rule 2.H.5)

MN Statute 206.89 states that the canvass of the state primary, the county canvassing board in each county must set the date, time, and place for the postelection review of the state general election to be held under this section. At the canvass of the state general election, the county canvassing boards must select the precincts to be reviewed by lot. The ballots to be reviewed for a precinct include both the ballots counted at the polling place for that precinct and the absentee ballots counted centrally by a ballot board for that precinct. The county canvassing board of a county with fewer than 50,000 registered voters must conduct a post-election review of a total of at least two precincts. The county canvassing board of a county with between 50,000 and 100,000 registered voters must conduct a review of a total of at least three precincts. The county canvassing board of a county with over 100,000 registered voters must conduct a review of a total of at least four precincts, or three percent of the total number of precincts in the county, whichever is greater. At least one precinct selected in each county must have had more than 150 votes cast at the general election. The county auditor must notify the secretary of state of the precincts that have been chosen for review and the time and place the postelection review for that county will be conducted, as soon as the decisions are made. If the selection of precincts has not resulted in the selection of at least four precincts in each congressional district, the secretary of state may require counties to select by lot additional precincts to meet the congressional district requirement. The secretary of state must post this information on the office website.

- f. Ensure that all voting systems have recognized security measures; (Rule 2.H.6)

Technology requirements included in MN Statute 201.225 make sure that all voting systems meet minimum security, reliability, and networking standards established by the Office of the Secretary of State in consultation with the Office of MN.IT Services; be capable of providing a voter's correct polling place; and perform any other functions necessary for the efficient and secure administration of the participating election, as determined by the secretary of state. MN Statute 206.845 states that the county auditor and municipal clerk must secure ballot recording and tabulating systems physically and electronically against unauthorized access. Except for wired connections within the polling place, ballot recording, and tabulating systems must not be connected to or operated on, directly or indirectly, any electronic network, including a local area network, a wide-area network, the Internet, or the World Wide Web. Wireless communications may not be used in any way in a vote recording or vote tabulating system. Wireless, device-to-device capability is not permitted. No connection by modem is permitted. Transfer of information from the ballot recording or tabulating system to another system

for network distribution or broadcast must be made by disk, tape, or other physical means of communication, other than direct or indirect electronic connection of the vote recording or vote tabulating system. After the close of the polls, the head election judge must create a printed record of the results of the election for that precinct. After the record has been printed, the head election judge in a precinct that employs automatic tabulating equipment may transmit the accumulated tally for each device to a central reporting location using a telephone, modem, Internet, or other electronic connection. During the canvassing period, the results transmitted electronically must be considered unofficial until the canvassing board has performed a complete reconciliation of the results.

- g. Use accessible and secure voting machines that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to vote securely and privately. (Rule 2.H.7)

MN Statute 201.091 says a person who, because of disability, needs assistance in order to determine eligibility or to register must be assisted by a designated individual. Assistance includes but is not limited to reading the registration form and instructions and filling out the registration form as directed by the eligible voter.

MN Statute 204B.16 Subd. 5: Access by elderly and persons with disabilities

“Each polling place shall be accessible to and usable by elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities. A polling place is deemed to be accessible and usable if it complies with the standards in paragraphs (a) to (f).

- (a) At least one set of doors must have a minimum width of 32 inches if the doors must be used to enter or leave the polling place.
- (b) Any curb adjacent to the main entrance to a polling place must have curb cuts or temporary ramps. Where the main entrance is not the accessible entrance, any curb adjacent to the accessible entrance must also have curb cuts or temporary ramps.
- (c) Where the main entrance is not the accessible entrance, a sign shall be posted at the main entrance giving directions to the accessible entrance.
- (d) At least one set of stairs must have a temporary handrail and ramp if stairs must be used to enter or leave the polling place.
- (e) No barrier in the polling place may impede the path of persons with disabilities to the voting booth.
- (f) At least one parking space for persons with disabilities, which may be temporarily so designated by the municipality for the day of the election, must be available near the accessible entrance.

The doorway, handrails, ramps, and disabled parking provided pursuant to this subdivision must conform to the standards specified in the State Building Code for accessibility by persons with disabilities.

A governing body shall designate as polling places only those places which meet the standards prescribed in this subdivision unless no available place within a precinct is accessible or can be made accessible.”

Voter Assistance:

Polling Place Accessibility:

State and federal laws require polling places to be physically accessible. Cities and towns typically choose polling place locations and are responsible for polling place accessibility.

Assistance from others:

You can bring anyone to assist you while you vote, or you can get assistance from election judges. You cannot get assistance from your employer, your union or a candidate for office. Your assistant can participate in all parts of the voting process. Assistants cannot influence how you vote or mark the ballot for you if you cannot communicate to them who you want to vote for.

Sign in Orally:

You have the right to orally confirm who you are and to ask another person to sign for you if you cannot sign your name.

Voters Under Guardianship:

You can vote while under guardianship unless a judge specifically has taken away your right to vote in a court order.

Accessible Voting machine:

Most polling places have a machine that can mark a ballot for you. It gives you privacy if you cannot (or choose not) to vote using a pen. The machine has a screen that displays the ballot in large print or with a high-contrast background. It can also read the ballot to you through headphones. You can fill out your ballot using a Braille keypad, touchscreen or sip-and-puff device. After you make your choices, the machine prints your completed ballot.

Curbside voting:

If you cannot easily leave your vehicle you can ask to have a ballot brought out to you. This is known as ‘curbside voting.’ Two election judges from different major political parties will bring out a ballot to you. When you are finished voting, election judges will bring your ballot inside and put it in the ballot box.

Get a Replacement Ballot:

You have the right to a replacement ballot if you make a mistake on your ballot before you cast it.

File a Complaint:

You have the right to file a written complaint at your polling place if you are unhappy with the way an election is being run.

3. In accordance with the Democratic Party’s requirement to assess and improve participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection process, The Minnesota DFL has taken the following steps to establish, with DNC assistance, year-round voter protection programs to support educational, administrative, legislative, and litigation-based efforts to protect and expand the vote and advance election fairness and security, including the six goals

set forth below. Minnesota allows for voting in-person prior to Election Day information on the start and end dates is below. Minnesota allows for vote-by-mail, or no excuse absentee, information on the deadlines and ballot mailing are below. (Rule 2.1 and 2.1.1)

- a. Expand access to voting, including by early voting, no excuse absentee, same-day voter registration, and voting by mail; (Rule 2.1.1.a)

Minnesota is committed to expanding voting access for all Minnesotans. Minnesota already has same-day voter registration and no excuse absentee voting. Early voting for elections can be done in person or by mail. In-person voting ends the day before Election Day. All early voting mail ballots must be received by Election Day or the vote will not be counted. For early voting by mail, one must apply for the application which can be done at any time during the year, except for the day of the election.

Minnesota Same-day Registration:

To register at your polling place on Election Day, bring one proof of residence listed below.

1. ID with current name and address:
 - a. Valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit or ID; or a receipt for any of these.
 - b. Tribal ID with name, address, photo and signature.
2. Photo ID PLUS a Document with your current name and address
 - a. Approved photo IDs (Choose one. Can be expired.)
 - i. Driver's license, state ID or learner's permit issued by any state
 - ii. U.S. Passport
 - iii. U.S. Military or Veteran ID
 - iv. Tribal ID with name, signature and photo
 - v. Minnesota university, college or technical college ID
 - vi. Minnesota high school ID
 - b. Approved documents (Choose one. Can be shown on electronic device.)
 - i. Bill, account or start-of-service statement due or dated within 30 days of the election for:
 1. Phone, TV or internet
 2. Solid waste, sewer, electric, gas or water
 3. Banking or credit card
 4. Rent or mortgage
 - ii. Residential lease or rent agreement valid through Election Day
 - iii. Current student fee statement
3. Registered Voter Who Can Confirm Your Address
 - a. A registered voter from your precinct can go with you to the polling place to sign an oath confirming your address. This is known as 'vouching.' A registered voter can vouch for up to eight voters. You cannot vouch for others if someone vouched for you.
4. College Student ID with housing list
 - a. Colleges and universities send election officials a student housing list. If you are on the list, show your college photo ID to complete your registration.
5. Valid registration in the Precinct

- a. If you are registered in the precinct but changed names or moved within the same precinct, you only need to tell the election judge your previous name or address.
6. Notice of late registration
 - a. If you registered to vote within 20 days of the election, you may get a Notice of Late Registration in the mail. Bring it with you and use it as your proof of residence to register.
7. Staff Person of a Residential Facility
 - a. If you live in a residential facility, a staff person can go with you to the polling place to confirm your address. This is known as ‘vouching.’ A staff person can vouch for all eligible voters living in the facility.

The following deadlines apply for early voting:

NON-PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION:

First day to vote early in person: Friday, June 26, 2020

Last day to vote early in person: Monday, August 10, 2020

GENERAL ELECTION:

First day to vote early in person: Friday, September 18, 2020

Last day to vote early in person: Monday, November 2, 2020

For most elections, absentee voting locations must be open during their normal business hours starting 46 days before the election. In addition, locations offering absentee ballots for federal, state or county elections must be open:

- The last Saturday before Election Day (10 a.m. — 3 p.m.)
- The day before Election Day until 5 p.m.
- This does not apply to school districts holding standalone elections.

Some local jurisdictions may provide additional absentee voting days or hours beyond the above required days and times. Voters should contact their jurisdiction for more information.

The following timeline applies for voting by mail:

To vote early by mail, voters must apply and can do so by email, mail, fax, or online. Voters may apply at any time to receive their ballot via mail. Applications are mailed at least 60 days before an election.

Your ballot will not count if it is received after Election Day.

You can also return your ballot in person no later than 3 p.m. on Election Day to the election office that sent your ballot.

- b. Ensure that voting locations are accessible, fairly placed, and adequate in number, and have a sufficient number of voting machines; (Rule 2.1.1.b)

Minnesota Statute 204B.16 provides guidelines for polling locations and accessibility:
“Subd. 1: Authority; location

...

Polling places must be designated and ballots must be distributed so that no one is required to go to more than one polling place to vote in a school district and municipal election held on the same day. The polling place for a precinct in a city or in a school district located in whole or in part in the metropolitan area defined by section 200.02, subdivision 24, shall be located within the boundaries of the precinct or within one mile of one of those boundaries unless a single polling place is designated for a city pursuant to section 204B.14, subdivision 2, or a school district pursuant to section 205A.11. The polling place for a precinct in unorganized territory may be located outside the precinct at a place which is convenient to the voters of the precinct. If no suitable place is available within a town or within a school district located outside the metropolitan area defined by section 200.02, subdivision 24, then the polling place for a town or school district may be located outside the town or school district within five miles of one of the boundaries of the town or school district.”

“Subd. 6: Public Facilities

Every statutory city, home rule charter city, county, town, school district, and other public agency, including the University of Minnesota and other public colleges and universities, shall make their facilities, including parking, available for the holding of city, county, school district, state, and federal elections, subject to the approval of the local election official. A charge for the use of the facilities may be imposed in an amount that does not exceed the lowest amount charged to any public or private group.

Subd. 7 Appropriate facilities.

The facilities provided in accordance with subdivision 6 shall be sufficient in size to accommodate all election activities and the requirements of subdivision 5. The space must be separated from other activities within the building. The local election official may approve space in two connecting rooms for registration and balloting activities. Except in the event of an emergency making the approved space unusable, the public facility may not move the election from the space approved by the local election official without prior approval. In addition to the requirements of subdivision 5, the public facility must make remaining parking spaces not in use for regularly scheduled activities available for voters.”

- c. Speed up the voting process and minimize long lines; (Rule 2.1.1.c)

Minnesota and the Minnesota DFL encourage as many voters as possible to vote early, if possible. Prior to election day, the DFL launches a campaign to reach as many voters as possible to encourage them to vote early. This helps overall flow at the polls on election day. Minnesota uses electronic counting of ballots in order to maximize efficiency.

- d. Eliminate onerous and discriminatory voter identification requirements; (Rule 2.1.1.d)

In the state of Minnesota, voters who are already registered to vote do not need to bring photo identification to the polling place. If an individual needs to register, update registration, or have not voted in four years or more, they will need to show proof of residence before voting.

- e. Count and include in the final total ballots from voters who are eligible to vote but cast their ballots in the wrong precinct, for offices for which they are eligible to vote; and (Rule 2.1.1.e)

Voters in Minnesota may not vote in a precinct unless that is the precinct in which potential voters are pre-registered for that particular district. Voters are not allowed to vote without proper registration and confirmation of proper location.

204C.19 COUNTING VOTES; PENALTY.

“Subdivision 1. Procedure: When the hours for voting have ended and all voting has concluded, the election judges shall immediately count the votes cast at the election. The count shall be held at the polling place and shall be public. It shall be continued without intermission until it is completed and the results are declared, except that the election judges may recess for meals or other necessary purposes. During the count no one except the election judges shall handle the ballots. Any other individual who touches or interferes with ballots during the counting or any election judge who permits such touching or interference is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. Counting ballots: Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the ballot boxes shall be opened, the votes counted, and the total declared. The election judges on each counting team shall be evenly divided between the major political parties. The numbers entered on the summary sheet shall not be considered final until the ballots in all the boxes have been counted and corrections have been made if ballots have been deposited in the wrong boxes.

Subd. 3. Premature disclosure of count results: No count results from any precinct shall be disclosed by any election judge or other individual until all count results from that precinct are available, nor shall the public media disclose any count results from any precinct before the time when voting is scheduled to end in the state.”

- f. Facilitate military and overseas voting. (Rule 2.1.1.f)

MN Statute 203B.16 ABSENT VOTERS IN THE MILITARY OR OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

Subdivision 1. Military service; temporary residence outside United States.

“Sections 203B.16 to 203B.27 provides alternative voting procedures for eligible voters who are absent from the precinct where they maintain residence because they are:

- (1) either in the military or the spouses or dependents of individuals serving in the military; or
- (2) temporarily outside the territorial limits of the United States.

Sections 203B.16 to 203B.27 are intended to implement the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, United States Code, title 52, sections 20301 to 20310.

Subd. 2. Indefinite residence outside United States.

Sections 203B.16 to 203B.27 provide the exclusive voting procedure for United States citizens who are living indefinitely outside the territorial limits of the United States who meet all the qualifications of an eligible voter except residence in Minnesota, but who are authorized by federal law to vote in Minnesota because they or, if they have never resided in the United States, a parent maintained residence in Minnesota for at least 20 days

immediately prior to their departure from the United States. Individuals described in this subdivision shall be permitted to vote only for the offices of president, vice-president, senator in Congress, and representative in Congress.”

“Subd. 4. Duties of secretary of state.

The secretary of state shall provide information regarding voter registration and absentee balloting procedures to be used by absent uniformed services voters, their spouses and dependents, and overseas voters.”

4. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by registered voters, the MN DFL has worked to make voter registration easier, including supporting: (Rule 2.1.2)

- a. Voter registration modernization, including online voter registration and automatic and same-day registration; (Rule 2.1.2.a)

Minnesota voter registration can occur online, on paper, or, in person on Election Day. To register online, one would need a Minnesota driver’s license or ID number, or the last four digits of their Social Security number.

- b. Pre-registration of high school students so that they are already registered once they reach voting age; (Rule 2.1.2.b)

To pre-register to vote in Minnesota, voters must be at least 18-years-old when the next election occurs. Because special elections can be called at unexpected times, voter’s application may be returned if an election becomes scheduled in between the date a voter registered and their birthday. If that happens, the person may simply wait until that election passes, and register again. The Secretary of State’s office provides guidelines for teachers to assist in registering their students to vote.

- c. Restoration of voting rights to all people who have served the time for their criminal conviction, without requiring the payment of court fees or fines; (Rule 2.1.2.c) and

Voters can vote if...

- charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor.
- in jail, but are not currently serving a felony sentence.
- have been charged with a felony, but haven’t been convicted.
- have been given a stay of adjudication.
- finished all parts of the felony sentence.

Voters cannot vote if...

- are currently serving a felony sentence.
- The stay of adjudication was revoked and are currently serving a felony sentence.

- d. Same-day or automatic registration of voters for the Democratic presidential nominating process.] (Rule 2.1.2.d)

Minnesota has same-day registration, so voters are not affected whether it's a primary or general election.

5. Minnesota has an open primary and does not require voters to have registered by party. However, voters may only vote for one candidate in one political party on the ballot. Failure to vote for only one candidate will result in a spoiled ballot. (Rule 2.J and Rule 2.J.1)
6. The dates, times, and places for all official delegate selection meetings have been selected to encourage participation by all DFL'ers. The DFL is responsible for selecting the dates, times, and providing the facilities for those meetings related to delegate selection. As part of the process for selecting dates and times, the DFL has considered any religious observations that could significantly affect participation. Such meetings must begin and end at reasonable hours. (Rule 3.A & Reg. 4)

SECTION II

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

A. BALLOT ACCESS

A presidential candidate gains access to the Minnesota Democratic–Farmer–Labor Party primary ballot by submitting a letter to the State DFL Chair by 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time on December 10, 2019. Letters can be submitted by e-mail to chair@df.org, by fax to 651-251-6325 or by mail.

Minnesota Democratic–Farmer–Labor Party
255 Plato Boulevard East
Saint Paul, MN 55107-1623

“Uncommitted” status will appear on the ballot. Write-ins are allowed, but candidates must notify the State DFL Chair by 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time on February 21, 2020. (Rules 11.C, 14.A, 14.B, 14.D, 14.E, 15.E & 15.H)

- B. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State DFL Chair, the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) by December 10, 2019. (Rule 13.D.1)
- C. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action, outreach, and inclusion goals established by this Plan, and is equally divided between men and women. (Rule 6.I)

SECTION III

ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

A. DISTRICT-LEVEL DELEGATES

1. Minnesota is allocated 49 district-level delegates. (Rule 8.C, Call, I.B, I.I, & Appendix B)
2. District-level delegates shall be elected by a caucus/convention system with three levels:
 - a. First Level: Precinct caucuses on February 25, 2020. Elect delegates to Organizing Unit Conventions.
 - b. Second Level: Organizing Unit Conventions on March 7 through April 19, 2020. Elect delegates to Congressional District Conventions and State Convention.
 - c. Third Level: Congressional District Conventions on May 2 through May 29, 2020. Elect district-level National Convention delegates.
3. Apportionment of District-Level Delegates
 - a. Minnesota is allocated less than one alternate per Congressional District. Because of that, the alternates are all allocated as at-large alternates. (Reg 4.34 option C)
 - b. Minnesota’s district-level delegates are apportioned among the districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the average of the vote for the Democratic candidates in the 2016 presidential and the most recent gubernatorial elections. This method most closely matches the formula for allocating delegates to conventions within Minnesota, and therefore is the most inclusive because it provides maximum consistency between levels. (Rule 8.A; Regs. 4.11, 4.12 & Appendix A)
 - c. The number of men and the number of women in the state’s total number of district-level delegates and alternates will not vary by more than one. (Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9)
 - d. The district-level delegates are apportioned to districts as indicated in the following chart:

District	Delegates		
	Males*	Females*	Total
#1	2	3	5
#2	3	3	6
#3	3	4	7
#4	4	4	8
#5	5	5	10
#6	2	2	4
#7	2	2	4
#8	3	2	5
Total	24	25	49

*Gender balance of delegates was determined by lot on March 16, 2019 and assumes no gender non-binary delegates are elected.

- e. The apportionment of delegates to be elected from each tier to the next tier (e.g. precincts, organizing units, etc.) is based upon the DFL Average Vote as defined in the State DFL Constitution. (Rule 8.B)
4. District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements
 - a. A district-level delegate candidate may run for election only within the district in which they are eligible to vote. (Rule 13.H.)
 - b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating a single presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the Congressional District convention chair no later than two hours before the election of delegates at the Congressional District Convention at which he or she seeks election. (Rules 13.B, & 15.F and Reg. 4.23) A person does not have to be a delegate to the Congressional District Convention to run for district-level delegate. Any candidate is able to modify his or her singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline.
 5. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for District-Level Delegates
 - a. The State DFL Chair shall ask presidential candidates to file a waiver of candidate right of approval with the State DFL Chair by March 2, 2020. If any candidate has not filed a waiver, the Congressional District Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 90 minutes prior to the election of National Convention delegates, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 13.D & 13.F)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the Congressional District Chair not later than 30 minutes prior to the election of National Convention delegates, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that approval must be given to at least three (3) separate individuals for each position for delegate to be selected. (Rule 13.E.1, Regs. 4.24 & 4.25)
 - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the Congressional District Chair not later than 30 minutes prior to the election of National Convention delegates.
 - d. National Convention delegate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate or alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 12.E & Reg. 4.23)
 - e. The State DFL Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective district-level delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion section of this Plan within three (3) business days following the adjournment of each Congressional District Convention at which district-level delegate candidates are elected. (Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10.C)

6. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference

a. Presidential Primary – Proportional Representation Plan (Rules 14.A, 14.B & 14.D)

The Minnesota presidential primary election is a “binding” primary. (MN Statute 207A.12.(d)) Accordingly, delegate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference or uncommitted status of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates elected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates. Any delegate candidate seeking election may state a preference for only one presidential candidate at any time.

b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner. (Rule 14.F)

c. District-level delegates pledged to a presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) are elected by a caucus of persons from the unit electing the delegate who signs a statement of support for that presidential candidate using the following process: (Rule 13.G)

- (1) Minnesota will hold precinct caucuses on February 25, 2020. Caucus attendees will elect delegates and alternates to the Organizing Unit Conventions. Rules for electing Organizing Unit Convention delegates and alternates are found under the “Precinct Caucus” section of the 2020-2021 DFL Call, which is attached as Appendix #1 to this Plan. (First tier)
- (2) The DFL Organizing Unit Conventions will be held from March 7 to April 19, 2020. At the organizing unit level, delegates and alternates will be elected to the Congressional District and State Conventions. Rules for electing delegates and alternates to the Congressional District and State Conventions are found under the “Organizing Unit Convention” section of the 2020-2021 DFL Call, which is attached as Appendix #1 to this Plan. (Second tier)
- (3) Delegates and alternates elected at the Organizing Unit Conventions participate at both the Congressional District (Third tier) and State (Fourth tier) Conventions. Congressional District Conventions will be held from May 2 to May 29, 2020. District and State-level National Convention delegate allocations are set by a binding presidential primary. Contact the State DFL Office after February 6, 2020 for exact locations, dates and times of the Congressional District Conventions.

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Additionally, except as provided in National Delegate Selection Rule 9.A (e.g., DNC Members, Members of Congress, Governors, and Distinguished Party Leaders), no person shall serve as an automatic delegate at any level of the delegate selection process by virtue of holding a public or party office. (Rule 9.B)

7. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates
 - a. The Minnesota delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, as determined by gender self-identification. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. Such goals apply to the Minnesota delegation as a whole. In order to ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women, the following provisions shall apply: (Rule 6.C.1 & Reg. 4.9)
 - (1) The convention chair shall allocate delegate positions to each presidential preference (including uncommitted status) based on the votes on the ballot at the presidential primary in the district.
 - (2) Each even numbered allocation shall be equally divided by gender. Each odd numbered allocation shall be as equally divided by gender as possible. When equal division by gender identity is required, it shall apply to delegates and alternates as two separate groups and as a whole. In the case of gender-nonbinary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. The rules of each Congressional District Convention shall provide a mechanism to assure equal division by gender of the Congressional District delegation as a whole as specified in the table in paragraph 3, above.
8. The State DFL Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) the election of Minnesota's district-level delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after each Congressional District Convention at which they were elected. (Rule 8.C & Call, IV.A)

B. AUTOMATIC DELEGATES

1. Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials
 - a. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions:
 - (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in the state; (Rule 9.A.1, Call, I.F & I.J, & Reg. 4.14)
 - (2) All of Minnesota's Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; (Rule 9.A.3, Call I.H & I.J)
 - (3) The Democratic-Farmer-Labor Governor (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.4, Call I.H & I.J)
 - (4) Vice President Walter Mondale and any other "National Distinguished Party Leader" delegates who legally reside in the state (if applicable); (Rule 9.A.5, Call I.G, and Reg. 4.14)
 - b. The certification process for the Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official delegates is as follows:
 - (1) Not later than March 6, 2020, the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee shall officially confirm to the State DFL Chair the names of the Automatic delegates who legally reside in Minnesota. (Rule 9.A)

- (2) Official confirmation by the Secretary shall constitute verification of the Automatic delegates from the categories indicated above. (Call, IV.B.1)
 - (3) The State DFL Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of state's Automatic delegates 10 days after the completion of the State's Delegate Selection Process. (Call, IV.B)
2. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate women within the state's entire convention delegation (determined by gender self-identification), the entire delegation includes all pledged and Automatic delegates, including those who identify as male or female. (Rule 6.C and Reg 4.9)

C. PLEDGED PARTY LEADER AND ELECTED OFFICIAL (PLEO) DELEGATES

1. Minnesota is allotted 10 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates. (Call, I.D & I.E & Appendix B)
2. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
 - a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions according to the following priority: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders. Automatic delegates who choose to run for PLEO delegate will be given equal consideration with big city mayors and state-wide elected officials. (Rule 10.A.1 & Reg. 4.16)
 - b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by filing a statement of candidacy designating a single presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State DFL Chair no later than two hours before the election of delegates at the State Convention. (Rule 13.A and Reg. 4.22) An individual may obtain the form necessary to make a filing of candidacy and pledge of support from the convention secretary the day of the State Convention on which the National Convention delegates are to be elected, or from the State DFL Office, 651-293-1200 or 1-800-999-7457 (toll free) before the start of the State Convention. (Rules 10.A.3, & 15.G, Reg. 4.17 & 4.18) Any candidate is able to modify his or her singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline.
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. The State DFL Chair shall ask presidential candidates to file a waiver of candidate right of approval with the State DFL Chair by March 2, 2020. If any candidate has not filed a waiver, the State DFL Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 90 minutes prior to the election of PLEO delegates, a list of all persons who have filed for PLEO delegate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rules 10.A.3 & 13.D)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State DFL Chair, not later than 30 minutes prior to the election of pledged PLEO delegates, a list of all such candidates they have approved, as long as approval is given to at least two (2) names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)

- c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State DFL Chair not later than 30 minutes prior to the election of pledged PLEO delegates. (Rule 13.D)
 - d. The State DFL Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective pledged PLEO delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved pledged PLEO candidates as indicated in section III.C.3.b of this Plan. (Rules 6.1 & 4.10.C)
4. Election of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates
- a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences (including uncommitted status) on the same basis as the at-large delegates. (Rule 10.A.2, 11.C, 14.E & 14.F.)
 - b. Election of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur at the State Convention on May 31, 2020, after the election of district-level delegates and prior to the election of at-large delegates and alternates. The procedures and rules for the election of PLEO delegates at the State Convention are found in the 2020-2021 DFL Call, which is attached as Appendix #1 to this Plan. (Rule 10.A) Additionally, except as provided in National Delegate Selection Rule 9.A (e.g., DNC Members, Members of Congress, Governors, and Distinguished Party Leaders), no person shall serve as an automatic delegate at any level of the delegate selection process by virtue of holding a public or party office. (Rule 9.B)
 - c. These delegates will be elected by the State Convention. (Rule 10.B)
 - d. Alternates are not elected at the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and elected as one unit. (Reg. 4.33)
5. The State DFL Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of Minnesota's pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (Call IV.A & Reg 5.4.A)

D. AT-LARGE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

- 1. Minnesota is allotted 16 at-large delegates and 6 at-large alternates. (Rule 8.C, Call I.B, II, & Appendix B, & Reg. 4.34)
- 2. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
 - a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their singular presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) with the State DFL Chair no later than two (2) hours before the election of the at-large delegates and alternates at the State Convention or immediately after the selection of Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials. (Rules 13.A, 13.B & 15.G, Regs. 4.22, 4.23, & 4.31) Any candidate is able to modify their singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline.

Statements of candidacy can be submitted in person at the convention site until the filing deadline. Statements can be submitted before May 27, 2020 by e-mail, fax, or postal mail:

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- b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After at-large delegates are elected by the State Convention, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing. (Rule 19.A)
3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
 - a. The State DFL Chair shall ask presidential candidates to file a waiver of candidate right of approval with the State DFL Chair by March 2, 2020. If any candidate has not filed a waiver, the State DFL Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 90 minutes prior to the election of at-large delegates and alternates (and after the election of district-level and PLEO delegates), a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate. (Rule 13.D, Reg. 4.24.D & 4.31.C)
 - b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State DFL Chair, after the election of pledged PLEO delegates and not later than 30 minutes prior to the election of at-large delegates and alternates, a list of all such candidates they have approved, provided that, at a minimum, two (2) names remain for every National Convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. (Rule 13.D.4 & 13.E.2 & Reg. 4.25)
 - c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State DFL Chair not later than 30 minutes prior to the election of at-large delegates and alternates.
 - d. The State DFL Chair shall certify in writing to the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential candidate has used their best efforts to ensure that their respective at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates meet the affirmative action and outreach and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion section of this Plan within three (3) business days of returning the list of approved at-large delegate candidates and at-large alternate candidates as indicated in section III.D.3.b of this Plan.
4. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference
 - a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences (including uncommitted status) according to the state-wide primary vote. (Rule 11.C)

- b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a state-wide basis shall not be entitled to any at-large delegates. (Rule 14.E)
 - c. If no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received by the front-runner. (Rule 14.F)
 - d. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of election of the at-large delegates, then those at-large slots that would have been allocated to the candidate will be proportionally divided among the remaining preferences entitled to an allocation. (Rule 11.C)
 - e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one (1) or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one (1) at-large alternate position. (Rule 19.B, Call, I.I & Reg. 4.33)
5. Election of At-Large Delegates and Alternates
- a. The election of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur at the State Convention on May 31, 2020 after pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been elected. The procedures and rules for election of delegates and alternates at the State Convention are found in the 2020-2021 DFL Call, which is attached as Appendix #1 to this Plan. (Rule 8.D & Call III) Additionally, except as provided in National Delegate Selection Rule 9.A (e.g., DNC Members, Members of Congress, Governors, and Distinguished Party Leaders), no person shall serve as an automatic delegate at any level of the delegate selection process by virtue of holding a public or party office. (Rule 9.D)
 - b. These delegates and alternates will be elected by the State Convention. (Rules 11.B & 8.D)
 - c. Priority of Consideration
 - (1) In the election of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, women, LGBTQ+ Americans, youth, persons with disabilities, and veterans. (Rule 6.A.3 & Rule 7)
 - (2) To continue the DFL Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically under-represented in the DFL Party's affairs and to assist in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of consideration shall be given other groups by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status, or disability. (Rules 5.C, 6.A.3, & 7 & Reg. 4.8)
 - (3) The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women as far as mathematically practicable, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion section of this Plan. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender (Rule 6.A & 6.C & Reg 4.9)
 - (4) Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose. (Rules 6.C.1, 11.A & Regs. 4.9 & 4.20)

6. The State DFL Chair shall certify in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the election of Minnesota's at-large delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention within ten (10) days after their election. (Rule 8.C & Call, IV.A)

E. REPLACEMENT OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following guidelines:
 - a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 19.D.3)
 - (1) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior to or during the National Convention and the alternate replaces the delegate for the remainder of the National Convention.
 - (2) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and gender of the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
 - (a) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.
 - (b) If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alternate permanently replaces a delegate of a different gender, thereby causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, notwithstanding Rule 19.D.2, the State Central Committee shall, at the time of a subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a person of a different gender, in order to return the delegation to equal division of men and women. (Reg. 4.36)
 - (3) If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not certified to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies, or is no longer eligible to serve, he or she shall be replaced, after consultation with the State Party, by the authorized representative of the presidential candidate whom he or she is pledged. (Rule 19.D.2)
 - b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (Rule 19.D.4)
 - (1) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a limited period of time during the convention and an alternate temporarily acts in the delegate's place.
 - (2) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate they replace, and to the extent possible shall be of the same gender and from the same political subdivision within the state as the delegate.
 - c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary replacements of delegates: (Rule 19.D.1)
 - (1) Whenever more than one alternate is eligible to be a permanent or temporary replacement of a delegate, the replacement shall be selected by lot from the group determined under paragraph a. or b. of eligible alternates pledged to that presidential preference (including uncommitted status). The drawing of lots will be

conducted in public by the State DFL Chair, or the Chair's designee, following notification to the representative of each presidential candidate.

d. Certification of Replacements

- (1) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the State DFL Chair. (Rule 19.D.3)
- (2) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alternate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in writing by the State DFL Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected. (Call, IV.D.1)
- (3) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is scheduled to convene. (Call IV.D.1 & Reg. 4.35)
- (4) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the Delegation Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective delegate's vote on the delegation tally sheet (Call IX.F.3.e, IX.F.3.c & Reg. 5.6)

- e. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the same gender and, to the extent possible, from the same political subdivision as the alternate being replaced. However, if the vacancy is due to an alternate replacing a delegate, then the new alternate must be from the same political subdivision from which the original delegate was elected. If possible, the replacement shall be selected from among the group of unsuccessful candidates for that alternate position, with preference being given to the person who received the next highest number of votes. (Rule 19.F)

2. Automatic delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances: (Call IV.D.2 & Reg. 4.37)

- a. Members of Congress and the DFL Governor (if applicable) shall not be entitled to name a replacement. In the event of changes or vacancies in the Minnesota Congressional Delegation, following the official confirmation and prior to the commencement of the National Convention, the DNC Secretary shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives or the Democratic Conference of the U.S. Senate. In the event of a change or vacancy in Minnesota's office of Governor, the DNC shall recognize only such changes as have been officially recognized by the Democratic Governors' Association. (Call IV.D.2.a)
- b. Members of the Democratic National Committee shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to a replacement, except in the case of death of such delegates. In the case where Minnesota's DNC membership changes following the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corresponding change of Automatic delegates. (Call IV.D.2.b)

- c. Automatic distinguished Party Leader delegates allocated to the state pursuant to Rule 9.A.5., shall not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall the state be entitled to name a replacement. (Call IV.D.2.c)
- d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an Automatic delegate. (Call IX.F.3.e)

SECTION IV

CONVENTION STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Minnesota has been allocated 3 member(s) on each of the three (3) standing committees for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform, and Rules), for a total of 9 members. (Call VII.A & Appendix D)
2. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. (Call VII.A.3)
3. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated below. (Rule 1.G)

B. STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Minnesota's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on May 31, 2020, following the State Convention. (Call VII.B.1)
 - b. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to elect the standing committee members. (Call VII.B.1)
2. Allocation of Members
 - a. The members of the standing committees allocated to Minnesota shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in Minnesota's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment pursuant to Rule 14.E. of the Delegate Selection Rules. (Call VII.C.1 & Reg. 5.9)
 - b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to Minnesota. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. (Call VII.C.2)
 - c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position. (Call VII.C.3)
 - d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three (3) standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing

committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions. (Call VII.C.4)

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review

- a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of Minnesota's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members. (Call VII.D.1)
- b. The State DFL Chair shall ask presidential candidates to file a waiver of candidate right of approval with the State DFL Chair by March 2, 2020. If any candidate has not filed a waiver, that presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State DFL Chair, at least 30 minutes prior to the election, a minimum of one (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee, and the delegation shall elect the standing committee members from among the names submitted by such presidential candidates (including uncommitted status). Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one (1) person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees. (Call VII.D.2)
- c. For all candidates who have filed waivers, and for uncommitted status, individuals may be nominated for election to standing committee positions by any member of the delegation.

4. Election Procedure to Achieve Equal Division

- a. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Minnesota's affirmative action, outreach, and inclusion goals and that their respective members are equally divided between the men and women determined by gender self-identification. (Rule 6.1 & Reg. 4.20)
- b. The delegation will determine the process that it will use to achieve equal division of the standing committee members, provided that the resulting membership shall consist of five members of one gender and four members of the other, and that each committee's membership shall consist of two members of one gender and one member of the other.

5. Certification and Substitution

- a. The State DFL Chair shall certify the standing committee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after their election. (Call VII.B.3)
- b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is elected, but not later than 48 hours before the respective committee meets. (Call VII.B.4)

SECTION V**THE DELEGATION**

- A. Minnesota will elect one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and three (3) persons to serve as Convention Pages. (Call IV.E, F.1 & Appendix C)
- B. DELEGATION CHAIR
1. Selection Meeting
 - a. The Delegation Chair shall be elected by a quorum of the state's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on May 31, 2020, following the State Convention. (Call IV.E and VII.B.1)
 - b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to elect the Delegation Chair. (Rule 3.C)
 2. The State DFL Chair shall certify the Delegation Chair in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after his or her election. (Call IV.E)
- C. CONVENTION PAGES
1. Three (3) individuals will be selected to serve as Minnesota's Convention Pages by the State DFL Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from the state. This selection will take place May 31, 2020, following the State Convention. (Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7)
 2. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women (determined by self-identification) as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect as much as possible the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion guidelines in the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plan. In the case of gender non-binary pages, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the pages shall be equally divided. (Reg. 5.7.A)
 3. The State DFL Chair shall certify the individuals to serve as Minnesota's Convention Pages in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. (Call IV.F.3 & Reg. 5.7.B)

SECTION VI

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

A. INTRODUCTION

1. The Minnesota DFL will nominate 10 persons to serve as Presidential Electors for the 2020 Presidential election.

B. SELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS (CALL VIII.)

1. Nominees for Presidential Elector and alternate Presidential Elector are made by each major political party at conventions called and held under the supervision of the respective state central committees of the parties of the state of Minnesota. (MN Statute 208.03) The Minnesota DFL's Presidential Electors will be partially selected by the district-level conventions and partially selected by the state convention. Each of Minnesota's 8 districts will select 1 Presidential Elector and 1 alternate Presidential Elector. The state convention will select 2 Presidential Electors and 2 alternate Presidential Electors. (MN Statute 208.03)
2. At the district and state levels, the Minnesota DFL nominees for Presidential Elector and alternate Presidential Elector will be selected by the delegates and upgraded alternates to each convention. The procedures and rules for selection of Presidential Electors and alternate Presidential Electors are found in the 2020-2021 DFL Call, which is attached as Appendix #1 to this Plan.
3. Congressional District Conventions will be held from May 2 to May 29, 2020. Contact the State DFL Office after February 6, 2020 for exact locations, dates and times of the Congressional District Conventions.

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The state convention Presidential Elector election will be held on May 31, 2020.

4. The list of DFL Presidential Electors and alternate Presidential Electors shall be certified by the Minnesota DFL Chair, and submitted to the Minnesota Secretary of State's office at least 71 days before the general election. (MN Statute 208.03)

C. AFFIRMATION

1. Each nominee for DFL Presidential Elector and alternate Presidential Elector shall certify in writing that they will vote for the election of the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees. (Call VIII, MN Statute 208.43)
2. In the selection of the Presidential Electors, the Minnesota DFL will take the following steps to ensure the persons selected are bona fide DFL'ers who are faithful to the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United States, who subscribe to the substance, intent, and principles of the Charter and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States (call VIII):

- a. Require caucus attendees to affirm they consider themselves a member of the DFL Party, are not an active member of any other political party, and that they agree with the principles of the DFL Party as stated in the DFL Constitution and Bylaws.
- b. State law requires nominees to pledge: “If selected for the position of elector, I agree to serve and to mark my ballots for president and vice president for the nominees for those offices of the party that nominated me.” (MN Statute 208.43). An elector that does not fulfill their pledge is deemed to have vacated their office and a substitute elector is selected pursuant to state law. (MN Statutes 208.45 & 208.46)

SECTION VII

GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PROCEDURAL GUARANTEES

- A. The MINNESOTA DFL Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the “six basic elements” as listed below. As our Party strives to progress in the fight against discrimination of all kinds, these six basic elements have evolved and grown along with the constant push for more inclusion and empowerment. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the DFL Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate election process. (Rules 4.A, 4.B, & 4.C)
1. All public meetings at all levels of the Minnesota DFL Party should be open to all members of the Minnesota DFL Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status, or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). (Rule 4.B.1)
 2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Minnesota DFL Party should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the DFL Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.2)
 3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Minnesota DFL Party on all levels should be publicized fully and, in such manner, as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. (Rule 4.B.3)
 4. The Minnesota DFL Party, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on “status.” (Rule 4.B.4)
 5. The Minnesota DFL Party should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for election of DFL Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of the Minnesota DFL Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each election procedure at all levels of the DFL Party organization. As part of this, the Minnesota DFL Party should develop a strategy to provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. (Rule 4.B.5)
 6. The Minnesota DFL Party should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the DFL Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within the DFL Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office. (Rule 4.B.6)
- B. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Minnesota DFL Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B)
- C. Minnesota’s delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, i.e. the number of men and women shall not vary by more than one. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all automatic delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal

division as determined by gender self-identification. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. (Rule 6.C)

- D. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference. (Rule 13.A)
- E. No delegate at any level of the delegate election process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected. (Rule 13.I)
- F. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. (Rule 13.J)
- G. All delegates, alternates, and standing committee members must be bona fide Democrats who are faithful to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith. (Rule 13.H, Call VII.A.4, & Reg. 4.26)
- H. Forty percent of the eligible members of any Party body above the first level of the delegate election process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to the election of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee members, and other official Convention participants. (Rule 16)
- I. Proxy voting is not allowed at any level. (Rule 17 & Reg. 4.32)
- J. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate election process. (Rule 18.A)
- K. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate election ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official DFL Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate election process. (Rule 18.B)
- L. All steps in the delegate election process must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plan and the filing of presidential candidates. (Rules 1.F & 12.B)
- M. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention, Minnesota thereby undertakes to assure all Democratic voters in the state full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate election process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action, outreach, and inclusion programs toward that end, and that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be elected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention. (Call II.B)

SECTION VIII

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, OUTREACH AND INCLUSION PLAN

A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION

1. Purpose and Objectives

- a. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party which includes rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirmative action, outreach, and inclusion is hereby adopted by the Minnesota DFL Party. (Rule 5.A)
- b. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of DFL Party affairs is prohibited. (Rule 5.B)
- c. All public meetings at all levels of the Minnesota DFL Party should be open to all members of the DFL Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as “status”). (Rule 4.B.1)
- d. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to including groups historically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or disability, the Minnesota DFL Party has developed Party outreach programs. Such programs include recruitment, education and training, in order to achieve full participation by such groups and diversity in the delegate election process and at all levels of Party affairs for 2019-2020. (Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.8) These programs will be designed to pro-actively reach out to Minnesota’s various Democratic constituencies including groups such as, but not limited to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, women, cultural identities, ethnic groups, youth, persons over 65 years of age, gay men, lesbians, bi-sexual and transgender (LGBTQ+), workers, veterans, and persons with disabilities, to heighten the awareness of these groups and the Democratic Party’s desire to have them fully participate.
- e. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate election process and in all Party affairs, the Minnesota DFL Party has adopted and will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (Rule 6.A and 7)
 - (1) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the delegate election process and in Party organizations at all levels by the aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic electorate. (Rule 6.A.1)
 - (2) This goal shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the Party’s imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate election process or in any other Party affairs. (Rule 6.A.2)
 - (3) For the delegate selection process, “Youth” is defined as any participant younger than 36 years old at the time of election. (Reg. 5.3.A)
 - (4) For the delegate selection process, individuals identifying as Native Americans should provide their tribal affiliation and indicate if they are enrolled in a tribe. (Reg. 5.3.B)

- f. In order to achieve full participation of other groups that may be under-represented in Party affairs, including members of the LGBTQ+ community, youth, persons with disabilities, and veterans, the Minnesota DFL Party has adopted and will implement Inclusion Programs with specific numerical goals. With the goal as those indicated in VII.A.1.e.1 and 2. (Rule 7)
2. Organizational Structure
 - a. The State DFL Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission for the purposes of the Minnesota National Delegate Selection Plan shall consist of the members of the State DFL Outreach and Inclusion Committee as constituted in the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws and members representing the DFL Community Caucuses and Community Outreach Organizations as set forth in the Introduction to the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plan. The Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion appointment process was completed March 1, 2019. (Rule 6.F)
 - b. The State DFL Chair shall certify in writing to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compliance of the State's Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission with Rules 5.C, 6.A and 7, and submit the names, demographic data and contact information no later than 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2.J)
 - c. The Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission shall be responsible for:
 - (1) Reviewing the proposed Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plans and making recommendations to the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee and the State DFL Chair. (Rule 6.F)
 - (2) Reviewing the proposed Inclusion Programs and making recommendations to the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee and the State DFL Chair.
 - (3) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion section of this Plan.
 - (4) Directing the implementation of a specific outreach and financial assistance program for persons of low and moderate income to encourage their participation and representation in the national convention delegation. (Rule 6.G)
 - (5) Ensuring, on behalf of the State Central Committee, that district lines used in the delegate election process are not gerrymandered to discriminate against African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and women. (Rule 6.E)
 - d. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission shall be provided by the State DFL Party to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not limited to, making available on a priority basis, the State Party staff and volunteers and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this Plan.
 3. Implementation of the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plan shall begin on or before September 1, 2019, with the distribution of the press kits, and will continue through the end of the delegate election process. (Rule 1.F)

B. EFFORTS TO EDUCATE ON THE DELEGATE ELECTION PROCESS

1. Well publicized educational workshops will be conducted in each of the delegate districts beginning by September 1, 2019. These workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate election process, including apprising potential delegate candidates of the availability of financial assistance. These workshops will be held in places that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities. The times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings and other events involved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the party organization and include mailings to various organizations representative of the Democratic voting populace. (Rules 3.A, 3.C, & 3.D)
2. A speaker's bureau of volunteers from the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the process, will be organized to appear before groups, as needed, to provide information concerning the process.
3. The State DFL Party's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders and members within the DFL Party's Community Caucuses and Community Outreach Organizations and making sure that information about the delegate election process is available.
4. The State DFL Party will publish and make available at no cost: a clear and concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate election process; an explanation of how, where and when persons can register to vote; and delegate district maps. As well, the State Party shall also make available copies of the 2020-2021 State DFL Call, this Delegate Selection Plan (and its attachments), and the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plan at no cost. Copies of documents related to Minnesota's delegate election process will be prepared and the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission will distribute them in the various delegate districts not later than September 1, 2019. (Rule 1.H)
5. The State DFL Party shall take all feasible steps to encourage persons to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and easy registration procedures. (Rule 2.C)
6. The Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission will develop a DFL strategy to be implemented beginning September 1 that will provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation. (Rule 4.B.5)

C. EFFORTS TO PUBLICIZE THE DELEGATE ELECTION PROCESS

1. The State DFL shall direct special attention to publicizing the delegate election process in the state. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and location of each stage of the delegate election process, and where to get additional information. The foregoing information will also be published in the *DFL Dispatch* e-mail newsletter and the State DFL Party website. The Party organization, official, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event, shall effectively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the election of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. (Rules 3.C and 3.D)

2. Newspapers, radio and television will be utilized to inform the general public how, when and where to participate in the delegate election process. Specifically, this information should provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Special effort shall be directed to the major daily newspapers, radio, and television stations by the State DFL Chair, Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission members, and staff. Regular releases during the delegate election process to all other media sources, weekly newspapers, and wire services should complete timely coverage. Attached Exhibit #2 contains a listing of the media outlets to receive this information, as part “A” (“Major Daily Newspapers, Radio and Television Stations”) and part “B”- (“Other ‘Non-Minority’ Media Outlets.”)] (Rules 4.B.3 & 6.D)
3. A priority effort shall be directed at publicity among the DFL Party’s constituencies.
 - a. Information about the delegate election process will be provided to minority newspapers and radio stations, ethnic press, African Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Spanish-speaking and other non-English press, radio stations and publications, and women’s organizations, student newspapers, LGBTQ+ press, disability press, senior press, disseminated through social media, and any other specialty media in the state that is likely to reach the Democratic constituency groups set forth in the Introduction of this Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plan.
 - b. The State Party shall be responsible for the implementation of this publicity effort. (Part “C” of the attached Exhibit #2 is a list of “Constituency and Specialty Media Outlets and Targeted Groups.”) For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate election process, the times, dates, places and rules for the conduct of caucuses and conventions shall be effectively publicized, bilingually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups. (Rule 6.D)
4. Not later than September 1, 2019 a press kit in print and electronic format shall be made and provided to each daily and weekly newspaper as well as to the electronic media. The press kit will include:
 - a. a summary of all pertinent rules related to Minnesota’s delegate election process;
 - b. a map of delegate districts and how many delegates will be elected within each district;
 - c. a summary explaining the operation and importance of the 2020 Convention; and
 - d. materials designed to encourage participation by prospective delegate candidates.

D. REPRESENTATION GOALS

1. The State DFL Party has determined the demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Minnesota’s Democratic electorate. These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation in the state’s convention delegation. (Rule 6.A)
2. The State Party has determined the demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, persons with disabilities, youth, and veterans in the state’s Democratic electorate and furthermore, the State Party has chosen to establish these percentages as goals for representation in Minnesota’s National Convention delegation.

3. The method used for the study of the demographic composition of the state's Democratic electorate was as follows:
 - a. The State Party's Training and Party Affairs Director assembled data for the State Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission.

These calculations require many different kinds of data to use as inputs, and we chose to focus primarily on data sources that are publicly available, up to date, and reliable. For estimates of overall citizen voting-age population and the prevalence of each subgroup in the state, we used data from the Census Bureau's most recent American Community Survey (ACS) datasets¹. The ACS provides CVAP estimates split out by race and ethnicity², allowing us to combine steps (1) and (2) below. For young voters and disabled voters, we estimated the percentage of eligible voters in those categories in the state by dividing the disabled and youth population size by the voting-age population size. Veterans were added by the Minnesota Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission. They voted to add the goal of one delegate in this new category. The percentage presented was determined using the ACS data and followed that same method used for other demographic groups.

The only exception to using ACS data was in the estimation of the LGBT population, which is not quantified by the ACS. For this, we relied on Gallup's report on LGBT identification by state, which is based on more than 400,000 interviews from 2015-2016³. Our estimates also required the choice of a proxy for Democratic support that would be comparable in meaning across states. This latter requirement excluded the use of party registration, so we instead chose to use the 2018 DNC partisanship model as our indicator of Democratic support. We used a combination of ethnicity models, voter file self-reported race where available, and a combination of voter file age and modeled age to estimate support by race and among young voters. For disabled voters, we assigned Democratic support rates equal to those of the overall populations in the state⁴, based on surveys suggesting that Democratic support among disabled voters is similar to that of non-disabled voters. For LGBT voters, we assigned a single national estimate of Democratic support based on 2018 exit polls⁵. In that survey, Democrats held a 6.3 to 1 advantage over Republicans in terms of party identification, so we use that same ratio in our calculations of Democratic support from LGBT voters in the state.

The changes made on demographic trends were based on US Census data collected by MN Compass which found that in MN, people of color are 20% of the population. Although POC lean Democratic, their underrepresentation in Democratic Electorate number above is likely due to lower turnout and access to polls⁶. In MN, young people are much more likely to be people of color; there is large overlap between the 32% youth electorate and the 20% POC electorate. MN POC population increased 26% from 2010 to 2017 (MN white population increased 1% over that period)⁶. People with disabilities are 11.2% of MN population⁶.

¹ <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/>

² <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/voting-rights/cvap.html>

³ <https://news.gallup.com/poll/203513/vermont-leads-states-lgbt-identification.aspx>

⁴ <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/09/22/a-political-profile-of-disabled-americans/>

⁵ <https://www.nbcnews.com/feature/nbc-out/record-lgbt-support-democrats-midterms-nbc-news-exitpoll-shows-n934211>

⁶ <https://www.mncompass.org/demographics/overview>

- b. From the data provided, the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission determined the size of the Democratic Electorate for the groups for which goals were to be recommended.
- c. The guide for how to determine the size of the Democratic electorate for constituency groups was as follows:
 - 1. Estimate the number of Democrats in the state by multiplying the size of the state’s citizen voting-age population (CVAP) by the level of Democratic support in that state
 - 2. Estimate the number of eligible voters from each demographic group in the state by multiplying the state’s CVAP by the percentage of the population belonging to each group in the state
 - 3. Estimate the number of Democrats in each demographic group in the state by multiplying the size of each group in the state by the level of Democratic support from each group in the state
 - 4. Estimate the prevalence of each demographic group among Democratic supporters in the state by dividing our estimates of the number of Democrats in each group in the state by our estimates of the number of Democrats in the state

To give an example of this calculation in practice, we estimate for the 2020 National Delegate Selection Plan that in Minnesota:

- There are 3,980,475 eligible voters, based on age and citizenship
- 30% of the citizen voting-age population is younger than 35 years old
- 50% of Minnesota’s overall population supports Democrats
- Our support among youth in Minnesota is 53%

In this example, we would estimate that there are 1,980,319 Democrats in the state overall, 1,188,333 youth eligible voters, and 633,610 youth Democrats. Our final calculations would therefore estimate that youth represent 32% of Democrats in Minnesota.

The Minnesota Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission decided to adjust our delegate count to represent changing demographics of the state that may not be fully represented in the data used and to further encourage participation by historically underrepresented parts of our population as is further explained above.

- 5. The goal recommended by the Commission for each group should be close to or above the number determined in the above manner.

	African Americans	Latinos (Hispanics)	Native Americans	Asian/Pacific Americans	LGBTQ+ Americans	Persons with Disabilities	Youth (18-35)	Veterans
% in Democratic Electorate	7%	4%	1%	4%	7%	13%	32%	7%
Numeric Goals for Delegation	11	6	3	6	11	12	30	6

4. When electing the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (district-level, pledged PLEO, and Automatic) shall be compared with the State Party's representation goals in order to achieve an at-large election process that helps to bring about a representative balance. (Rule 11.A)
5. Use of the at-large delegation to achieve the affirmative action and inclusion goals established by this Plan does not obviate the need for the State DFL Party to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education and training at all levels of the delegate election process. (Rule 6.A.3)

E. OBLIGATIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TO MAXIMIZE PARTICIPATION

1. Presidential candidates shall assist the DFL Party in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plan. (Rule 6.H)
2. Each presidential candidate must submit a written statement to the State DFL Chair by October 1, 2019 which indicates the specific steps they will take to encourage full participation in Minnesota's delegate election process, including, but not limited to, procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. (Rule 6.H.1)
3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate. (Rule 6.H.2)
4. Presidential candidates shall use their best effort to ensure that their respective delegations within Minnesota's delegate, alternate and standing committee delegations shall achieve the affirmative action and inclusion goals reflected in the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plan and that the number of men and the number of women in their respective delegations shall not differ by more than one (as determined by gender self-identification). Furthermore, presidential candidates shall use their best efforts at the district level to approve delegate and alternate candidates who meet applicable equal division, affirmative action, and inclusion considerations in order to achieve the affirmative action and inclusion goals and equal division for their respective delegations. (Rule 6.C, 6.I & Reg. 4.10)

F. OUTREACH AND INCLUSION PROGRAMS

1. In order to achieve full participation of other groups that may be under-represented in Party affairs, including members of the LGBTQ+ community, youth and persons with disabilities, the Minnesota DFL Party has adopted goals as indicated in Section D., above, and will implement Inclusion Programs.
2. The State DFL Party has taken reasonable steps to determine the composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, persons with disabilities, and youth in the state's Democratic electorate, as described in Section D.2, above.
3. In securing this level of full participation, the State DFL Party will proactively collaborate with the DFL Community Caucuses and Community Outreach Organizations to gain participation from underrepresented groups, and will conduct the education and publicity outreach efforts outlined in Sections B and C of this Section respectively.

4. The State DFL Party to achieve full participation for seniors will implement an Inclusion Program with education and public outreach efforts outlined in Sections B & C of this Section respectfully.
5. The State DFL Party, in consultation with the DFL Disability Caucus, will make reasonable accommodations to facilitate greater participation by persons with disabilities. All facilities will be accessible, printed materials will be available in alternative formats such as large print, and interpretation services for the hearing impaired will be provided when necessary.
6. The State DFL Party will more fully elaborate on these programs in our training materials.

SECTION IX

CHALLENGES

A. JURISDICTION & STANDING

1. Challenges related to the delegate election process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (Regs., Sec. 3.), and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.” (Call Appendix A)
2. Under Rule 21.B. of the *2020 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of state Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (Rule 21.B & Call Appendix A)
3. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention. (Call Appendix A & Reg., 3.1)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.” (Call Appendix A)
5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the *Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention*. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (Call VII.B.5)
6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (Appendix A), shall be made available by the State Party upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of 15 Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (Appendix A, Sec. 2.A), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

B. CHALLENGES TO THE STATUS OF THE STATE PARTY AND CHALLENGES TO THE PLAN

1. A challenge to the status of the State Central Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from that state shall be filed with the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the initiation of Minnesota’s delegate election process. (Rule 21.A & Reg. 3.4.A)
2. A challenge to the Minnesota Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the State DFL Chair and the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee within fifteen (15) calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State DFL Party. (Reg. 3.4.B)
3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the RBC Regulations, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

C. CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTATION

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate election process. (Reg. 3.1.C)
2. An implementation challenge brought before the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Central Committee and with the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than fifteen (15) days after the alleged violation occurred. The State DFL Party has twenty-one (21) days to render a decision. Within ten (10) days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the State DFL Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within ten (10) days after expiration of the above twenty-one (21) day period. (Regs. 3.4.C, 3.4.E, & 3.4.H)
3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If the State DFL Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action program, the State DFL Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition or primary results. (Rule 6.B) The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion section of this Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of Minnesota's delegate election process. (Reg. 3.4.C)
4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VIII.A above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

SECTION X

SUMMARY OF PLAN

A. SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Minnesota will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the presidential primary apportioning its delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Minnesota’s delegate selection process will occur on March 3, 2020 with a primary.

Delegates and alternates will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

Type	Delegates	Alternates	Date of Election	Electing Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
District-Level Delegates	49	n/a	May 2 – May 29, 2020	Electing Body: Congressional District Conventions <i>File statement with convention chair at least two hours prior to election.</i>
Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates*	16	n/a	n/a	Automatic by virtue of respective public or Party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)	10	***	May 31, 2020	Electing Body: State Convention <i>File statement with State DFL Chair at least two hours prior to election.</i>
At-Large Delegates At-Large Alternates	16	6	May 31, 2020	Electing Body: State Convention <i>File statement with State DFL Chair at least two hours prior to election or immediately after the selection of Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials.</i>
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	91	6		

* Automatic Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates includes the following categories, if applicable, who legally reside in the state: the Democratic National Committee Members, all Democratic Members of Congress, the DFL Governor, and any other Distinguished Party Leader as specified in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 *Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact number of Automatic PLEO Delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections or special elections.

*** Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) alternates are elected with the At-Large alternates.

B. ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (For the Credentials, Platform and Rules Committees)

Standing committee members will be elected by the state’s National Convention delegates as summarized below:

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
3	9	May 31, 2020	If presidential candidate has not filed candidate waiver, candidate or authorized representative shall file list of standing committee candidates with the State DFL Chair at least thirty minutes prior to election. If presidential candidate has filed candidate waiver, individuals are nominated for standing committees at the time of the election by the National Delegates.

C. ELECTION OF DELEGATION CHAIR AND SELECTION OF CONVENTION PAGES

The Delegation Chair will be elected by the National Convention Delegates on May 31, 2020. Three (3) Convention Pages will be selected by the State DFL Chair on May 31, 2020.

D. SELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

The nominees for Minnesota DFL Presidential Elector and alternate Presidential Elector will be partially selected by the district conventions and partially selected by the state convention. The district conventions selection will be held May 2 – May 29, 2020 (1 Elector and 1 alternate Elector for each of Minnesota’s 8 Congressional Districts). The state convention selection will be held May 31, 2020 (2 Electors and 2 alternate Electors).

E. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE

Presidential candidates must file their statement of candidacy and certify the name of their authorized representative(s) to the State DFL Chair by delivering to the Chair a letter to be received not later than 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time on December 10, 2019. (Rule 11.B)

F. TIMETABLE (REG. 2.2.B.)

Date	Activity
2018	
April-June	Majority of Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission was chosen
2019	
March 1	State Chair notifies DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee of State Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission membership with demographic and contact information.
March 16	Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee begins drafting Delegate Selection Plan.
March 20	Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission meets to finalize draft proposed Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plan
April 1	Public comments are solicited on the proposed Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plans. Press releases are mailed announcing the public comment period.
April 30	Period for public comment on state Plan is concluded. Responses are compiled for review by the State Central Committee.

Date	Activity
May 4	State Party Committee reviews public comments and adopts revised Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plans for submission to DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. Press releases are mailed announcing the approval of the Plan.
May 7	Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plans are forwarded to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee.
September 1	State Party begins implementation of the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plan. Press kits, as described in the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plan, are sent to all state media.
October 1	Deadline for each announced presidential candidate to submit a statement specifying steps the candidate will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process. (Individuals who announce their candidacy after this date must provide this full participation statement to the State Party not later than 30 days after their announcement.)
November 15	Presidential candidate statement of candidacy, authorized representative, and waiver of right of approval forms are available from the State DFL Party Headquarters.
December 10	Presidential candidate deadline for filing statement of candidacy and certifying the name(s) of their authorized representative(s) to the State DFL Chair. Letters must be received by the State DFL Chair not later than 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time.
2020	
January 3	Delegate and alternate candidates may obtain the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms and filing instructions from State DFL Headquarters, in person, by mail, or from State Party's web site at [www.dfl.org] .
February 25	Precinct Caucuses
March 2	Presidential candidate deadline for filing with the State DFL Chair the waiver of right of approval for the election of district-level delegates and alternates, at-large delegates and alternates, PLEO delegates and alternates, and standing committee members.
March 3	Presidential Primary
March 7 to April 19	Organizing Unit Conventions to elect delegates and alternates to State Convention (who also serve as Congressional District level delegates and alternates).
March 10	Secretary of State to certify results of the primary and present a recount plan, if needed.
April 23	Deadline for State DFL Office to allocate district-level delegates and alternates according to presidential preference or uncommitted status.
May 2 to May 29	Congressional District conventions to elect district-level delegates and alternates. District-level delegate and alternate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with convention chair is two hours prior to election if supporting candidate who has not filed a waiver of right of approval. Convention chair provides list of district-level delegates and alternates 90 minutes prior to election to the respective Presidential candidates who have not filed a waiver. Presidential candidates who have not filed a waiver provide approved list of delegate and alternate candidates to convention chair at least 30 minutes prior to election.
May 12 to June 8	State DFL Party certifies elected district-level delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within ten days after each Congressional District Convention.
May 30	State Convention convenes.
May 31	At-large and pledged PLEO delegates are elected by the State Convention.
May 31	Pledged PLEO and at-large delegate or alternate candidate deadline for filing the statement of candidacy and pledge of support forms with State DFL Chair is two hours prior to relevant election if supporting a candidate who has not filed a waiver of right of approval.
May 31	State DFL Chair provides list of PLEO and at-large delegate and alternate candidates 90 minutes prior to each election to the respective presidential candidates who have not filed a waiver.
May 31	Presidential candidates who have not filed a waiver provide approved list of pledged PLEO delegate candidates to State DFL Chair at least 30 minutes prior to election. Pledged PLEO delegates are elected by the State Convention.

Date	Activity
May 31	Presidential candidates who have not filed a waiver provide approved list of at-large delegate and alternate candidates to State DFL Chair at least 30 minutes prior to election. At-large delegates and alternates are elected by the State Convention.
May 31	National Convention delegation meeting. Presidential candidates who have not filed a waiver submit lists of candidates for standing committee members to State DFL Chair at least 30 minutes prior to election. Delegates elect National Convention standing committee members and delegation chair. State DFL Chair names convention pages.
June 2	State DFL Party certifies the delegation chair, convention pages, and standing committee members.
June 10	State DFL Party certifies remainder of elected delegates and alternates (PLEOs, and at-large).

EXHIBITS TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, OUTREACH, AND INCLUSION PLAN**A. MEMBERS OF THE STATE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, OUTREACH, AND INCLUSION COMMISSION**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Constituency Group</u>
Wael Abdelkader	Muslim/Arab/African
John Bell	Youth
Christy Caez Claudio	Hispanic/Disability
Samuel Doten	LGBTQ
Renita Fisher	African American
Karl Forsberg	Caucasian
Tiffani Forslund	African American
Claudia Fuentes	Latina
Ron Harris	DNC Member/African American
Abdikadir Hassan	Somali American
Joel Heller	Native American/Veteran
Manilan Houle	Native American/LGBTQ
Del Jenkins	LGBTQ
Afton Josette	Youth
Babar Khan	Muslim/Asian and Pacific Islander
Lance La Mont	Native American
Darcy McKenzie	Caucasian
Keith McLain	Disability
Mia Olson	Caucasian
Christa Otteson	Not Disclosed
Adi Penugonda	Asian American and Pacific Islander/Youth/LGBTQ/Labor
Omar Podi	Somali American
Leah Rogne	Senior
Rory Rohloff	Disability
Shireen Sakizadeh McConnell	Iranian American/Disability
Karla Sand	Senior/Disability
Shivanthi Sathanandan	State DFL Outreach Officer/Asian and Pacific Islander/LGBTQ
Jadzia Sembla	LGBTQ/Disability
Michael Shay	Disability
Dyna Sluyter	Not Disclosed
Mark Stroessner	Native American
Dan Thomas-Commins	Youth/LGBTQ
Denise Todd	African American
Renee Van Nett	Native American
Pa Chua Vang	Hmong American
Karen Wills	Senior
Scott Yeazle	Native American/Labor
Anna Yliniemi	Not Disclosed
Dale Ziner	Disability
Ken Martin	State DFL Chair/Caucasian

B. MEDIA OUTLETS TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE DELEGATE SELECTION PROCESS

1. Major Daily Newspapers, Radio and Television Stations

NEWSPAPER

Associated Press
 Preludium News Service
 ECM Media
 Sun Current Papers
 Pioneer Press
 Star Tribune
 New Ulm Journal
 Worthington Daily Globe
 Fairmont Sentinel
 Mankato Free Press
 Owatonna People's Press
 Albert Lea Tribune
 Austin Daily Herald
 Austin Post Bulletin
 Rochester Post Bulletin
 Rochester Democrat
 Winona Daily News
 Faribault Daily News
 St. Cloud Times
 Monticello Times
 West Central Tribune
 Fergus Falls Journal
 Fargo Forum
 Brainerd Dispatch
 Duluth News Tribune
 Hibbing Daily Tribune
 Mesabi Daily News

DIGITAL MEDIA

[youtube.com/user/DemocraticVisions](https://www.youtube.com/user/DemocraticVisions)

RADIO

Air America Radio 950AM
 Minnesota Farm Network
 MPR
 Minnesota News Network
 KSTP (94.5 FM)
 KTLK
 WCCO AM 830
 KFAN
 KQRS (92.5 FM)
 WFMP 107
 WLTE
 K12
 KDWB

 KAXE (91.7 FM)
 Connecting you to Northern MN
 Grand Rapids/Bemidji/Brainerd
 (218) 326-1234
 comments@kaxe.org
 KBEM (88.5 FM)
 Jazz88
 North High School

Minneapolis/St. Paul
 (612) 668-1735
 studio@jazz88fm.com
 KBFT (89.9 FM)
 Bois Forte Tribal Community
 Radio
 Nett Lake
 (218) 757-3185
 gstrong@boisforte-nsn.gov
 KBXE (90.5 FM)
 Connecting you to Northern MN.
 Bemidji/Bagley
 (218) 218-333-9005
 comments@kbxe.org
 KFAI (90.3 FM)
 Fresh Air Radio
 Minneapolis/St. Paul
 (612) 341-3144
 webteam@kfai.org
 KKWE (K K White Earth) (89.9 FM)
 Nijjii Radio
 607 Main St.
 Callaway, MN 56521
 218-375-2012
 kkwe899fm@gmail.com
 KMSU (89.7 FM – Mankato, 91.3 FM -
 Austin)
 The Maverick
 Minnesota State University
 Mankato
 (507) 389-5678
 james.gullickson@mnsu.edu
 karen.wright@mnsu.edu
 KOJB (90.1 FM)
 The Eagle
 Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
 Cass Lake
 (218) 339-5652
 brad.walhof@llojibwe.org
 KQAL (89.5 FM)
 Your Radio Alternative
 Winona State University, Winona
 (507) 457-2222
 KQALFM@winona.edu

 KRPR (89.9 FM)
 Classic Rock Without the Talk
 2630 S Broadway Ste. 500
 Rochester, MN 55904
 (507) 288-6900
 KRPR89.9@gmail.com

KSRQ (90.1 FM)
 Pioneer
 Northland Community and
 Technical College
 Thief River Falls
 (218) 683-8588
 ksrq@northlandcollege.edu

KUMD
 Independent Alternative
 University of Minnesota Duluth
 Duluth
 (218) 726-7181
 kumd@kumd.org

KUMM (103.3 FM)
 The U90 Alternative
 University of Minnesota – Morris
 Morris
 (320) 589-6076
 manager@kumm.org

KUOM AM & FM, Radio K (770 AM,
 100.7 FM, 104.5 FM)
 Real College Radio
 University of Minnesota – Twin
 Cities
 Minneapolis/St. Paul
 (612) 625-3500
 radiok@umn.edu

KVSC (88.1 FM)
 Your Sound Alternative
 St. Cloud State University
 St. Cloud
 (320) 308-3053
 info@kvsc.org

WTIP (90.7 FM)
 North Shore Community Radio
 Grand Marais
 (218) 387-1070
 wtip@boreal.org

WGZS (89.1 FM)
 89.1 FM The Moon
 Fond du Lac/Cloquet
 (218) 878-7292
 WGZS@fdlrez.com

TELEVISION

KARE Ch. 11
 KMSP Ch. 9
 KSTP Ch. 5
 WCCO Ch. 4
 TPT
 PAX
 KAAL TV - Channel 6 (Austin)
 KEYC TV - Channel 12 (Mankato)
 KTTC TV - Channel 10 (Rochester)
 WDIO TV Channel 10 (Duluth)

2. Other “Non-Minority” Media Outlets (*Included in #1, above.*)

3. Constituency and Specialty Media Outlets and Targeted Groups

AFRICAN AMERICAN

NEWSPAPERS

Insight News, Inc.
 One Nation News
 Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder

RADIO

KMOJ (89.9 FM)
 The People’s Station
 Minneapolis/St. Paul
 (612) 377-0594
 info@kmojfm.com

AFRICAN

NEWSPAPERS

African Journal

RADIO

Voice of Ethiopia
 Focus on Africa
 Voice of Oromiyaa/Sagalee Oromiyaa
 Eritrean Community in Minnesota

DISABLED

RADIO

Disabled and Proud

NEWSPAPERS

Access Press

LGBTQ+

NEWSPAPERS / MAGAZINES

Lavender Magazine

RADIO

Fresh Fruit

TV

KinPride

HMONG

NEWSPAPERS

Hmong Tribune

RADIO

Hmong Wameng Radio
 Hmong American Radio
 Hmong Minnesota Radio

LATINO

NEWSPAPERS

Vida y Sabor
La Voz Latina
Latino Midwest News
La Edición De Minnesota
La Prensa
Gente

RADIO

Centro Cultural Chicano
"Notas Latinas"
"Brisas Latinas"
La Que
La Hora Comunitaria
La Hora Latina
"Mejicano Latino Show"
"Notas Hispanas"
Radio Rey
"Sabados Alegres"
Latin Voices

TV

Latino Television Network

MIDDLE EASTERN/MUSLIM

NEWSPAPERS / MAGAZINES

Newsletter of the Islamic Center of Minnesota

TV

BelAhdan

NATIVE AMERICAN

NEWSPAPERS

Native American Press/Ojibwe News
Anishanabeg Today

RADIO

Indian Uprising
Regional Native News

SOMALI

NEWSPAPERS

Warsan Times

RADIO

Voice for the Somali Community

TV

Rochester Somali Television (RSTV)
Somali TV of MN

SOUTH ASIAN

NEWSPAPERS / MAGAZINES

Asian American Press
Asian Pages
Hmong Times
Korean Quarterly

RADIO

Sangam

TV

Geetmala
Chai City

SPORTSMEN/CONSERVATION

NEWSPAPERS

Outdoors Weekly

WOMEN

NEWSPAPERS

Minnesota Women's Press

RADIO

Womenfolk
Womanist Power Authority

ATTACHMENTS TO THE DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN

1. **A summary** of the process for electing delegates, alternates, standing committee members, the delegation chair and convention pages, and Presidential Electors, along with related deadlines. *See Section X.A. of the Plan.* (Reg. 2.2.A.)
2. **A timetable** reflecting all significant dates in the state's delegate selection process. *See Section IX.E. of the Plan.* (Reg. 2.2.B.)
3. **A statement from the State DFL Chair certifying the Plan** as submitted to the RBC was approved by the State Central Committee. (Reg. 2.2.C.)
4. **A copy of the press release** distributed by the State DFL Party announcing its adoption of the Plan and summarizing the major components of the Plan. (Reg. 2.2.D.)
5. **A statement from the State DFL Chair certifying that the proposed Plan**, including all attachments and appendices, was placed on the State Party website during the 30-day public comment period; that specific guidance was published regarding the submission of public comments on the proposed Plan; and that the plan as submitted to the RBC was approved by the State Central Committee. (Reg. 2.2.C, E. & F.)
6. **A statement from the State DFL Chair certifying that the State Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission composition complies with Rules 5.C, 6.A., and 7** and that the names, demographic data and contact information of members was submitted to the RBC 15 days after their appointment. (Reg. 2.2K.)
7. **A statement from the Chair of the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission certifying compliance with Rule 6.F.**, which requires that the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Commission has reviewed the proposed Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion plan, including any numerical goals established and outlining the reliable data and source used for goals established under Rules 5.C., 6.A., and 7. (Reg. 2.2.I & J.)
8. **Copies of all written public comments on the Plan** *[Includes information identifying each person and/or organization making the comment and where appropriate, a description of the person or group so represented, if such information has been provided or is available to the State Party.]* (Reg. 2.2.G.)
9. **A blank copy of forms to be filed with the State DFL Party by delegate candidates.** (Reg. 2.2.H.)
10. **Copies of all state statutes reasonably related to the Delegate Selection Process and the election of Presidential Electors:** (Reg. 2.2.I.)
11. **A copy of all qualifying forms to be filed with the State DFL Party by presidential candidates.** (Reg. 2.2.M.)



December 17, 2019

Secretary Steve Simon
The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State
180 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Secretary Simon,

On behalf of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, our candidates, our elected officials, and party leaders and activists throughout this great state I am pleased to submit the following Democratic Presidential candidates for inclusion on the March 3rd, 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary Ballot. Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 207A.13, the candidates named here comprise the list of ballot-approved candidates from the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party:

- Michael Bennet, Amy Klobuchar, Joseph Biden, Deval Patrick, Michael R. Bloomberg, Bernie Sanders, Cory Booker, Tom Steyer, Pete Buttigieg, Elizabeth Warren, Julián Castro, Marianne Williamson, John K. Delaney, Andrew Yang, Tulsi Gabbard, Uncommitted

Feel free to contact me if you need additional information or have any questions regarding our candidate submission.

Sincerely,

Ken Martin
Chairman
Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

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CAUCUS, CONVENTION AND ELECTION DATES

Precinct Caucuses	Tuesday, February 25, 2020
DFL Endorsed and Elected Official Convocation.....	Saturday, February 29, 2020
Presidential Primary.....	Tuesday, March 3, 2020
Conventions for Organizing Units*	March 7 – April 19, 2020
Conventions for Senate Districts that are not Organizing Units.....	March 7 – May 29, 2020
Deadline for Submitting Resolutions to Platform Committee	April 22, 2020
Congressional District Conventions	May 2 – May 29, 2020
State Convention Committee Meetings, Mayo Civic Center, Rochester, MN	May 2 – 3, 2020
State Convention, Mayo Civic Center, Rochester, MN	May 30 – 31, 2020
Democratic National Convention	July 13 – 16, 2020
Primary Election	Tuesday, August 11, 2020
First State Central Committee Meeting Post-Convention	August 15, 2020
Post-Primary Central Committee Endorsement Window	August 12 – 30, 2020
General Election.....	Tuesday, November 3, 2020
DFL 2021 Business Conference	Saturday, February 6, 2021

This is the Official Call for the 2020 Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party precinct caucuses, conventions, the 2021 Business Conference, and other Party meetings. The Call conforms with and is subordinate to the Charter of the National Democratic Party. It also conforms with and is subordinate to the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws. The provisions of the Call take precedence over other DFL party rules at any level, and govern all precinct caucuses, conventions, electoral commissions, and other Party meetings during 2020 and 2021.

Ken Martin, Chair
Marge Hoffa, Vice Chair
Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

* Organizing Units were formerly known as County Units.

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Electronic Availability of Documents

This document and all other DFL Governing Documents can be found online at:
www.dfl.org/resources/documents/

Providing reliable online access to these documents will satisfy the requirement for providing copies of documents. If paper copies are required for caucuses, please print copies in advance or contact the DFL State Party at 651-293-1200 or 1-800-999-7457.

Organizational Culture

The State Party Chair and other DFL party officers at every level shall foster and encourage a culture of engagement, civility, and inclusion among all individuals participating in official party activities.

Requests for Accommodations

Every meeting notice or call to convention or endorsing commission shall include information regarding the name of the person to contact, how to contact that person, and the deadline for requesting reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, OUTREACH, AND INCLUSION

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, OUTREACH, AND INCLUSION STATEMENT

The following Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Statement is to be read at the beginning of precinct caucuses, party conventions, and other meetings where elections or nominations occur:

“The DFL seeks to end discrimination and bigotry in all its forms and to inspire broad participation in our party. As part of our commitment to outreach and inclusion, we will take affirmative steps to increase the participation of members of all underrepresented communities. When you vote today, remember this commitment includes electing members of underrepresented communities to positions both within the DFL party and in public office.”

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, OUTREACH, AND INCLUSION REMINDER

After the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Statement has been read, the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Reminder is read in lieu of the full Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Statement before voting begins in each election.

“As you vote today, remember that the DFL is committed to electing members of underrepresented communities to positions both within the DFL Party and in public office.”

NON-DISCRIMINATION

Discrimination on the basis of any of these categories is prohibited in the conduct of DFL affairs: gender or gender identity, age, religion, economic and employment status, racial, cultural or ethnic identity, national origin, color, sexual and affectional orientation, family status, disability or veteran status.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Affirmative Action is defined for the purposes of the DFL Party as the aggressive recruitment, selection, placement, and retention of members from historically-underrepresented and excluded groups in all party affairs. This includes all party units, officers, caucuses, committees, conventions, convocations, and staff members at every level in the party.

OUTREACH AND INCLUSION

Outreach and Inclusion activities are wide-ranging, intentional, results-oriented, everyday DFL Party efforts to engage and retain participation from historically-underrepresented and excluded groups. All party units, officers, caucuses, communities, conventions, convocations, and staff members at every level in the party shall engage consistently in outreach and inclusion. By engaging underrepresented groups through collaboration, flexibility, and fairness, the DFL Party shall enable current and potential members to contribute to their fullest in all party activities.

PRECINCT CAUCUSES February 25, 2020

I. PREPARATIONS

By November 1, 2019, each organizing unit executive committee shall determine the location(s) for the February 25, 2020 precinct caucuses to be held within its organizing unit and report those location(s) to the State DFL Office.

By January 2, 2020, unless otherwise specified in the unit constitution, each organizing unit executive committee shall: 1. Determine the time and location for the organizing unit convention; 2. Adopt any modifications of the standard rules and agenda for

conduct of the precinct caucuses within that organizing unit; and 3.(a) identify the pre-convention committees that are to be used in that organizing unit, (b) specify whether the committee members are to be elected by the precinct caucuses or the organizing unit central committee, (c) specify the method for allocating committee members among the precincts, if applicable, and (d) establish the date and location for any initial pre-convention committee meetings. These items shall be delivered to the State DFL Office not later than January 2, 2020.

Each precinct caucus is a public meeting that shall be held in a suitable, accessible location. It is preferable to hold precinct caucuses within each precinct or as close to the precinct as possible. Within an organizing unit, a combination of centralized precinct caucuses and caucuses held within individual precincts is allowed.

By January 2, 2020, organizing unit chairs shall make every effort to find and train convenors for each of their precinct caucuses. In seeking these convenors, organizing unit chairs should find persons to arrive early enough to set up the room and begin registration no later than 6:30 p.m. The organizing unit chair shall distribute to each convenor the convenor's kit and the information required for caucus night (see II.A. below).

II. ON PRECINCT CAUCUS NIGHT (February 25, 2020)

A. BEFORE THE CAUCUS

The convenor shall have available a copy of the following: the Call*; the Agenda; the Standard Rules for Precinct Caucuses; the time and place of the organizing unit convention; the time and place of any organizing unit preconvention committee meetings; the list of precinct caucus locations in the organizing unit; the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws*; the DFL Ongoing Platform and 2018 Action Agenda*; and blank resolution forms.

By 6:30 p.m., the convenor shall display in a prominent location a map or description of the precinct and the date, time and location of the subsequent convention(s).

Registration shall begin at 6:30 p.m. or earlier, and shall stay open until adjournment (which shall not occur until at least 8:00 p.m.). Every participant shall be clearly and legibly registered on the precinct roll before participating in caucus activities.

* For copies of these documents, call the State Party Office at 651-293-1200 or 1-800-999-7457. Copies can also be obtained from the DFL website at www.dfl.org.

B. DURING THE PRECINCT CAUCUS

1. Opening activities.

- a. The convenor shall:
 - Call the caucus to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - Introduce the attendees to the business of the caucus.
 - Read the following eligibility statement:

“When you signed in to caucus you agreed to the following four items: (1) You live in the precinct. (2) You consider yourself a member of DFL Party and agree with its principles as stated in the Preamble of the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws. (3) You are not an active member of any other political party. (4) You will be at least 18 years old and eligible to vote by November 3, 2020 if you want to vote or run for any caucus position, including delegate or alternate. Alternatively, to be eligible to participate in all other caucus business, you will be 16 years old by November 3, 2020.”

- Read the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Statement from page 1.

- Read the Platform Statement from page 7.
 - Hold the election of a caucus chair to conduct the remainder of the caucus.
- b. The caucus chair shall:
 - Appoint or conduct the election of at least two tellers.
 - Appoint a secretary (recommended).

There is no caucus quorum requirement. The precinct caucus continues until adjournment.

2. Agenda and Rules. The general rules for conducting all DFL meetings, including precinct caucuses, are in Addendum A of the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws. Each precinct caucus may adopt additional rules and/or modify the agenda for its caucus. Standard rules for precinct caucus procedures and a standard agenda are provided in the caucus materials.

3. Participant Eligibility and Challenges. All registrants may participate in caucus business unless challenged. To be eligible to participate, a person must satisfy all of the requirements in the eligibility statement in section II.B.1.a.

The above are the only possible grounds for a challenge. If the right of a person to participate is challenged, the question of participation shall be settled by a majority vote of the whole caucus. Individuals shall not vote on the question of their own right to participate.

4. Precinct Officer Elections. Nominations for and the elections of precinct officers may begin any time after the caucus chair is elected. The precinct officer responsibilities described in a. and b., below, shall be read before nominations begin. The Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Reminder (see page 1) will be read before each contested ballot. All contested elections shall be by written ballot. The following precinct officers are elected for a two-year term:

a. Precinct Chair: This officer is charged with organizing the DFL Party in the precinct and serves on the organizing unit central committee. The Chair assists with organizing the local party unit and campaigns.

b. Two Vice Chairs: At least one must be not of the same gender identity as the Chair. These officers help the Chair in party activities and may be the alternate for the Precinct Chair on the organizing unit central committee.

5. Organizing Unit Convention Delegate and Alternate Election.

**Election of organizing unit delegates shall not begin before 7:30 p.m.
The election process shall begin at 7:30 p.m.
unless persons present are still being registered.**

a. Allocation. Each precinct is entitled to one organizing unit convention delegate and alternate for each 40 average DFL votes or remaining fraction. (The average DFL vote computation is described in the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws.) Each pre-

cinct is allocated a minimum of two delegates and two alternates. The number of delegates and alternates for each precinct is written on the precinct convenor's kit. The precinct caucus will elect one person to each delegate and alternate position.

b. Eligibility. Any eligible caucus registrant who will be at least age 18 and eligible to vote on November 3, 2020 can be elected as a delegate or alternate. Persons who cannot be present at the caucus may also be elected if they indicate in a letter their willingness to serve and, optionally, candidate, uncommitted and/or issue preferences conforming to the Letter Nominations rule of the general rules in Addendum A of the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws. The caucus chair will make sure that those names are placed in nomination. (Persons who are not in attendance do not vote in any way, nor are they counted for purposes of delegate allocation.)

NOTE: If the caucus decides to use a subcaucus system, such persons who have submitted letters who are not in attendance will only be nominated for a subcaucus appropriate to their written choice.

c. Procedure. The Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Reminder is read. The chair then asks how many caucus participants wish to serve as delegates to the organizing unit convention. If no more (including letter nominees) want to serve than there are delegate positions, no contest exists and a formal election need not be held; those who wish to serve will be delegates. Up to an equal number of alternates may be selected. **Any alternates must be ranked (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) in order to be properly upgraded. The names of delegates and ranked alternates will be recorded prior to conducting any other business and these persons shall be declared formally elected.**

If a contest exists, the chair shall ask for a show of hands on how many wish to use a system of voting that allows for proportional representation. (Proportional representation gives participants who share different viewpoints or candidate preferences a proportional share of the delegates to be elected. It is requested when participants think they will not be adequately represented by majority voting.) If the number of participants who wish to use a proportional voting system is equal to or greater than the number needed to elect one delegate, it must be used.

EXAMPLE: In a precinct caucus of 19 participants electing 3 delegates, each delegate represents more than 6 but less than 7 participants ($19 \div 3 = 6.33$). Therefore, a minimum of 7 participants can require proportional voting.

If proportional voting is not used, each participant may vote for as many nominees as there are delegates to be elected. Alternates are nominated and elected in the same fashion after delegate election is completed. The number of votes each alternate receives must be recorded for use in alternate ranking at the organizing unit convention.

If proportional voting is used, the precinct caucus shall use the Walking Subcaucus system described on the next page.

6. Organizing Unit Preconvention Committee Election (if applicable). If the preconvention committee members are to be elected by the precinct caucuses: the number to be elected by each precinct

shall be established by the organizing unit executive committee, unless otherwise specified in the unit constitution, and the number to be elected shall be included in the precinct caucus kits by the organizing unit chair. Each caucus shall elect the number of committee members (and alternates, if any) allocated to that precinct. (In the event an organizing unit fails to establish a procedure, each caucus shall elect two persons to serve on each preconvention committee.) All committee elections shall conform to the Equal Division rule of the general rules in Addendum A of the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws.

Each organizing unit preconvention committee member elected by the caucus shall receive the date, time and location of the initial meeting of any organizing unit preconvention committee and be listed on the precinct report or given a note from the precinct caucus chair of their election to take to the initial committee meeting.

7. Resolutions. Each precinct caucus shall consider and may adopt (by majority vote) any resolutions for modifications of the DFL Platform. Each resolution considered must be on or attached to a completed resolution form (page A-1). The caucus chair must ensure that all resolutions contain the information required on the resolution form.

8. Adjournment. The caucus shall adjourn at the conclusion of its business.

C. AFTER THE PRECINCT CAUCUS

Report forms on caucus registration, elections and procedures are in the convenor's kit. **The newly elected precinct chair, with assistance from the precinct vice chair(s), caucus chair, caucus convenor, and caucus secretary (if one was elected), shall complete all reports as soon as the caucus adjourns or recesses and one of those caucus officials, who has agreed to do so (and has informed unit leadership of their assignment), must mail or otherwise deliver the report forms to organizing unit leadership (or their designee) within 48 hours according to the instructions in the kit and instructions from unit leadership.** Resolutions should be forwarded in the format described in the Platform and Resolutions section on pages 7 and 8. Letter nominations submitted by individuals, whether or not elected as a delegate or alternate, shall be attached to the forms delivered to the organizing unit chair.

WALKING SUBCAUCUS PROCEDURES

Whenever a system of proportional representation is to be used, the precinct caucus, convention or other meeting shall use the Walking Subcaucus process, and the following procedures apply:

The chair opens nominations for subcaucuses. Subcaucuses must have a title which must begin with a candidate name or uncommitted, and may include issue(s). **At precinct caucuses, subcaucus titles must not include the name of any presidential candidate.** At other levels, the first candidate name must be a presidential candidate or uncommitted. The title must not be readily confused with the title of a previously nominated subcaucus. The nominator may briefly inform the group of the candidates and issues named in the subcaucus title. No one may nominate more than one subcaucus.

When nominations are completed, the chair identifies areas where each subcaucus will meet. A time shall be specified (by majority vote of the precinct caucus or in the convention rules) for completing the first count of each subcaucus. Prior to this time, individuals must be permitted to leave a subcaucus and join another.

At the specified time, all movement ceases, the members of each subcaucus are counted by the convention tellers, and the count is reported to the chair. The chair announces the count for each subcaucus to the precinct caucus or convention.

The threshold for subcaucus viability is the number of persons needed to elect one delegate. Viability is determined in the following manner:

Step No. 1: Add up the total number of members of all the subcaucuses.

Step No. 2: Divide the result of Step No. 1 by the total number of delegates to be elected. If there is a remainder, round the result up to the next whole number. This is the viability number.

If all remaining subcaucuses are viable on the first count, then there shall be no second count. Any subcaucus which has fewer delegates than the initial viability number is informed that it is not viable and members must join a viable subcaucus to continue participating in subcaucusing.

A time is specified (by majority vote of the precinct caucus or in the convention rules) for the second and final count. Prior to this time, individuals may move among the subcaucuses. At the specified time all movement ceases and the members of each subcaucus are counted by the convention tellers. Results of that count are reported to the chair. Delegate allocation is then determined by the chair as follows:

First: Add up the total number of members of all the viable subcaucuses.

Second: Divide the result of the first step by the total number of delegates to be elected. Carry this division out to at least three decimal places.

Finally: Divide the number of members of each subcaucus by the result of the second step. The whole number result is the minimum number of delegates allotted to that subcaucus.

After allotting delegates in this manner, allot any remaining delegates to subcaucuses in the order of the largest remainder to the smallest remainder. (A subcaucus whose number is less than "1" on the final count will not be allotted any delegates or alternates.)

EXAMPLE

Step No. 1: Subcaucus A has 15 people in its group. Subcaucus B has 30 people. Subcaucus C has 5 people. This totals 50 people. (52 people registered at the precinct caucus, but 2 have gone home).

Step No. 2: There are 6 delegates to be elected from this precinct. Divide 50 (the result of Step No. 1) by 6 (the number of delegates to be elected). The result is 8.333. This is the initial viability number. Subcaucus C is not viable.

Step No. 3: After the time for moving between subcaucuses ends, the second and final count is made. Subcaucus A still has 15 people standing in its group. Subcaucus B now has 34 people. This totals 49 people. (One member of Subcaucus C decided not to join another subcaucus and is disregarded since Subcaucus C is not viable on the final count.)

Step No. 4: Divide 49 (the result of Step No. 3) by 6 (the number of delegates to be elected). The result is 8.167.

Step No. 5: Divide 15 (the number of members of Subcaucus A) by 8.167 (result of Step No. 4). This equals 1.837. Divide 34 (the number of members of Subcaucus B) by 8.167 (result of Step No. 4). This equals 4.163 delegates. Subcaucus A gets a minimum of one delegate (the whole number part of 1.837). Subcaucus B gets a minimum of 4 delegates (the whole number part of 4.137). This totals 5 delegates allotted so far to both subcaucuses. There is one more delegate to be allotted. It is allotted to Subcaucus A because Subcaucus A has the largest remainder (0.837).

Final Result: Subcaucus A gets 2 delegates (and 2 alternates) and Subcaucus B gets 4 delegates (and 4 alternates).

ELECTION OF DELEGATES

Subcaucus procedures are adopted by a majority vote. The chair of each subcaucus shall read the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Reminder. After that, each subcaucus will elect its delegates and alternates by written ballot. Only individuals who were members of the subcaucus at the time of the final membership count may participate in the subcaucus delegate and alternate election. The equal division rule of the general rules in Addendum A of the DFL State Constitution and Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order, most recently revised, must be followed. Alternates must be ranked within each subcaucus (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) for proper upgrading. Within each subcaucus, State Convention alternates are elected with equal division and ranked on one list.

Election of delegates and alternates shall not be complete until the delegation and the individual subcaucuses are balanced by gender identity. The precinct caucus or convention chair shall be responsible for implementation of this provision by lot, if necessary. When the precinct caucus or convention reconvenes, delegates and ranked alternates are reported to the caucus or convention chair.

ELECTIONS WITH EQUAL DIVISION

Whenever elections occur and more than one individual is to be elected, the election shall result in equal division, meaning that the number of individuals elected of the male or female gender identity cannot exceed the other by more than one (with individuals elected who do not identify as male or female excluded from the calculation). An individual's gender identity is determined by gender-self-identification. To achieve this requirement, the following procedures apply:

The chair opens nominations for the positions to be elected, accepting nominations which include both the name and gender identity of each nominee.

Once nominations are closed:

1. If only individuals who identify as male or female were nominated and if one of the gender identities has total nominees which does not exceed one-half (when there is an even number of positions to be elected) or one-half rounded down (when there is an odd number of positions to be elected), then the chair may entertain a motion to elect those nominees by acclamation and hold an election for the nominees from the other gender identity.

2. If only individuals who identify as male or female were nominated and if the total number of positions to be elected is even in number, the chair may divide the election by gender identity.

3. If only individuals who identify as male or female were nominated, if the total number of positions to be elected is odd in number, and if there are more nominees of both genders than half of the positions to be elected rounded up, then the chair shall hold a single election, provided that the result of the entire election must achieve equal division.

4. If individuals who do not identify as male or female were nominated, then the chair shall hold a single election, provided that the result of the entire election must achieve equal division.

Caucus and convention reports of election results must report

the gender identity of each individual elected (as determined by gender-self-identification).

Elections of alternates (by a caucus, convention, subcaucus, or otherwise) shall be conducted in the same fashion as delegates, and the alternates shall be ranked on one list (i.e., all alternates shall be ranked from one to the total number of alternates to be elected). While ranked on a single list, caucus and convention reports of election results shall include the gender identity of each alternate (determined by gender-self-identification). In the event alternates are not ranked on the caucus or convention report, the credentials committee of the relevant convention shall rank the alternates by lot.

EXAMPLE

Convention is to elect 5 state central committee delegates (and the walking subcaucus procedures in the prior section are not used).

a. If the nominees are 2 males and 4 females, the convention may elect the 2 males by acclamation, and then hold an election for 3 females from the 4 nominees.

b. If the nominees are 3 males and 4 females, the convention must hold an election for all five positions at once (as it could result in the election of 3 males and 2 females or 2 males and 3 females).

c. If the nominees are 3 males, 3 females, and 2 individuals who do not identify as either male or female, the convention must hold an election for all five positions at once (as it could result in the election of: 3 males and 2 females; 2 males and 3 females; 2 males, 2 females, and 1 individual who does not identify as either male or female; 2 males, 1 female, and 2 individuals who do not identify as either male or female; or 1 male, 2 females, or 2 individuals who do not identify as either male or female).

UPGRADING ALTERNATES

When upgrading alternates, the delegation co-chair(s) shall maintain equal division for the delegation (and subcaucus) whenever possible. This is achieved by upgrading alternates giving preference to the highest-ranked alternate with a gender identity who will achieve and/or maintain equal division (even if this means skipping a higher-ranked alternate).

EXAMPLE 1

Organizing unit has 5 state central committee delegates and 5 alternates. The delegates present are 1 male and 3 females, the alternates present identify as female (ranked #2) and male (ranked #3). The male alternate would be upgraded.

EXAMPLE 2

Organizing unit has 7 state central committee delegates and 7 al-

ternates. The delegates present are 3 males and 2 females, the alternates present identify as follows: does not identify as either male or female (ranked #1), male (ranked #2), female (ranked #3), and female (ranked #4). In this instance, the alternate who does not identify as either male or female would be upgraded, then the female ranked #3 would be upgraded (resulting in a delegation that is 3 male, 3 female, and 1 who does not identify as either male or female).

EXAMPLE 3

Organizing unit has 7 state central committee delegates and 7 alternates. The delegates present are 3 males and 2 females, the alternates present identify as follows: male (ranked #1), does not identify as either male or female (ranked #2), female (ranked #3), and female (ranked #4). In this instance, the male alternate would

be upgraded, then the female ranked #3 would be upgraded (resulting in a delegation that is 4 male and 3 female).

TEMPORARY AND PROPOSED PERMANENT RULES FOR THE STATE CONVENTION

The Temporary and Proposed Permanent Rules for the State Convention provide that upgrading occurs in the following order: (A) subcaucus, (B) candidate preference, and (C) entire delegation, each maintaining equal division as far as mathematically practicable.

EXAMPLE 4

Organizing unit has a delegation of 20 state delegates. 5 delegates in the subcaucus “Jones – Health Care,” 4 delegates in the subcaucus “Jones – Labor,” 3 delegates in the subcaucus “Jones – Women,” 3 delegates for “Smith – Gun Control,” and 5 delegates in the subcaucus “Undecided – Win the Election.”

“Jones – Health Care” subcaucus has 3 female delegates and 1 male delegate seated, and needs to upgrade an alternate to fill its 5th delegate slot:

- a. If no male alternate from the “Jones – Health Care” subcaucus is present, but a female alternate and/or an alternate who does not identify as male or female from the “Jones – Health Care” subcaucus is present, the highest-ranked alternate from the “Jones – Health Care” subcaucus is upgraded – even if there is a non-upgraded male alternate in another subcaucus in the delegation.
- b. If no alternates from the “Jones – Health Care” subcaucus are present, but one or more male alternates from the “Jones – Labor” and/or the “Jones – Women” subcaucuses are present, a male alternate is selected for upgrade by lot from each of the other candidate-aligned subcaucuses which has a male alternate present. Because each subcaucus with a male alternate present will be represented in the lot in proportion to its delegate allocation strength, assuming each subcaucus has a male alternate present, the lot will

be drawn from four slips for “Jones – Labor” and three slips for “Jones – Women.” The highest-ranked male alternate for the subcaucus selected by lot will be upgraded.

c. If no alternates from the “Jones – Health Care” subcaucus are present, and only female alternates and/or alternates who do not identify as male or female from the “Jones – Labor” and the “Jones – Women” subcaucuses are present, an alternate is selected for upgrade by lot from each of the other candidate-aligned subcaucuses. Because each subcaucus will be represented in the lot in proportion to its delegate allocation strength, the lot will be drawn from four slips for “Jones – Labor” and three slips for “Jones – Women.” The highest-ranked alternate for the subcaucus selected by lot will be upgraded – even if there is a non-upgraded male alternate in another subcaucus with a different candidate preference.

d. If no alternates from the “Jones” subcaucuses are present, and one or more male alternates from “Smith – Gun Control” and/or “Undecided – Win the Election” subcaucuses are present, a male alternate is selected for upgrade by lot from all of the delegation subcaucuses which has a male alternate present. Because each subcaucus with a male alternate present will be represented in the lot in proportion to its delegate allocation strength, assuming each subcaucus has a male alternate present, the lot will be drawn from three slips for “Smith – Gun Control” and five slips for “Undecided – Win the Election.” The highest-ranked male alternate for the subcaucus selected by lot will be upgraded.

e. If no alternates from the “Jones” subcaucuses are present, and only female alternates and/or alternates who do not identify as male or female from “Smith – Gun Control” and “Undecided – Win the Election” subcaucuses are present, an alternate is selected for upgrade by lot from all of the delegation subcaucuses. Because each subcaucus will be represented in the lot in proportion to its delegate allocation strength, the lot will be drawn from three slips for “Smith – Gun Control” and five slips for “Undecided – Win the Election.” The highest-ranked alternate for the subcaucus selected by lot will be upgraded.

RANKED CHOICE VOTING PROCEDURES

In the election of Party Officers where only one position is open on the ballot, ranked choice voting may be used if contained within the unit's convention rules.

Whenever a system of ranked choice voting is to be used, the precinct caucus, convention or other meeting must use the following ranked choice voting procedure. Ranked choice voting may only be used if there is a race in which there are 3 or more candidates running for one seat.

On a written ballot, individuals will note their choice of candidates, ranking them in order of preference.

Once balloting is complete, the ballots shall be collected and turned in to the chair. The chair or head teller shall then begin counting ballots.

If on the first ballot one of the candidates receives a simple

majority of the votes, then that candidate shall be declared the winner. If no candidate crosses that threshold, then the candidate with the lowest total number of votes shall be dropped from subsequent counts.

During subsequent counts, those ballots cast for the candidate that was dropped shall be redistributed based on their next highest ranked choice candidate that has not been dropped from the race. If there are any ballots that do not list a remaining candidate, those ballots shall be considered exhausted, set aside and not included in subsequent counts. If after all the ballots are counted, a candidate has received a simple majority of the votes cast, that candidate shall be declared the winner. If there are only two candidates left, the candidate with the greater number of votes shall be considered the winner.

The vote tally at the end of each count must be documented in the minutes.

PLATFORM AND RESOLUTIONS

A. What are the DFL Ongoing Platform and the Action Agenda?

The Ongoing Platform embodies the principles of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, and has been created and amended (see section D) through a grassroots process from resolutions presented at the local level and ultimately passed at the state convention. The Ongoing Platform continues from year to year, and is subject to amendment only by the State Convention.

The DFL Action Agenda is a set of statements of positions on important public policy issues which the party supports and will promote during the next two years. The Action Agenda expresses, by way of resolutions submitted at the precinct caucuses and adopted by the state convention, positions and concerns of DFL constituents. A new Action Agenda is adopted by each state convention, replacing the previous Action Agenda. Items may also be added to the Action Agenda by a petition resolution adopted by the State Central Committee.

Together, the Ongoing Platform and the Action Agenda form a crucial base for the party's selection and endorsement of candidates for public office and serve as a guide for action and accountability for elected officials.

B. What should party resolutions cover?

Amendments to the DFL Ongoing Platform and proposed Action Agenda items should address party positions on state and national issues.

Resolutions adopted by precinct caucuses and organizing unit conventions may also cover local issues, county, city and regional concerns. These resolutions are passed on only to the level at which they would be relevant.

C. How are resolutions proposed?

At precinct caucuses and at any convention or meeting where resolutions are considered, the following Platform Statement must first be read to the body:

PLATFORM STATEMENT

The State DFL Ongoing Platform embodies the principles of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party. The State DFL Action Agenda is a set of recommended public policy positions which the party supports and will promote during the next two years. The State DFL Legislative Priorities will be drawn from these two documents.

Any precinct caucus participant may propose resolutions for discussion. Resolutions must be submitted on or attached to a completed resolution form (page A-1), with only one resolution per form and only one subject per resolution. Supporting points should be brief and may be added to the explanation section of the form

on (page A-1). At the precinct caucus level, resolutions adopted by a majority vote are forwarded to the organizing unit chair.

- 1. Delivery to organizing unit chair.** After the precinct caucus, adopted resolutions shall be placed in the resolutions packet and delivered or mailed to the organizing unit chair by the precinct chair per the organizing unit's instructions.
- 2. Selection of resolutions to forward.** Each organizing unit may forward to the State Platform Committee at the State DFL Office a number of resolutions equal to twice the number of state delegates elected by the organizing unit convention, or 20 resolutions, whichever is greater, provided they are selected according to a procedure adopted by the organizing unit convention. Resolutions on local or Party issues are not included in this limit.

The organizing unit convention shall adopt a procedure to be used to select the resolutions to forward to the State Platform Committee. Possible procedures include:

- a. The organizing unit convention adopts the resolutions to forward.
- b. Immediately after the organizing unit convention adjourns, a meeting will be held to adopt the resolutions to forward according to procedures approved by the unit. Any delegate or upgraded alternate who attended the organizing unit convention may participate in this meeting.
- c. After the organizing unit convention, the organizing unit's elected state delegates will meet and go through the resolutions adopted at the precinct caucuses in that organizing unit. Using their own procedures, the delegates will adopt the resolutions to be forwarded.

The organizing unit chair shall submit its unit's adopted resolutions on the official DFL online resolution site within 10 days after the organizing unit convention. If more than the allotted numbers are sent by an organizing unit, all of the resolutions may be rejected by the State Platform Committee upon arrival. These forwarded resolutions will make up the base of resolutions considered by the State Platform Committee for inclusion in its report to the state convention. Resolutions which are not submitted online within 10 days of the organizing unit convention may not be considered in preparing the report to the state convention.

- 3. Local Issues.** Local issues should be forwarded by the organizing unit chair to the appropriate elected bodies for their consideration.
- 4. Petition Resolutions.** Petition resolutions proposing to modify the Platform may be submitted to the State Convention, provided they are signed by 250 of the State Convention delegates or alternates representing no fewer than

2 Congressional Districts and 5 Organizing Units. Those submitted by the Thursday before the state convention committee meetings (April 30, 2020) will be considered for inclusion in the State Convention Platform report and ballot. Those submitted after that date, but before the adjournment of the convention, will be forwarded to the State Central Committee for consideration and may modify only the Action Agenda, not the Ongoing Platform. Petition resolutions must be submitted to the Co-Chairs of the State Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee, or, during the State Convention, to the Convention Secretary.

5. Party Issues. All resolutions relating to internal DFL Party issues that are received by the State Platform Committee will be referred to the State DFL Chair and the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee to further determine the appropriate action.

D. How is the DFL Ongoing Platform amended and how are Action Agenda items adopted?

Changes to the Ongoing Platform may be proposed by the State Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee for only vote by the state convention.

The Committee's report will also include proposed Action Agenda items. A 60% affirmative vote is necessary to adopt changes (amendments, additions, deletions or substitutions) to the DFL Ongoing Platform or any items for the Action Agenda. Up to 100 Action Agenda resolutions, ranked by percentage, receiving the

necessary vote for inclusion will be incorporated appropriately in the Action Agenda. However, in the event of a tie for last place, the State Platform Committee may increase the number above 100.

E. How is the Committee report made available?

The State Platform Committee report will be available for delegates and alternates in printed form and on the DFL website (www.dfl.org) one week before the state convention. All resolutions will include the number of Organizing Units and Congressional Districts that sent it forward to be possibly included on the state convention's resolution ballot.

F. How are resolutions considered by the state convention?

A machine tabulated ballot for resolutions relating to items to be included in the Ongoing Platform and in the Action Agenda will be used at the state convention. Rules for machine tabulated or other written ballots are set forth in the Temporary and Proposed Permanent Rules for the State Convention at the end of this Call.

G. May a resolution be reconsidered?

Once a resolution is adopted or rejected, it shall not be reconsidered by that precinct caucus or convention.

ORGANIZING UNIT CONVENTIONS

I. CONVENTION PREPARATIONS

The Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee has adopted standard rules and agenda for the conduct of precinct caucuses and a set of model rules and agenda for the conduct of organizing unit conventions. Copies of those rules and agendas can be obtained from the State DFL Office by calling 1-800-999-7457 or 651-293-1200, or from the DFL website at www.dfl.org.

At least 10 days prior to the convention (or at the precinct caucuses if held less than 10 days prior to the convention), written notice of the date, time and place of the convention will be mailed or delivered to delegates and alternates.

If not otherwise specified in the organizing unit constitution, the organizing unit executive committee shall determine what, if any, pre-convention committees should be established to prepare for the organizing unit convention. Those committees may include credentials, arrangements, nominations, resolutions, rules and candidate search/endorsements. If not otherwise specified in the organizing unit constitution, the organizing unit executive committee shall determine the process for selecting members of the committees, which may be either election by the precinct caucuses or appointment by the central committee. If a credentials committee has been appointed, the organizing unit chair shall give the committee the

precinct caucus delegate and alternate election reports as soon as possible, but not later than at the first meeting of the credentials committee occurring after the caucuses.

Unless challenged, those delegates and alternates elected and reported by the precinct caucuses shall be seated at the organizing unit convention. The organizing unit chair, vice chair, and Distinguished Party Leaders (as defined in the general rules in Addendum A of the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws) who live in the organizing unit also serve as at-large delegates to the organizing unit convention.

II. ON CONVENTION DAY

A. BEFORE THE CONVENTION

At least one-half hour before the convention is to convene, the organizing unit chair shall have available a copy of the following: the 2020-2021 Call; the date, time and place of the congressional district convention(s), if known, and of the state convention; the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws; the DFL Ongoing Platform and current action agenda; the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Statement (see page 1); the Platform Statement (see page 5); and the organizing unit's current constitution and bylaws.

B. DURING THE CONVENTION

1. **Call to Order.** The organizing unit chair will call the convention to order at the designated time and preside until a convention chair is elected.

2. **Rules.** The general rules for conducting all DFL meetings are in Addendum A of the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws. The convention may adopt additional rules for conducting its business.

3. Convention Business:

a. **Reading of the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Statement.** This must be the first order of business. The Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Reminder shall also be read before elections (see page 1).

b. **Election of Convention Chair(s).**

c. **Party Officer Elections.** Except in those units that hold annual conventions, the organizing unit chair, vice chair (not of the same gender identity as the chair), outreach officer (if established in the unit constitution), secretary, treasurer, directors, and such other officers as may be specified in the organizing unit constitution shall be elected.

Party Officer duties are described in the organizing unit constitution. Officers elected in 2020 serve for two-year terms (except that if the organizing unit constitution is amended or a new constitution is adopted in 2020 to provide for annual conventions, then they shall serve only until the 2021 convention).

d. **State Central Committee Elections.** If needed, the convention shall elect State Central Committee delegates and alternates.

The organizing unit chair and vice chair are automatic members unless the organizing unit is allocated only one delegate in which case only the chair is an automatic member. The organizing unit may be allotted further member positions (see the Voting Membership chart at the end of this Call). One individual shall be elected for each member position. If more than two at-large members are to be elected, proportional voting, if requested, shall be used.

If the organizing unit is allotted one delegate, two ranked alternates shall be elected. If more than one delegate is allotted, one ranked alternate shall be elected for each member, including the chair and vice chair. State Central Committee alternates shall be elected by and ranked on one list.

NOTE: The organizing unit outreach officer, secretary, and treasurer are not automatic alternates.

e. **Organizing Unit Constitution Changes.** If the new organizing unit is identical to the old unit, the convention will act on proposals to amend the organizing unit constitution. However, if the organizing unit has new boundaries, the old constitution is not valid and a new organizing unit constitution must be adopted.

f. **State Senate Endorsement.** If the organizing unit represents an entire senate district, endorsement of state senate candidates is in order.

g. **State Representative Endorsement.** If the organizing unit represents an entire senate district, endorsement of state representative candidates is in order. The convention will recess into house district conventions. Each house district convention elects its own convention chair and takes up the business of state representative endorsement. It may conduct other business as authorized by the organizing unit convention.

h. **State Convention Delegate and Alternate Election.**

Allocation. Each organizing unit elects a number of state convention delegates determined by a DFL average vote formula. These state delegates also serve as congressional district convention delegates. (The organizing unit elects ranked alternates in equal number.) An organizing unit allotted six or more votes elects delegates with one vote each. An organizing unit allotted less than six votes also elects delegates with one vote each, unless the organizing unit constitution provides that the organizing unit, or organizing unit congressional district subdivision, will elect twice as many delegates with 1/2 vote each. A congressional district constitution may allow State Convention alternates to serve as delegates for their respective congressional district convention.

Note: An amendment to an organizing unit convention to change the delegation size will take effect in the year following its adoption.

Split Organizing Units. In organizing units split geographically into parts of two or more congressional districts, the organizing unit convention will separate into subconventions consisting solely of the delegates and upgraded alternates residing in each congressional district. Each subconvention will elect state delegates and alternates who reside in that congressional district as allocated to it in the chart of organizing unit vote splits at the end of this Call.

Eligibility. Any DFL party member in the organizing unit who will be at least age 18 and eligible to vote on November 3, 2020 is eligible for election as a delegate or alternate; however, a Distinguished Party Leader as defined in the general rules in Addendum A of the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws is not eligible.

Procedure. The Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Reminder shall be read. The chair shall then ask how many wish to serve as delegates to the state convention. If no more (including letter nominees) want to serve than there are delegate positions, no contest exists and a formal election need not be held. See the general rules in Addendum A of the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws.

If a contest exists, the following procedures shall apply:

(i) The chair shall ask for a show of hands on proportional

voting. If organizing unit delegates equal to the number needed to elect one state convention delegate want proportional voting, such a system must be used.

EXAMPLE: In a convention of 65 delegates electing 6 state convention delegates, each state convention delegate represents more than 10 but less than 11 organizing unit convention members ($65 \div 6 = 10.833$). Therefore, 11 individuals can ask for proportional voting.)

(ii) **If proportional voting is not used**, the convention will elect state convention delegates by majority or plurality vote as the group determines. Alternates will be nominated and elected in similar fashion. Alternates must be ranked by the convention (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) for use in alternate ranking at the congressional district and state conventions. State Convention alternates are ranked on one list.

(iii) **If proportional voting is used**, the convention shall use the Walking Subcaucus system, as described on page 4.

Before the convention chair declares the election of delegates and alternates to be final, the chair shall (1) make sure the entire delegation for the organizing unit will be composed of delegates that complies with the general rules on Equal Division in Addendum A of the DFL State Constitution and Bylaws and (2) make sure that each delegate has declared their candidate preference (or uncommitted). Delegates and alternates with a declared preference may not change their preference unless the originally selected person is no longer a candidate.

For organizing units split geographically between and among congressional districts, the delegation as a whole must meet the above gender identity requirements. See the general rule on Equal Division in Addendum A of the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws.

i. Congressional District Preconvention Committee Elections. The Organizing Unit will select delegates and alternates to serve on Congressional District preconvention committees in a manner consistent with procedures established by the congressional district(s).

j. State Convention Delegation Co-Chairs. At the organizing unit convention, each organizing unit delegation shall elect delegation co-chairs, not of the same gender identity, for purposes of alternate seating, roll call and ballot voting at the state and congressional district conventions. The names of the delegation co-chairs shall be reported promptly to the organizing unit secretary and the State DFL Office. Any state delegate shall be eligible for election as a delegation co-chair.

k. Platform Resolutions. The convention shall consider and recommend resolutions to the State Platform Committee for presentation to the state convention, using the procedures described on pages 7 and 8.

l. Adjournment. The convention shall not adjourn until all required business has been considered.

C. AFTER THE CONVENTION.

The organizing unit chair in office following the adjournment of a convention shall complete, with assistance from the outgoing chair, convention chair(s), and convention secretary, all official organizing unit convention report forms. It is the responsibility of the newly elected organizing unit chair to transmit those report forms to the State DFL Chair and appropriate congressional district chairs within 48 hours after the convention's adjournment.

Copies of the organizing unit constitution shall be submitted to the State DFL Chair and appropriate congressional district leadership within 5 days after the convention. Copies of the election judge sign-up sheets and voter registration sheets must be delivered to the appropriate election official (generally the County Auditor or their designee) within 10 days.

Resolutions selected by the organizing unit must be submitted to the State Platform Committee within 10 days after the convention or April 22, 2020, whichever is earlier. Resolutions must be submitted online on the official Platform Resolutions site.

OTHER SENATE AND HOUSE ENDORSING CONVENTIONS

Senate districts which contain precincts from more than one organizing unit will hold endorsing conventions between March 7 and May 29, 2020. The time and place of the endorsing convention will be set by the senate district executive committee. Other senate districts are governed by the endorsing procedures in the previous section of this Call. House endorsing conventions are governed by the endorsing procedures in this section.

I. CONVENTION PREPARATIONS

The Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee has adopted model rules and agenda for the conduct of senate district endorsing conventions. Copies of those model rules and agenda can be obtained from the State DFL Office by calling 1-800-999-7457 or 651-293-1200, or from the DFL website at www.dfl.org.

As soon as possible, the senate and house district officers will recruit DFL candidates for Minnesota State Senate and House seats. They should encourage all DFL candidates to seek endorsement from the convention.

At least 10 days prior to the convention, written notice of the date, time and place of the convention will be mailed or presented to delegates and alternates by the convenor(s). Organizing unit convention delegates and alternates and Distinguished Party Leader delegates who live in the senate district are convention delegates and alternates. The organizing unit chair and vice chair also serve as at-large delegates to the conventions for the districts in which they live.

II. ON CONVENTION DAY

A. BEFORE THE CONVENTION

At least one-half hour before the convention is to convene, the senate district chair shall have available a copy of the following: the 2020-2021 Call; the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws; the DFL Ongoing Platform; the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Statement; and the senate district's current constitution and bylaws.

B. DURING THE CONVENTION

1. Call to Order. The convenor(s) will call the convention to order and preside until a convention chair is elected.

2. Rules. The general rules for conducting all DFL meetings are in Addendum A of the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws. The convention may adopt additional rules for conducting its business.

3. Convention Business:

a. Reading of the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Statement. This must be the first order of business. The Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Reminder shall also be read before elections (see page 1).

b. Election of Convention Chair(s).

c. Party Officer Elections. The officers elected are: senate district chair, vice chair (not of the same gender identity as the chair), outreach officer (if established in the unit constitution), secretary, treasurer, directors, and such other officers as may be specified in the senate district constitution. These officers serve for two years.

Party Officer duties are described in the senate district constitution.

d. State Central Committee Alternate Elections. The senate district chair and vice chair are automatic members to the State Central Committee. The senate district shall elect two alternates.

e. Senate District Constitution Changes. If the new senate district is identical to the old senate district, the convention will act on proposals to amend the senate district constitution. However, if the senate district has new boundaries, the old constitution is not valid and a new senate district constitution must be adopted.

f. State Senate and State Representative Endorsement. The senate district convention may endorse a candidate for state senate. House district conventions may endorse a candidate for state representative. After concluding state senate endorsement and party officer elections and consideration of constitutional changes, the senate district convention will recess to allow house district endorsing conventions to meet. All senate district delegates who live in a house district are house district delegates also. Each house district convention elects its own convention chair and takes up the business of state representative candidate endorsement.

g. Other Business. Both the senate and house district conventions may conduct other business authorized by the senate district or house district constitution (see State DFL Constitution, Article V, Sections 2 and 3).

h. Adjournment. The convention shall not adjourn until all required business has been considered.

C. AFTER THE CONVENTION

The senate district chair in office following the adjournment of a convention must complete, with assistance from the outgoing chair, Convention chair(s), and convention secretary, all convention reports. It is the responsibility of the newly elected senate district chair to transmit all convention reports and a copy of the senate district constitution to the State DFL Chair and appropriate congressional district chair(s) within five days after the convention's adjournment. If no permanent chair is elected, the convention chair shall complete and mail or deliver such reports.

CITY AND OTHER COUNTY ENDORSING CONVENTIONS

This section applies to county and city DFL organizations that have a constitution approved by the appropriate DFL central committee and may endorse for public office, if their approved constitution so provides. This section does not apply to counties which are organizing units. Each organization shall conduct its operations in accordance with the provisions of the DFL State Constitution and Bylaws and this Official Call. As soon as practicable, each organization shall provide to the State DFL Chair the dates for its precinct caucuses and endorsing convention(s).

The county or city chair in office following the adjournment of a convention must complete, with assistance from the outgoing chair, Convention chair(s), and convention secretary, all convention reports. It is the responsibility of the newly elected unit chair to transmit all convention reports and a copy of the county or city constitution to the State DFL Chair within five days after the convention. If the county or city organization has no permanent chair following adjournment of the convention, the convention chair shall complete and mail or deliver such reports.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

May 2 – May 29, 2020

Every congressional district will hold a convention between May 2 and May 29, 2020. The time and place will be set by the congressional district executive or central committee.

State convention delegates and alternates (including Distinguished Party Leader delegates and delegates elected at the Elected Officials Convocation) living in the district are congressional district delegates and alternates. State party officers (chair, vice chair, outreach officer, secretary, treasurer, at-large directors, and national committee members) who live in the district and the congressional district chair(s) and vice chair(s) at the time the convention is called to order are also voting delegates on all matters. Unless elected as a delegate or alternate, DFL-endorsed elected officials not seated as Distinguished Party Leader delegates; members of the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee; members of the State Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee; and members of the State Outreach and Inclusion Committee who live in the district are non-voting delegates.

A congressional district constitution may allow State Convention alternates to serve as delegates to its congressional district convention.

I. CONVENTION PREPARATIONS

The central committee of the congressional district will determine what pre-convention committees will be established and the process for selecting delegates (and alternates, if any) to those committees. Congressional district pre-convention committees will meet at the time and place designated by the congressional district central committee. The congressional district central or executive committee will appoint convenors for each committee. After convening, each committee will elect its own chair(s).

As soon as possible, but not later than the first meeting of the credentials committee, the congressional district chair will give the credentials committee the organizing unit convention delegate and alternate reports, the names of state party officials and Distinguished Party Leaders living in the district, and the names of any other elected officials who will have floor privileges at the convention. From these lists, the credentials committee resolves any errors or inconsistencies and prepares a temporary roll.

At least 10 days before the convention, written notice of the date, time and place of the convention will be mailed or presented to delegates, alternates and elected officials with floor privileges by the congressional district chair.

If a congressional district allows additional delegates and alternates, the congressional district chair shall issue a Call for such additional delegates and alternates to the convenor of each organizing unit within the congressional district as soon as possible.

II. ON CONVENTION DAY

A. BEFORE THE CONVENTION

At least one-half hour before the convention is to convene, the congressional district chair shall have available a copy of the following: the 2020–2021 Call; the name and address of the state outreach officer; the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws; the DFL Ongoing Platform; and the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Statement.

B. DURING THE CONVENTION

1. Call to Order. The congressional district chair will call the convention to order and preside until a convention chair is elected.

2. Rules. The general rules for conducting all DFL meetings are in Addendum A of the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws. The convention may adopt additional rules for conducting its business.

3. Convention Business:

a. Reading of the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Statement. This must be the first order of business. The Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Reminder shall also be read before elections (see page 1).

b. Election of Convention Chair(s).

c. Party Officer Elections. Except in those units that hold annual conventions, the organizing unit chair, vice chair (not of the same gender identity as the chair), outreach officer, secretary, treasurer, directors, and such other officers as may be specified in the congressional district constitution shall be elected.

All officers serve as members of the district executive and central committees. Their further duties are described in the congressional district constitution. Officers elected in 2020 serve for two-year terms (except that if the congressional district constitution is amended or a new constitution is adopted in 2020 to provide for annual conventions, they shall serve only until the 2021 convention).

The congressional district chair and vice chair are delegates to the State Executive Committee.

d. District Constitution. If the congressional district is identical to the old congressional district, the convention will act on proposals to amend the congressional district constitution. However, if the congressional district has new boundaries, the old constitution is not valid and a new congressional district constitution must be adopted.

e. U.S. Congressional Candidate Endorsement. The convention will consider endorsing a DFL candidate for U.S. House of Representatives.

f. State Standing Committee Members. The convention shall elect one person to serve on the Budget Committee and two persons, not of the same gender identity, to serve on each of the following committees: Outreach and Inclusion Committee; Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee; Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee; and Party Affairs and Coordinated Campaign Committee. The term of office is for two years beginning at the adjournment of the first State Central Committee meeting following the 2020 State Convention until the adjournment of the first State Central Committee meeting following the 2022 State Convention.

(Committee duties are defined under Article VII, Section 6, State DFL Constitution.) Committee members and alternates need not be state convention delegates or alternates. However, the Budget Committee member shall be selected from among the district Treasurer and State Central Committee delegates and alternates that reside within the district.

g. State Convention Committee Members. The congressional district will elect two persons, not of the same gender identity, to serve as delegates and two persons, not of the same gender identity, to serve as alternates on the credentials, nominations, and rules committees of the state convention. State convention committee delegates and alternates must be either delegates or alternates to the state convention. (The state convention nominations committee may not recommend its members as candidates for party office.) If the congressional district convention meets prior to the State Convention Committee Meetings, the committee members will be elected by the convention. Otherwise, they will be elected prior to that date by the congressional district central committee. The congressional district chair must give each state convention committee member and alternate a signed statement of election to take to the initial committee meeting. That statement can be in the form of a single, signed list.

State convention committee members must be prepared to work at least on May 2 & 3 in order to prepare their reports. Each committee will decide how much additional time it needs to complete committee work.

h. Presidential Elector. The convention shall elect one Presidential Elector and one alternate Presidential Elector not of the same gender identity for that congressional district.

i. National Convention Delegates. The convention shall elect National Convention delegates. The number of delegates to be elected is given on page 21 in the National Delegate Selection Plan Summary. These delegates will be elected in accordance with the rules contained in the National Delegate Selection Plan. Delegates and alternates are not permitted to change their previously declared candidate preference unless the person they selected is no longer a candidate. Uncommitted delegates and alternates may choose to make a candidate preference declaration, but they may not change preferences after that declaration unless the person they selected is no longer a candidate. Each half-vote delegate is entitled to cast only a half vote when electing National Convention delegates.

j. Adjournment. The convention shall not adjourn until all required business has been considered.

C. AFTER THE CONVENTION

The congressional district chair in office following the adjournment of a convention must complete, with assistance from the outgoing chair, convention chair(s), and convention secretary, all convention reports. It is the responsibility of the newly elected congressional district chair to transmit all convention reports all convention reports, copies of any approved petition resolutions, and a copy of the congressional district constitution to the State DFL Chair within two business days after the convention's adjournment.

2020 DFL ELECTED OFFICIALS CONVOCATION

On February 29, 2020, the State DFL Chair shall convene a convocation of elected public officials. To be eligible to participate in the convocation, elected public officials must consider themselves members of the DFL party and must have participated in the DFL precinct caucus in the year the Convention occurs.

The business of the February 29, 2020 convocation shall be to:

- a. Elect 5 persons from each Congressional District to serve as delegates to the State DFL Convention.
- b. Elect 10 persons to serve as delegates to the State DFL Central Committee for a two-year term.
- c. Elect 3 persons to serve as directors on the State DFL Executive Committee for a two-year term.
- d. Elect 6 persons who are DFL endorsed, elected members of the Minnesota House of Representatives or State Senate, State Constitutional Officers, or members of the U.S.

Congress to serve as members of the State Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee for a two-year term.

This convocation, after electing a chair(s), should adopt methods of elections which fulfill the same general delegation election guidelines, including gender identity balance, applicable under this Call and the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws. No alternates will be elected for any of the aforementioned delegates/directors selected. The chair(s) of the convocation shall certify the names of such members elected above and acknowledgment of agreement to serve within one week to the State DFL Chair.

STATE CONVENTION

May 30–31, 2020

The 2020 DFL State Convention will be held in Rochester, MN at the Mayo Civic Center on May 30–31. There will be the following delegate votes at the convention: 1200 allotted to organizing unit delegates according to the State DFL Constitution formula; 26 allotted to state party officers; 16 allotted to congressional district chairs and vice chairs incumbent at the time the congressional district convention is called to order; the MYDFL President; and a number to be determined allotted to the Distinguished Party Leader delegate category. (These numbers may be reduced if a party officer is also an elected organizing unit delegate.) There are more than 1200 individuals casting the 1200 organizing unit delegate votes since some organizing units have half vote delegates.

I. CONVENTION PREPARATIONS

Prior to May 2, 2020, each congressional district convention or central committee will elect two members, not of the same gender identity, and two alternates, not of the same gender identity, to the credentials, nominations and rules committees for the state convention. The persons elected must be delegates or alternates to the state convention.

On Saturday, May 2, at 10:30 a.m., state convention committees will convene. The State DFL Chair will, subject to the approval of the State Executive Committee, appoint convenors for each committee. After convening, each committee will elect its officers.

The State DFL Chair will compile a list of: delegates and alternates elected by the organizing unit conventions; state party officers; congressional district chairs and vice chairs; Distinguished Party Leader delegates; chairs emeriti; and state committee members that were incumbent at the time the congressional district convention was called to order from the following committees: Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules; Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs; and Outreach and Inclusion.

No later than Friday, May 22, the Platform, Constitution, and Rules Committees will complete their reports and submit them to the State DFL Office for reproduction.

No later than Tuesday, May 26, copies of the Platform, Constitution, and Rules committee reports will be available at the State DFL Office, and on the DFL website at www.dfl.org.

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules – recommends changes in the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws. A separate State Convention Rules Committee proposes an agenda and changes, if any, to the Temporary and Proposed Permanent Rules.

Credentials – supervises registration of convention delegates and alternates; prepares temporary roll of the convention. Also hears and reports on all delegate and alternate challenges.

Nominations – screens and recommends candidates for At-Large Directors. The nominations committee shall not recommend its members as candidates for party office.

Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs – recommends amendments and additions and deletions to the DFL Ongoing Platform and items for the DFL Action Agenda.

Rules – proposes an agenda and changes, if any, to the “Temporary and Proposed Permanent Rules for the 2020 Minnesota DFL State Convention”.

II. THE CONVENTION

A. BEFORE THE CONVENTION

At 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29, convention registration will begin at the convention facility or a nearby hotel. Before registration opens, the State DFL Chair shall have available a copy of the following: the 2020–2021 Call; the name and contact information of the state outreach officer; a list of any committees that will meet during the convention, with the time and location of each meeting; the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws; the DFL Ongoing Platform; and the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Statement.

B. DURING THE CONVENTION

1. Call to Order. On Saturday, May 30, the State DFL Chair will call the State Convention to order and preside until a convention chair is elected.

2. Convention Rules. Until the convention adopts permanent rules, the “Temporary and Proposed Permanent Rules for the 2020 Minnesota DFL State Convention” are the rules of the convention.

3. Convention Business:

a. Reading of the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Statement. This must be the first order of business. The Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Reminder shall also be read before elections (see page 1).

b. Election of Convention Chair and Co-chairs.

c. Outreach and Inclusion Report. A report on the state outreach and inclusion program will be made by the state outreach officer.

d. At-Large Director Elections. There are 16 At-Large Directors. Their duties are described in the State DFL Constitution.

The At-Large Directors will be elected to ensure representation of communities within the DFL Party and to further the goals of outreach and inclusion within those communities. To achieve this goal, at least five shall be elected from outside the

metropolitan counties of Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington. At least eight elected shall be members of the following communities: African-American, Asian-Pacific, Native American, Latino, GLBT, seniors, youth, and persons with disabilities.

e. Constitution. The convention will act on proposals to amend the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws.

f. Platform. The convention shall consider resolutions for amending or affirming items in the DFL Ongoing Platform and for adoption of the DFL Action Agenda.

g. Endorsements. The convention will consider endorsement for U.S. Senate.

h. Presidential Electors. The convention will elect two Presidential Electors and two alternate Presidential Electors.

i. National Convention Delegates and Alternates. The convention will hold elections for national Delegates and Alternates in accordance with the National Delegate Selection Plan. The at-large elections must not begin until after the completion of the PLEO delegate elections. Each half-vote delegate is entitled to cast only a half vote when electing National Convention delegates and alternates.

j. Adjournment. The convention shall not adjourn until all required business has been considered.

TEMPORARY AND PROPOSED PERMANENT RULES FOR THE 2020 MINNESOTA DFL STATE CONVENTION

Note: These Temporary and Proposed Permanent Rules shall govern the State Convention until the Convention adopts permanent rules. These Temporary and Proposed Permanent Rules are also a recommendation to the Rules Committee as a starting point in preparing its report to the State Convention.

I. Delegates and Delegations

1. **CONVENTION COMPOSITION:** The convention will be composed of the following delegates:

a. All delegates elected at organizing unit conventions (and alternates properly seated in place of absent delegates), who shall be entitled to vote on all convention matters.

b. State party officers (State Chair, Vice Chair, Outreach Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Finance Chair, 16 Directors, and Minnesota's elected National Committee Members), the MYDFL President, and Congressional District Chairs and Vice Chairs incumbent at the time the congressional district convention was convened, all of whom shall be entitled to vote on all matters.

c. Distinguished Party Leader delegates, as defined in Article III, Section 19 of the DFL Constitution, who shall be entitled to vote on all matters.

d. State Standing Committee members of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee; Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee; and Outreach and Inclusion Committee, and members of the National Committee not elected by the state convention or the state central committee, shall be non-voting delegates unless elected as delegates pursuant to a., b., or c. above.

2. **CREDENTIALS CHALLENGES:** The state convention credentials committee will hear challenges and will then report its suggested resolution(s) of any challenge(s) at the time of any credentials report. Delegates and properly seated alternates on the temporary roll may vote on challenges. However, no challenged individual may vote on their own challenge.

3. **DELEGATE, ALTERNATE AND VISITOR SEATING:** Delegates and alternates seated as delegates will be seated by organizing units within Congressional Districts at designated locations. At-large delegates shall be seated at designated locations within their Congressional Districts. Distinguished Party Leader delegates shall be seated with the delega-

tion for the organizing unit in which they reside, and shall vote with the state party officers at a table within the Congressional District in which they reside. In those organizing units having delegates in more than one Congressional District, delegates and alternates seated as delegates shall be seated in the Congressional District where the majority of the delegates reside, Alternates shall be seated in a specific area of the convention hall, and shall be in areas designated by Congressional Districts. All visitors shall be seated separately from delegates and alternates. Special floor passes shall be issued for an interpreter or personal care attendant for any delegate or upgraded alternate who submits a request to the credentials committee. Such persons may be located in close proximity to the delegate or alternate they are assisting, but shall play no independent role in campaigns or other convention business. Delegates and upgraded alternates with mobility impairments shall be allowed an additional 10 minutes to get onto the convention floor after it is frozen. Alternates with mobility impairments will have a specific dedicated spot on the convention floor.

4. **DELEGATION CO-CHAIR(S):** At the organizing unit convention, each organizing unit delegation shall elect delegation co-chair(s), not of the same gender identity, for purposes of alternate seating, roll call and ballot voting. Any delegate shall be eligible for election as a delegation co-chair. The names of the delegation co-chair(s) shall be reported promptly to the organizing unit convention secretary and the State DFL Office. The convention chair shall instruct the convention as to the duties the delegation co-chair(s) will be expected to perform during the convention. Congressional District Chairs and Vice Chairs incumbent at the time the congressional district convention was called to order shall serve as the delegation co-chairs for the at-large delegates, state party officers, and Distinguished Party Leader delegates who reside within that Congressional District.

5. **UPGRADING ALTERNATES:**

a. Delegation co-chair(s) will upgrade alternates to assure maximum delegate strength. The co-chair(s) will be provided with a list of the delegates and alternates in their delegation, showing subcaucuses, if applicable, gender identity, and alternate ranking. Delegations which are split across congressional district boundaries are separate delegations for purposes of upgrading.

b. Seating of alternates will be performed by the delegation co-chair(s) as follows:

1. In those organizing units in which delegates were elected by majority voting, a delegate will be replaced by the highest-ranked alternate in the delegation who maintains equal division.

2. In those organizing units in which delegates were elected by subcaucus, a delegate will be replaced by the highest-ranking alternate from the subcaucus, who maintains equal division as far as mathematically practicable, if available. If no alternate from the delegate's subcaucus is available, then the alternate who will maintain equal division will be chosen by lot from the top-ranking alternates from the subcaucuses of the same candidate preference which have alternates who will maintain equal division, if available. If no alternate from a subcaucus of the same candidate preference who will maintain equal division is available, then the alternate will be chosen by lot from the top-ranking alternates from each subcaucus of the same candidate preference, if available. If no alternates from a subcaucus of the same candidate preference are available, then the alternate who will maintain equal division will be chosen by lot from the top-ranking alternates from the subcaucuses who will maintain equal division, if available. If no alternate who will maintain equal division is available, then the alternate will be drawn from the entire organizing unit by lot. Each subcaucus will be represented in the lot in proportion to its delegate allocation strength.

3. No alternate will be upgraded during the time when any voting/balloting is taking place.

c. When a delegate who has been replaced by an alternate arrives or returns, or when an alternate arrives or returns and would otherwise be eligible to be seated, the lowest ranking seated alternate from that organizing unit or within the subcaucus (where that method has been used) will relinquish delegate status. When a delegate who has been replaced by lot arrives or returns, the alternate selected by that lot will relinquish delegate status. Downgrading shall maintain equal division as far as mathematically practicable.

II. Quorum

6. **QUORUMNUMBER:** The quorum required to conduct convention business is the number of delegates sufficient to cast a majority of the total convention votes.

III. Voting

7. **VOTING PROCEDURE:** Unless otherwise provided for in these rules, all voting shall be by voice vote or raising of hand division unless a written ballot vote is requested by the chair or by a 1/3 vote of the convention. All votes on contested endorsements and on contested elections shall be by written ballot. Fractional votes will be counted as such on all standing divisions and written ballots.

8. **WRITTEN BALLOT VOTE:** On written ballot votes, congressional district chairs, or their designee, will report to the teller's desk to be given ballots for the organizing units seated within the congressional district. Fractional vote ballots will be uniquely identified by the election judges prior to distribution. The delegation co-chair(s) will receive, distribute and collect ballots from the organizing unit delegation. A delegate will cast only one ballot. Each delegate must write the candidate's name legibly on the ballot, and then sign their name on the back of the ballot. After collection, delegation co-chair(s) will tally the votes at the delegation table, openly and in the presence of observers, including abstentions and blank ballots, record the results on the ballot envelope, and immediately give the ballots to their congressional district chair or their designee secretary. If a vote challenge is issued, a teller will conduct a poll of the delegation. Any printed ballot must list the names of all nominees.

9. **ELECTRONIC VOTING:** Whenever these rules provide for a written ballot, electronic balloting shall be used unless the chair

determines or has been advised that the electronic balloting system is not functioning properly, in which case written ballots shall be used as described in these rules.

10. KEYPADS AND KEYPAD BOXES:

a. Each delegate shall be assigned a single, uniquely labeled keypad. However, the keypads will remain in their designated keypad boxes and in the possession of the delegation co-chair(s) until the floor is frozen for a vote.

b. Keypad sign-out sheets for each delegation will record the signatures of each delegate or upgraded alternate for each ballot. Each sheet will include a unique identifier which will correspond to each specific ballot. Delegates will vote on the keypad assigned to them; upgraded alternates will vote on the keypad assigned to the delegate for whom they are upgraded.

11. **DISTRIBUTION OF KEYPADS:** Before voting begins each day, there will be designated tables in the teller room that have boxes of keypads for each delegation. The boxes will be sorted alphabetically and numerically. Delegation co-chair(s) will be required to sign out the keypad boxes for their delegation, and transport them to the delegation's table(s). No delegate or upgraded alternate will receive their keypad until it is time to vote on the ballot. Each delegate or upgraded alternate will sign out their keypad on the corresponding sign-out sheet. Delegation co-chair(s) will indicate, as instructed, which keypads were unused for that ballot. Following each ballot, the delegation co-chair(s) shall collect all sign out sheets and deliver them to the indicated congressional district chair, who will turn the same into the tellers.

12. **BALLOTING:** Prior to any ballot for which electronic voting shall be used, the chair shall provide a 10-minute warning prior to freezing the floor. Once the floor is frozen, delegates and upgraded alternates will have 10 minutes to sign-out their keypads and vote. The keypads will only be activated during this time. When the time has expired, the delegates and upgraded alternates will have 3 minutes to return their keypads. The convention chair shall then unfreeze the floor and announce the results of the ballot. If a subsequent ballot is necessary, the chair shall immediately issue a new 10-minute warning prior to freezing the floor, allowing campaigns to work the floor prior to the floor being frozen again. This process will be repeated as necessary.

13. **TEST VOTES:** Prior to the convention casting its first vote using electronic voting, each day the chair shall hold a test vote which follows the procedures provided in these Rules. Additional test votes may occur during the convention at the chair's discretion.

14. VERIFICATION:

a. In the case of a challenge, in the teller room, keypad sign-out sheets can be cross-checked against the keypad vendor's record of keypads actually used on the ballot in question. Tellers will check those keypads designated as unused against the record of keypads that entered a vote. If any keypads have been used when they were not assigned to a specific delegate or upgraded alternate, that individual vote would be considered spoiled and then uncounted.

b. There will be a verification table staffed by neutral parties who will be able to access a full spreadsheet of results, organized by keypad number. Delegates will be able to show their delegate credential labeled with their assigned keypad number (upgraded alternates will be able to show their assigned delegate credential labeled with their assigned keypad number) and ask for verification that their vote was recorded correctly. Delegation co-chair(s) will be instructed to direct concerned parties to the verification table.

15. **TALLYING:** Each full vote shall be weighted as 100 and each half vote shall be weighted as 50. The total vote then shall be divided by 100.

16. RETURNING KEYPAD BOXES: At the end of each day, or adjournment of the convention, delegation co-chair(s) will return the keypad boxes to the teller room.

17. VOTING ASSISTANCE: Any delegate who cannot indicate their vote shall be provided assistance by a teller upon request to the delegation co-chair(s).

IV. Convention Officers

18. CONVENTION OFFICERS: The convention will elect a convention chair and at least three co-chairs (with gender identity balance) who will preside at the designation of the chair. Candidates for convention chair and co-chairs will be nominated by the State Party Chair after consultations with the Nominations Committee. The chair will appoint a convention secretary, timekeepers, judges, clerks, tellers, sergeants-at-arms, parliamentarians, pages and other assistants the chair deems necessary to conduct convention business.

V. Speech and Debate

19. RECOGNITION OF SPEAKERS: 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 who wish to do so have had an opportunity.

20. TIME LIMITS: Unless otherwise provided for in these rules, debate on any motion shall be limited to three speaker in favor, three speakers against, with each speaker allowed up to two minutes. The chair will rotate speaking privileges among floor microphones and between proponents and opponents of a measure to the extent possible.

21. CREDENTIALS CHALLENGES: With respect to credentials challenges to delegations, following the presentation of the report of the credentials committee and prior to floor debate, speakers on behalf of both the challenged delegation and the challenging delegation shall each be allowed five minutes in total to present their positions, with the challenged delegation speaking last.

22. MOTIONS TO TABLE, POSTPONE OR RECONSIDER: 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 with the following exception; once a platform resolution is adopted or rejected, it cannot be reconsidered by the convention.

VI. Committees - General Rules

23. PARTIAL REPORTS: Any convention committee may make partial reports, at the discretion of the convention chair.

24. MINORITY REPORTS: Minority reports of a committee must be supported by at least two members. For all convention reports, a minority report which is germane to a report item will be considered at the same time as the committee position and will be voted on first. Other minority reports will be taken up at the end of the committee report. All minority reports will be presented from the podium by the author.

25. AMENDMENTS TO COMMITTEE REPORTS: Amendments to committee reports must be seconded by 10% of the delegates, by signature or by show of hands. Amendments that change or add five or more words must be submitted in writing.

26. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND RULES: A majority vote of the convention is required to adopt the agenda and rules as the permanent agenda and rules. Any amendment or a suspension of the permanent rules or the agenda after they have been adopted requires a two-thirds vote of the convention.

VII. DFL Ongoing Platform and Action Agenda

27. ADOPTION OF PLATFORM: A 60% affirmative vote is necessary to adopt any changes (amendments, additions, deletions or substitutions) to the DFL Ongoing Platform or any items for the Action Agenda. Up to 100 Action Agenda resolutions, ranked by percentage, receiving the necessary vote for inclusion shall be incorporated appropriately in the DFL Action Agenda. However, in the event of a tie for last place, the State Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee may increase the number above 100.

28. WRITTEN BALLOT PROCEDURE: The rules for implementation of the written ballot are:

a. The Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee report shall be distributed to delegates and alternates at or prior to registration. The ballots will be distributed to delegation co-chair(s) for distribution to delegates and seated alternates only at the time certain. The ballots must be turned in prior to recess Saturday.

b. Members of the Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee shall be available at a location on or near the convention floor to answer questions about the balloting procedure or to clarify proposed resolutions from the start of the convention until balloting is closed.

c. All resolutions balloting shall be open; therefore, delegates shall sign their names legibly on their ballots.

d. Comment and Advocacy Process: At the discretion of the chair, a time period of up to 90 minutes for only comment and advocacy on ballot resolutions may be allotted. Delegates may speak for or against any resolution, and shall be limited to 45 seconds.

e. Special consideration and debate process: There shall be a special consideration period of up to 90 minutes on the agenda. Requests for special consideration shall be submitted to the convention secretary and will be placed on the proposed list in the order they were received. The deadline to request special consideration is 12:45 p.m. on Saturday. If by a show of credentials it appears 50% of the delegates agree to special consideration, the item will be placed on the final list for special consideration. Items for special consideration still remain on the convention ballot. Amendments to resolutions are not allowed.

f. There will be no separate voting on the merits of items during the special consideration portion of the agenda. The time for voting on resolutions shall remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. All balloting will be on the written ballot, including voting on resolutions receiving special consideration. There will be one-half hour, immediately following the special consideration period, set aside during the convention for voting on the written ballot during which no other business shall be conducted.

g. In calculating vote totals, abstentions shall be counted as part of the vote (in effect making them "no" votes). Vote totals shall be announced to the convention.

h. The order of debate on resolutions during the special consideration period shall be as follows: first, all majority/minority reports; and second, all resolutions set aside for special consideration under paragraph d.

i. Petition resolutions proposing to modify the Platform may be submitted to the State Convention, provided they are signed by 250 of the state delegates or alternates representing no fewer than 2 Congressional Districts and 5 Organizing Units. Those submitted by the Thursday before the state convention committee meetings (April 30, 2020) will be considered for inclusion in the state Convention Platform report and ballot. Those submitted after that date, but before adjournment of the convention, will be

forwarded to the State Central Committee for consideration and may modify only the Action Agenda, not the Ongoing Platform. Petition resolutions must be submitted to the Co-Chairs of the State Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee, or, during the State Convention, to the Convention Secretary.

VIII. Endorsement for U.S. Senate

29. **NOMINATING PROCESS:** Candidates shall be placed in nomination from the floor in name only. At least 50 delegate votes must second the nomination to place the candidate's name into nomination. Candidates nominated for U.S. Senate shall each be allotted up to 15 minutes for demonstrations, nominating speeches, seconding speeches, and addressing the convention. Speaking order of candidates will be determined by lot.

30. GENERAL ENDORSEMENT RULES

a. **ENDORSEMENT:** Endorsement requires a 60% affirmative vote of the convention, and every ballot is a test ballot of the quorum. The phrase "60% affirmative vote" means that to be endorsed, a candidate must receive 60% of the votes cast on that ballot, excluding blanks and abstentions. A ballot with too many names on it or the name of a candidate who was not nominated or has been dropped off due to lack of delegate strength will be considered a spoiled ballot. Abstaining or casting a blank, unintelligible, or spoiled ballot will be considered the same as not voting. Such ballots will not be tallied in the vote count, but will count towards a quorum. Ballots for "no endorsement" will be tallied in the vote count.

b. **NUMBER OF BALLOTS:** There shall be no limit in the number of ballots for endorsement.

c. **TEN MINUTES BETWEEN BALLOTS:** For each ballot there shall be ten minutes between the announcement of the results and the commencement of the next ballot.

d. **DROP OFF RULE:** Candidates receiving less than 5% will be dropped after the first ballot. On subsequent ballots, the drop off percent will be raised by 5% each ballot to a maximum of 25%. After the fifth ballot and each subsequent ballot, candidates will be dropped as needed so that only the first- and second-place candidates remain. In the event that application of the drop off rule would eliminate all but one candidate, then the two candidates who received the highest percent of the vote on the prior ballot shall be the remaining candidates.

31. **ACCEPTANCES:** The endorsed candidate for U.S. Senate will be allotted up to 10 minutes for an acceptance speech. The timing of the acceptance speech will be determined by the endorsed candidate and the convention chair.

32. CANDIDATE FLOOR PASSES:

a. Upon application to the State Chair, a declared candidate seeking DFL endorsement for U.S. Senate shall be allotted 10 floor passes. From the day a candidate is nominated and until endorsement balloting for that office is completed, candidates may have an additional 10 temporary floor passes in the case of a contested endorsement and an additional 4 temporary floor passes in the case of an uncontested endorsement. All non-delegate candidates and their representatives (using floor passes) must leave the convention floor at the time that ballots are distributed.

b. Upon completion of the endorsement process for a particular office, all floor passes for that office shall expire except for two passes for the endorsed candidate.

c. Upon application to the State Chair, each declared candidate for endorsement for a statewide elective office who is not a delegate or seated alternate will be given a permanent, personal floor pass

for the convention.

33. **QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD:** There will be a Question & Answer period immediately after the nominating process for U.S. Senate. The Question and Answer period will be 20 minutes long. All candidates who have been nominated for endorsement will be invited to participate.

a. Delegates and alternates are entitled to submit one written, signed question, on the form provided at registration for the Question and Answer period. Only one question per form is permitted. All questions must be submitted to the convention secretary no later than one hour prior to the beginning of nominations for the endorsement for a particular office. The question must be legible to be considered. All questions must be general in nature and be addressed to all of the candidates. No preliminary remarks, statements or explanations may be included and are cause for the disqualification of the question. No questions deemed to be in the nature of personal attacks on any or all candidates will be accepted. All questions must be possible to answer within a one minute period.

b. The first question, to be asked by the convention chair, and to be answered by each candidate, shall be: "If a candidate other than yourself gets endorsed, will you under any circumstances run in the primary against the DFL endorsed candidate? Yes or No answer only." All other questions will be screened for compliance with subsection a. above by the state convention chairs. Each candidate may have one observer at the screening. All questions approved will be placed in a container from which the convention chair will draw randomly during the Question and Answer period. The convention chair will ask the question and not repeat a previously asked question.

c. Each candidate will have up to one minute to respond to each randomly-drawn question. The timer will be diligent and forceful in order to be fair to all candidates. The order of response for the first question will be determined by the lot under Rule 21, and rotation will follow for subsequent questions. All candidates will have the opportunity to answer the last question asked even if the allotted time elapses prior to the completion of the rotation.

IX. Election of Party Officers and Presidential Electors

34. **SCREENING:** Candidates for Democratic National Committee ("DNC") Members, State Director, or Presidential Elector must make application to the Nominations Committee and must make arrangements for a screening. No one may be nominated for or elected as a DNC Member, State Director, or Presidential Elector unless the candidate has applied to or screened before the Nominations Committee. A list of all who have screened or applied to be screened shall be available from the convention secretary. This list shall indicate by asterisk those nominated by the Nominations Committee. This rule does not apply when subcaucusing is used for election of Directors.

35. **NOMINATIONS:** A report of the Nominations Committee shall place in nomination the committee's recommendation. After the report, the chair shall call for further nominations from the floor by name only. After the candidates have been named, the chair shall determine by lot the order of candidate speeches. In contested elections, each nominee for Director or Presidential Elector shall be allowed up to 3 minutes time and each nominee for DNC Member shall be allowed up to 5 minutes, to be used as the nominee wishes. No time will be allotted to candidates declining nomination.

36. **FLOOR PASSES:** DNC Member, Director, or Presidential Elector candidates who are not delegates or seated alternates will be given a personal floor pass for the convention from the convening of the convention through the final ballot for their position.

37. **ELECTION OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** DNC members shall be elected separately from other

officers. DNC nominees will be listed on one ballot including each nominee's gender identity. A delegate may vote for a total of four nominees, no more than two of the same gender identity. A delegate must cast each vote for a different candidate, with the understanding that the delegate need not cast all four votes. Candidates receiving a majority of the votes will be declared elected. The Convention shall elect DNC members which accomplish equal division between men and women (determined by gender-self-identification). In the case of members who do not identify as male or female, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the members shall be equally divided by gender identity. Balloting will continue until four DNC members are elected.

38. **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:** Directors shall be elected separately from other officers. Proportional voting for directors shall be used if requested by 1/16th of the delegate vote.

a. IF PROPORTIONAL VOTING IS NOT USED in the election of directors, the following system will be used. State director nominees will be listed on the ballot in columns by gender identity. A delegate may vote for a total of 16 nominees, no more than 8 of the same gender identity. A delegate must cast each vote for a different candidate, with the understanding that the delegate need not cast all 16 votes. The tellers will rank candidates by the total number of votes received on one list without regard to gender identity. The top 16 candidates will be declared elected, provided that no more than 8 may be of the same gender identity and that no candidate may be elected with less than 1/3 of the total vote. If more than 8 of the same gender identity are in the top 16, than the candidate of that gender identity with the fewest number of votes will be set aside and the top 16 reevaluated. If there are still more than 8 of the same gender identity in the new list, this process will be repeated until there are no longer more than 8 of the same gender identity in the top 16. Balloting will continue until 16 directors are elected.

b. IF PROPORTIONAL VOTING IS USED in the election of Directors, the Walking Subcaucus system shall be used.

39. **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS:** Two Presidential Electors, not of the same gender identity, and two alternate Presidential Electors, not of the same gender identity, shall be elected by a majority vote of the convention.

40. **DROP OFF RULE:** Candidates for DNC Member or Presidential Elector receiving less than 5% of the vote will be dropped after the first ballot. On subsequent ballots, the drop off percent will be raised by 5% each ballot. In addition, after the fifth ballot, the lowest remaining candidate will be dropped regardless of the percent. However, in no case will this drop rule be used to reduce the number of candidates remaining on the next ballot to less than twice the number of positions remaining to be filled.

X. Subcaucus Rules for Election of State Directors

41. **NOMINATING A SUBCAUCUS:** Subcaucuses will be nominated from the floor by name only. A delegate may nominate only one subcaucus.

42. **TIME FOR EXPLAINING A SUBCAUCUS:** When nominations are finished, each nominator will be allowed one minute to explain the purpose of the subcaucus.

43. **DETERMINING SUBCAUCUS VIABILITY:** When speeches are finished, there will be a credentials report of delegates and seated alternates. The Convention Chair will announce the preliminary viability number. The Chair will then implement the Walking Subcaucus process described in the "Walking Subcaucus Procedures" section of the Call.

44. **WALKING SUBCAUCUS PROCEDURES:** After the chair assigns an area for each subcaucus to meet, delegates shall have 30 minutes to move to the subcaucus of their choice. Tellers count the number in

each subcaucus and report the preliminary counts to the chair and each subcaucus chair. A subcaucus with fewer members than the number necessary to elect one director is informed that it is nonviable. (The necessary number is determined by dividing the total number of delegates present and eligible to vote in all subcaucuses by the total number of individuals to be elected.) Delegates shall then have an additional 30 minutes to move among the subcaucuses. If all remaining subcaucuses are viable on the first count, then there shall be no second count. Tellers then count the number of members in each subcaucus and report the final counts to the chair and each subcaucus chair. The chair then informs each subcaucus of the number of directors it is entitled to elect.

45. **GENDER IDENTITY EQUALITY IN STATE DIRECTOR SUBCAUCUSES (if used):** Each subcaucus will elect their allocation in accordance with the following rules for gender identity division:

a. Single director subcaucuses will elect two nominees, not of the same gender identity, for their position and report these names in order of preference to the chair.

b. Multiple director subcaucuses with an even number to elect will elect not more than half of the same gender identity.

c. Multiple director subcaucuses with an odd number to elect will elect all but one in accordance with b. above. The subcaucus will then nominate two, not of the same gender identity, for the final position, indicating their first preference.

d. When all subcaucuses have reported their elections, the chair will see if the constitutional gender identity ratio has been achieved by the following order: Record the election of even-numbered director subcaucuses, record the preference of odd-numbered director subcaucuses, and assign director status to the remaining subcaucus nominees to assure equal division. In the final assignment, subcaucus order of nominee preference should be given priority if possible. All determinations in the final assignment shall be determined by lot, if any determination needs to be made. If this procedure does not result in being properly divided, the chair will report the matter to the subcaucuses and request that new names be submitted to the chair until it does.

XI. National Convention Delegates and Alternates

46. **FLOOR PASSES:** Presidential candidates who address the convention will be allotted 16 floor passes while they are present.

47. **EQUAL DIVISION/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

a. The state convention's National Delegate election shall be used to meet the overall delegation gender identity balance and shall have alternate gender identity balance. Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose.

b. In the election of the at-large delegation, priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans and women. In order to continue the DFL Party's ongoing efforts to include groups historically underrepresented in the DFL Party's affairs, priority of consideration shall also be given to other groups by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual orientation or disability. The election of at-large delegates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action section of the National Delegate Selection Plan. Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose.

48. **METHOD AND ORDER OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES:** All delegate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at the state convention. Election of delegates will take place within subcaucuses based on the results of the presidential primary. A single subcaucus will be used for the election of 10 pledged party and elected official delegates and 16 at-large delegates. Within each subcaucus, pledged party and elected official delegates shall be elected

prior to at-large delegates. Each presidential preference subcaucus will determine by majority vote its own procedures for electing National Convention delegates and alternates. Each half-vote delegate is entitled to cast only a half vote when electing National Convention delegates. The group may vote to use a system of proportional representation described in the Subcaucus Procedures section of this Call, but is not required to do so. The gender identity imbalance in the unpledged delegation shall be corrected in the election of pledged party and elected official delegates. The election of at-large delegates will balance the state delegation as a whole with regard to gender identity.

49. METHOD AND ORDER OF ELECTION OF ALTERNATES: Alternates shall be elected in the same manner as delegates; with the following exception: If a given presidential preference or uncommitted status is entitled to one or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted an at-large alternate position. This exception shall be implemented by the following rule:

State delegates and upgraded alternates who caucused in a viable subcaucus at congressional district conventions with a presidential preference that was not awarded an alternate position for that preference at congressional district conventions shall caucus prior to the state convention delegate election for the purpose of electing an alternate for that presidential preference. Participation eligibility shall be substantiated by the congressional district subcaucus sign-in sheets.

50. SUBCAUCUS PARTICIPATION: Participants in the subcaucus will sign a registration sheet which will indicate the presidential preference or uncommitted status of the subcaucus. Each subcaucus is physically separated from the other subcaucuses and this registration will serve as a statement of support of the presidential candidate so named in the subcaucus title or uncommitted status by the participants in each subcaucus. Each subcaucus shall elect a subcaucus chair, who shall be recorded on the registration sheet and be responsible for reporting the subcaucus election results to the convention chair.

51. RATIFICATION: Subcaucus election results shall be considered ratified by the convention when the subcaucus chair reports the delegate election results, as verified by the convention tellers, to the convention chair; and the convention chair has verified that such elections were held in accordance with these Rules, the 2020 Call and the National Delegate Selection Plan. At the time of ratification, the convention chair shall ensure the implementation of gender equality for both delegate and alternate elections.

XI. Miscellaneous Rules

52. ACCESSIBILITY: There will be at least four fixed microphones on the convention floor. The sergeants-at-arms and other officers shall make all efforts to ensure the full accessibility of the process, including access to microphones during debate, to those delegates and alternates who have disabilities. Personal care attendants will be allowed to accompany delegates and upgraded alternates, including during votes, in accordance with Rule 3 and Rule 17. Arrangements for signers shall be made prior to the convention.

53. The convention chair shall acknowledge 15-minute breaks at scheduled times throughout the convention for those whose faith requires them to pray at those times. No ballots for endorsement or elections shall begin or take place during a break, all other business may continue. If a break coincides with a ballot or election the chair shall declare a 15-minute recess at the scheduled time. The times of these breaks shall be provided to the chair and published in the agenda.

54. CONVENTION DELAYS: Any convention delay may be used for committee reports, party officer reports, or greetings of elected officials at the discretion of the convention chair. Party dignitaries may be given the privilege of speaking briefly to the convention at the discretion of the convention chair.

55. LITERATURE, DISPLAYS AND DEMONSTRATIONS: No person may place any banners or posters on the convention platform or in any way obstruct the view of the platform by delegates. No sign, banner or other display is allowed on the convention floor or anywhere else in the convention hall unless either (1) the display is in an area designated by the State Party, in which case each candidate for endorsement will be given substantially equal space in the designated area; or (2) the display is a handheld sign, which must be carried by an attendee or delegate or may be laid on or under the table next to the delegate's seat when the delegate is not holding the sign. All signs, stickers and other materials must comply with the rules of the Convention Center and DFL Party. A copy of those rules can be obtained from the State Chair. Banners and posters may be hung at the direction of the State Party. No new printed campaign literature may be distributed in the convention hall between the distribution of a ballot and the collection of that ballot. 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. Balloons, whistles, air horns, bull horns, thunder sticks, and strobe lights, or other similar devices, will not be allowed inside the convention venue during the convention.

56. SMOKING AND USE OF INTOXICANTS: Smoking, e-cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, and the use of intoxicants is prohibited on the convention floor, in the hallways adjacent to the convention hall, and outside the main entrance into the building.

57. RETENTION OF BALLOTS: Any written endorsement ballot shall be retained for 30 days following adjournment of the convention. Any challenged ballot, if challenged prior to adjournment of the convention, shall be retained for 30 days thereafter. All other ballots, including Platform ballots, used for convention business shall be destroyed ten days after the end of the convention.

58. FREEZE ACCESS TO FLOOR: Before conducting any vote, the chair has the discretion to instruct the sergeants-at-arms to freeze access to the area where the delegates are seated on the convention floor. At least 5 minutes advance warning must be given to the delegates. A 10-minute warning must be given to any committee in session prior to any endorsement ballot. The Credentials Committee shall be permitted to close the Credentials table five minutes before the floor is frozen. Delegates and upgraded alternates with mobility impairments shall be allowed an additional 10 minutes to get onto the convention floor after it is frozen. The floor shall be unfrozen once the chair has determined that voting is completed. After the chair has announced that the floor is unfrozen, the sergeants-at-arms shall announce outside in the halls that the floor is now unfrozen.

59. TELLER OBSERVERS: Each candidate shall be allowed three teller observers in the tellers' room while their race is being counted. Candidates shall inform the convention secretary in advance who their observers will be. The observers shall not be involved in ballot counting.

60. ROBERT'S RULES: All matters not governed by the DFL Constitution and Bylaws, the 2020–2021 DFL Call or these rules shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

FIRST STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING FOLLOWING THE 2020 STATE CONVENTION

The first State Central Committee meeting following the State Convention in 2020 will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2020.

The first State Central Committee meeting following the State Convention elects 50 at-large state central committee members and

numerous at-large members of standing committees as outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws. The State Chair will appoint a nominations committee, with the approval of the State Executive Committee, to recommend individuals to fill these positions.

2021 DFL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

The 2021 DFL Business Conference will be held February 6, 2021. The persons eligible to vote at the business conference are the members of the state central committee, with their alternates serving as alternates to the business conference.

The business conference elects the State DFL Chair, Vice Chair (not of the same gender identity as the Chair), Outreach Officer, Secretary, and Treasurer. The duties of these officers are set

out in the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws. Officers elected at the 2021 business conference serve terms ending with the adjournment of the 2023 business conference. The business conference will include discussion of issues, training and outreach, and party building activities. The State DFL Chair will convene a convocation of DFL endorsed and elected public officials and Distinguished Party Leader delegates to fill any vacancies in the positions that were elected at the convocation.

NATIONAL DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN SUMMARY

I. Introduction.

Minnesota's National Delegate Selection Plan provides the procedures for the selection of a total of 91 delegates and 6 alternates from Minnesota to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. It provides for the election of pledged delegates and alternates through a proportional representation system based on a presidential primary, in the following three categories: Congressional District, pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials ("PLEO"), and At-Large. It also includes procedures for selection of the Automatic Delegates. It includes guidelines, procedural safeguards, and Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion which have been incorporated into the selection process. In addition, it provides the procedures for challenging this plan, the implementation of this plan or delegates selected under this plan.

The following is intended only as a summary of Minnesota's National Delegate Selection Plan as approved by the Democratic National Committee's Rules and Bylaws Committee. Where the summary may conflict with the detailed National Delegate Selection Plan, the detailed plan will control. A copy of the detailed plan is available by contacting the State DFL Office.

II. Election of Delegates and Alternates.

A. Introduction. The delegate election process is governed by the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention ("Rules"), the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention ("Regs."), the Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota DFL Party, the Minnesota National Delegate Selection Plan, and this Call.

B. Presidential Candidates.

1. A presidential candidate gains access to the DFL primary ballot by submitting a letter to the State DFL Chair by 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time on December 10, 2019. Letters can be submitted by e-mail to chair@df.org, by fax to 651-251-6325, or by mail to 255 E. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107.

2. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the State DFL Chair the name(s) of his or her authorized representative(s) by December 10, 2019 for delegate election qualification at the congressional district level conventions and for PLEO and At-Large delegate/alternate election qualification at the state convention.

3. Each presidential candidate shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation within the state delegation achieves the affirmative action goals established by this Plan and is equally divided between men and women as far as mathematically practicable. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender.

C. District-Level Delegates. Minnesota is allocated 49 district-level delegates. Minnesota's district-level delegates are apportioned among the congressional districts based on a formula giving equal weight to the average of the vote for DFL candidates in the 2016 presidential and the most recent gubernatorial elections. Gender balance of delegates was determined by lot on March 16, 2019 and assumes no gender non-binary delegates are elected.

District	Delegates		
	Males	Females	Total
#1	2	3	5
#2	3	3	6
#3	3	4	7
#4	4	4	8
#5	5	5	10
#6	2	2	4
#7	2	2	4
#8	3	2	5
Total	24	25	49

1. District-Level Delegate Filing Requirements.

a. All delegate candidates must be identified as to a single presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference.

b. A district-level delegate candidate may run for election only within the district in which he or she is eligible to vote. Individuals need not be a delegate or alternate to the congressional district convention to be eligible to be elected as a district-level delegate.

c. An individual can qualify as a candidate for district-level delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy designating a single presidential (or uncommitted) preference and a signed pledge of support with the congressional district convention chair no later than two hours before the election of delegates at the congressional district convention at which he or she seeks election. Any candidate is able to modify his or her singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline.

d. An individual may obtain the form necessary to make a filing of candidacy and pledge of support from the convention secretary the day of the convention at which the congressional district level national convention delegate is to be elected, or from the DFL State Office, 651-293-1200 or 1-800-999-7457 (toll free) or www.dfl.org, from January 3, 2020 to the start of the congressional district convention.

2. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval for District-Level Delegates.

a. The State DFL Chair shall ask presidential candidates to file a waiver of candidate right of approval with the State DFL Chair by March 2, 2020. If any candidate has not filed a waiver, the congressional district chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), not later than 90 minutes prior to the election of national delegates, a list of all persons who have filed for delegate pledged to that presidential candidate.

b. Such a presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), must then file with the congressional district chair, not later than 30 minutes prior to the election of national delegates, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that approval must be given to candidates equal to at least three (3) times the number of male delegates and three (3) times the number of female delegates to be elected.

c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the authorized representative(s), signifies

otherwise in writing to the congressional district chair no later than 30 minutes prior to the election of delegates.

d. National convention delegate candidates removed from the list of bona fide supporters by a presidential candidate, or that candidate’s authorized representative(s), may not be elected as a delegate pledged to that presidential candidate (including uncommitted status).

3. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference.

a. Minnesota utilizes a binding presidential primary. Results of the presidential primary will be reported by the Secretary of State. Accordingly, delegate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential preference or uncommitted status of the DFL presidential primary voters in each district. The national convention delegates elected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the DFL presidential primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates.

b. Within a district, if no presidential preference reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received in that district by the front-runner.

c. District-level delegates pledged to a single presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) are elected by a meeting of persons from the unit electing the delegate who sign statements of support for that preference. Delegate allocations are set by a presidential primary. Each presidential preference subcaucus will determine by majority vote its own procedure for electing national convention delegates. The group may vote to use a system of proportional representation permitted in the Subcaucus Procedures section of this Call, but is not required to do so.

4. Equal Division of District-Level Delegates.

The Minnesota delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women as far as mathematically practicable. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. Such goals apply to the Minnesota delegation as a whole. Provisions for achieving equal division of delegates at the congressional district level will be as follows:

The convention chair shall allocate delegate positions to each presidential preference (including uncommitted status) based on the votes on the DFL presidential primary in the district. Each even numbered subcaucus allocation shall be equally divided by gender. Each odd numbered subcaucus allocation shall be as equally divided by gender as possible. The rules of each Congressional District Convention shall provide a mechanism to assure equal division of the congressional district delegation as a whole, as specified in the table above.

D. Automatic Delegates.

1. Automatic Party Leaders and Elected Officials. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the automatic Party Leaders and Elected Official delegate positions: (1) Members of the Democratic National Committee who legally reside in Minnesota; (2) All of Minnesota’s Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; (3) The DFL Governor (if applicable); and (4) Vice President Walter Mondale and any other national “Distinguished Party Leader” delegates (as defined in the DNC rules) who legally reside in Minnesota (if applicable).

E. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates. Minnesota is allotted 10 pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) delegates.

1. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements.

a. The following individuals shall be eligible for the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegate positions: big city mayors and state-wide elected officials (to be given equal consideration); state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county and local elected officials and party leaders.

b. Pledged PLEO delegate candidates must be identified as to a single presidential preference or uncommitted status.

c. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO delegate by filing a statement of candidacy and pledge of support with the State DFL Chair no later than two hours before the election of delegates at the State Convention. Any candidate is able to modify his or her singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline. An individual may obtain the form necessary to make a filing of candidacy and pledge of support from the convention secretary the day of the State Convention on which the national convention delegates are to be elected, or from the DFL State Office, 651-293- 1200 or 1-800-999-7457 (toll free), or from www.dfl.org, before the start of the State Convention.

2. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval.

a. The State DFL Chair shall ask presidential candidates to file a waiver of candidate right of approval with the State Chair by March 2, 2020. If any candidate has not filed a waiver, the State DFL Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 90 minutes prior to the election of pledged PLEO delegates, a list of all persons who have filed for a party and elected official delegate pledged to that presidential candidate.

b. Such a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must file with the State DFL Chair, not later than 30 minutes prior to the election of pledged PLEO delegates, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, as long as approval is given to at least two names for every position to which the presidential candidate is entitled.

c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State DFL Chair not later than 30 minutes prior to the election of pledged PLEO delegates.

3. Election of Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official Delegates.

a. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences (including uncommitted status) on the same basis as the at-large delegates.

b. Election of the pledged PLEO delegates will occur at the State Convention on May 31, 2020, after the election of district-level delegates and prior to the election of at-large delegates and alternates. The procedures and rules for election of delegates at the State Convention are found in this Call.

c. Alternates are not elected at the pledged Party Leader and Elected Official level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and elected as one unit.

F. At-Large Delegates and Alternates. Minnesota is allotted 16 at-large delegates and 6 at-large alternates.

1. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements.

a. Persons desiring to seek at-large delegate or alternate positions may file a statement of candidacy designating their presidential or uncommitted preference and a signed pledge of support for the presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) with the State DFL Chair no later than two hours before the election of the at-large delegates and alternates at the State Convention or immediately after the election of Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials. Any candidate is able to modify his or her singular presidential preference by submitting an updated pledge of support no later than the filing deadline.

Statements of candidacy can be submitted in person at the convention site. Statements can also be submitted before May 27, 2020 by e-mail to chair@df.org, by fax to 651-251-6325, or by mail to 255 E. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107.

b. The statement of candidacy for at-large delegates and for at-large alternates will be the same. After the at-large delegates are elected by the State Convention, those persons not chosen will then be considered candidates for at-large alternate positions unless they specify otherwise when filing.

2. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval.

a. The State DFL Chair shall ask presidential candidates to file a waiver of candidate right of approval with the State Chair by March 2, 2020. If any candidate has not filed a waiver, the State DFL Chair shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), not later than 90 minutes prior to the election of at-large delegates and alternates (and after the election of PLEO delegates), a list of all persons who have filed for delegate or alternate pledged to that presidential candidate.

b. Such a presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must then file with the State DFL Chair, after the election of pledged PLEO delegates and not later than 30 minutes prior to the election of at-large delegates and alternates, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved, provided that, at a minimum, two names remain for every national convention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled.

c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate or the authorized representative(s) signifies otherwise in writing to the State DFL Chair not later than 30 minutes prior to the election of at-large delegates and alternates.

3. Election of At-Large Delegates and Alternates.

a. At-large delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated among presidential preferences (including uncommitted status) according to the votes on the DFL presidential primary.

b. Preferences which have not attained a 15% threshold on a statewide basis shall not be awarded any at-large delegates.

c. If no presidential preference at the state level reaches a 15% threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the statewide vote received at the state level by the front-runner.

d. If a presidential candidate is no longer a candidate at the time of election of the at-large delegates, then those at-large delegate or alternate slots that would have been allocated to that candidate will be proportionately divided among the remaining preferences entitled to an allocation.

e. If a given presidential preference is entitled to one or more delegate positions but would not otherwise be entitled to an alternate position, that preference shall be allotted one at-large alternate position.

f. The election of the at-large delegates and alternates will occur at the State Convention on May 31, 2020, after all pledged Party Leader and Elected Official delegates have been elected. The procedures and rules for election of delegates and alternates at the State Convention are found in the Temporary and Proposed Permanent Rules for the State Convention.

g. In the election of the at-large delegation, priority of consideration shall be given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islands, LGBT Americans, women, youth and Americans with Disabilities. The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and may be used to achieve the representation goals established in the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion section of the Minnesota National Delegate Selection Plan. Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this purpose.

G. Replacement of Delegates and Alternates. Detailed rules for replacement of delegates and alternates and upgrading of alternates are contained in the Minnesota National Delegate Selection Plan.

III. Election of Standing Committee Members.

Minnesota has been allocated three member(s) on each of the three standing committees for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (Credentials, Platform and Rules), for a total of nine members. Members of the Convention Standing Committees need not be delegates or alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. These members will be elected in accordance with the procedures indicated below.

A. Permanent Standing Committee Members.

1. **Election Meeting.** The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of Minnesota's National Convention delegates, at a meeting to be held on May 31, 2020, following the State Convention. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the state's delegates to the National Convention. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date and place of the meeting.

2. Allocation of Members.

a. The members of the standing committees allocated to Minnesota shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates (including uncommitted status) receiving the threshold percentage used in the state's delegation to calculate the at-large apportionment.

b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable percentage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number of standing committee positions allocated to Minnesota. If the result of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential preference in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committees. If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential preference is entitled to one position. Those preferences securing more than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two positions,

etc.

c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total shall be denied that one additional position. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of representation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional committee position.

d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be conducted to distribute the additional positions.

3. Presidential Candidate Right of Approval.

a. The State DFL Chair shall ask presidential candidates to file a waiver of candidate right of approval with the State Chair by March 2, 2020. If any candidate has not filed a waiver, that presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), shall be given adequate notice of the date, time and location of the meeting of the state's delegation authorized to elect standing committee members.

b. If any candidate has not filed a waiver, that presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the State DFL Chair, at least 30 minutes prior to the election, a minimum of one name for each slot awarded to that candidate for members of each committee. The delegation shall elect the standing committee members submitted by the presidential candidate. Presidential candidates shall not be required to submit the name of more than one person for each slot awarded to such candidate for members of standing committees.

c. For all candidates who have filed waivers, individuals may be nominated for standing committees by any member of the delegation at the time of the election by the National Delegates.

4. Election Procedure to Achieve Equal Division.

a. Presidential candidates shall use their best efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee members shall achieve Minnesota's affirmative action goals and that their respective members are equally divided between men and women as far as mathematically practicable. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender.

b. The delegation will determine the process that it will use to achieve equal division of the standing committee members.

5. **Substitution.** No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members, except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this section, and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three days after the substitute member is elected.

IV. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Pages.

Minnesota will select one person to serve as Delegation Chair and three persons to serve as Convention Pages.

A. Delegation Chair. The Delegation Chair shall be elected by a quorum of Minnesota's National Convention Delegates, at a meeting to be held on May 31, 2020 following the State Convention. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the state's delegates to the National Convention. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date and place of the meeting.

B. Convention Pages. Three individuals will be selected to serve as Minnesota's Convention Pages by the State DFL Chair in consultation with the members of the Democratic National Committee from Minnesota. This selection will take place following the State Convention. The Convention Pages shall be as evenly divided between men and women as possible under the state allocation and shall reflect, as much as possible, the Affirmative Action guidelines in the Affirmative Action Plan.

V. General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees.

A. Participation in Minnesota's delegate election process is open to all those eligible to vote who wish to participate as DFLers. At the precinct caucuses, every participant is required to sign a statement that they consider themselves to be a Democratic-Farmer-Laborite and support the principles of the DFL Party as outlined in the DFL Party's Constitution and Bylaws.

B. At no stage of Minnesota's delegate election process shall any person be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the Party may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory for participation.

C. No persons shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Democratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process of any other party for the corresponding elections.

D. No person shall vote in more than one meeting which is the first meeting in the delegate election process.

E. The Minnesota DFL Party reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the "six basic elements" listed below. As our Party strives to progress in the fight against discrimination of all kinds, these six basic elements have evolved and grown along with the constant push for more inclusion and empowerment. These provisions demonstrate the intention of the DFL Party to ensure a full opportunity for all minority group members to participate in the delegate election process.

1. All public meetings at all levels of the Minnesota DFL Party should be open to all members of the DFL Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status, or disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "status").

2. No test for membership in, nor oath of loyalty to, the Minnesota DFL Party should be required or used which has the effect of requiring prospective or current members of the DFL Party to acquiesce in, condone or support discrimination based on "status."

3. The time and place for all public meetings of the Minnesota DFL Party on all levels should be publicized fully and, in such manner, as to assure timely notice to all interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all Party members

and large enough to accommodate all interested persons.

4. The Minnesota DFL Party, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registration without discrimination based on "status."

5. The Minnesota DFL Party should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures for election of DFL Party officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current members of the Minnesota DFL Party will be fully and adequately informed of the pertinent procedures in time to participate in each election procedure at all levels of the DFL Party organization. As part of this, the Minnesota DFL Party should develop a strategy to provide education programs directly to voters who continue to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter participation.

6. The Minnesota DFL Party should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure notice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qualifications of all positions as officers and representatives of the Minnesota DFL Party. Such publication should be done in timely fashion so that all prospective candidates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within the Minnesota DFL Party will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office.

F. Discrimination on the basis of "status" in the conduct of DFL Party affairs is prohibited.

G. Minnesota's delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women as far as mathematically practicable. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. Such goal applies to the entire delegation, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all unpledged delegates. Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achieving equal division.

H. All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference or uncommitted status at all levels which determine presidential preference.

I. No delegate at any level of the delegate election process shall be mandated by law or Party rules to vote contrary to that person's presidential choice as expressed at the time the delegate is elected.

J. Delegates elected to the national convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience reflect the sentiments of those who elected them.

K. All delegates, alternates and standing committee members must be bona fide Democrats who have the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States at heart, who subscribe to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention in good faith.

L. Forty percent of the eligible members shall constitute a quorum when dealing with the election of National Convention delegates and alternates, committee members, or other official participants, and on any other issue involving the national delegate election process.

M. Proxy voting is not allowed at any level.

N. The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members

of a Party unit or delegation may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate election process.

O. Any individual or group of DFLers may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates for convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive a preferential place on a delegate election ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot as the official DFL Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate election process.

P. All steps in the delegate election process, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Convention, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plan and the filing of presidential candidates.

Q. In electing and certifying delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention, Minnesota thereby undertakes to assure all DFL voters in the state full, timely and equal opportunity to participate in the delegate election process and in all Party affairs and to implement affirmative action programs toward that end, and that the delegates and alternates to the Convention shall be elected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention and that the delegates certified will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention.

VI. Affirmative Action/Outreach/Inclusion Plan.

The Affirmative Action Plan relating to the election of Minnesota's delegation to the Democratic National Convention appears in the Minnesota National Delegate Selection Plan approved by the State Central Committee. Copies of that Plan can be obtained by calling the State DFL Office at 651-293-1200 or 1-800-999-7457, or from the DFL's web site at www.dfl.org.

Affirmative Action and inclusion numerical goals have been set as follows: African-Americans – 11, Latino/Hispanics – 6, Native Americans – 3, Asian/Pacific Islanders – 6, LGBT – 11, persons with disabilities – 12, youth (18-35) – 30, and veterans – 6.

VII. Challenges.

A. Jurisdiction and Standing.

1. Challenges related to the delegate election process are governed by the "Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention" and the "Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention."

2. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation and violation of Minnesota's National Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans.

3. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided that it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with

the "Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention."

5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention. The DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention.

6. Copies of the Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (Appendix A), shall be made available by the Minnesota DFL Party upon reasonable request.

7. Any group of fifteen Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or in the National Call (Appendix A, Sec. 2:A.), may bring a challenge to Minnesota's Plan or to the implementation of Minnesota's Plan, including its Affirmative Action provisions.

B. Challenges to the Status of the Minnesota DFL Party and to the Plan. A challenge to the status of the State Central Committee as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation from Minnesota shall be filed with the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 30 calendar days prior to the initiation of Minnesota's delegate election process. A challenge to Minnesota's Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with the State DFL Chair and the Co-Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee within 15 calendar days after the adoption of the Plan by the State Central Committee. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the Regs., which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

C. Challenges to Implementation.

1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated in a timely fashion shall reside with either the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee or the Credentials Committee of the National Convention (See Section VII.A. above). However, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee may provide advice, assistance or interpretations of the Delegate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate election process.

2. An implementation challenge brought before the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee is initiated by filing a written challenge with the State Central Committee and with the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee not later than 15 days after the alleged violation occurred. The Minnesota DFL Party has 21 days to render a decision. Within ten days of the decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee. If in fact, the Minnesota DFL Party renders no decision, any party to the challenge may request the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be made within ten days after expiration of the above 21 day period.

3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plan and composition of the convention delegation shall be considered relevant evidence in the challenge to any state delegation. If the Minnesota DFL Party has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action, outreach, and inclusion program, the Party shall not be subject to challenge based solely on delegation composition. The procedures are the same for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative

Action, Outreach, and Inclusion section of a Plan, except that such challenges must be filed not later than 30 days prior to the initiation of Minnesota’s delegate election process.

4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction (see Section VII.A. above), implementation challenges must be brought in conformity with the Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Com-

mittee or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

CHALLENGES

What is a challenge? A challenge is an allegation that a precinct caucus, convention, conference, committee or commission failed to follow the provisions of this Call, the applicable DFL constitution or bylaws, or Robert's Rules of Order, that fraud or dishonesty occurred, or that an individual was not eligible for election or endorsement.

Who can bring a challenge? Any DFL party member(s) who lives within the DFL political division where the act(s) occurred, or who would be personally, directly, and adversely affected by the act(s), can bring a challenge. For example, a challenge to the election of a precinct delegate may be brought either by a DFL member who lives in that precinct or by a delegate to a convention at which the challenged precinct delegate would be seated. (See paragraph II.B.3. of the *Precinct Caucus* section of this Call for the definition of who does not qualify as a DFL party member.)

When must a challenge be brought? All challenges must be in writing, stating the nature of the challenge and the remedy sought, and must be postmarked, hand delivered or arrive by fax or e-mail within ten calendar days after the date the challenged action occurred. A challenge not meeting the deadline still may be considered if the body reviewing it decides that the challenge could not reasonably have been brought within the required period.

What must the challenger do to bring a challenge? A challenger must complete and submit a challenge form. (See challenge form on page A-2.) The form must be filled out as completely as possible and filed as indicated above. The challenge must include the name of the challenger(s), the person(s) or action(s) that are being challenged, describe how the challenger meets the criteria above to bring the challenge, the grounds for the challenge, and the remedy sought, if any.

What are the types of challenges, who considers them, and where are they filed? Challenges relating to any action should be made at the meeting at which the challenged action takes place. See the section of this Call pertaining to that meeting and Robert's Rules of Order for the proper procedures. Challenges against precinct caucus participants are handled by the caucus itself and are explained in the Precinct Caucus section of this Call.

Challenges that remain unresolved after the meeting at which the action occurred may be brought as follows:

- **Challenges to election of convention delegates/alternates** are heard by the credentials committee of the convention to which they were elected, if any, and resolved by the convention. Procedures are described later in this section. The only possible grounds for these challenges are whether the election of a delegate, alternate, and/or delegation was improper under

DFL party rules; or whether the challenged party is ineligible to serve in the capacity to which they were elected. The challenger shall file the challenge form with the Chair of the body holding the convention, and send a copy to the State DFL Chair at the State DFL Office address on the cover of this Call.

- **Challenges to the election of a delegates or alternate at a state central committee meeting or business conference**, shall be heard by the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee. The only possible grounds for these challenges are whether the election of a delegate, alternate, and/or delegation was improper under DFL party rules; or whether the challenged party is ineligible to serve in the capacity to which they were elected. When time does not permit notice and a hearing to be held by the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee to address the election of that individual, it shall be heard by the State DFL Secretary unless absent or seeking reelection at that meeting. If the State DFL Secretary is absent or seeking reelection, the challenge to seating shall be heard by the co-chairs of the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee.
- **Challenges to an endorsement** are heard by the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee. The challenger shall file the challenge form with the State DFL Chair at the State DFL Office address on the cover of this Call.
- **Outreach and Inclusion challenges not related to the election of delegates/alternates** are heard by the Outreach and Inclusion committee at the level where the challenge originates. The challenger shall file the challenge form with the Chair of that DFL unit, with a copy to the State DFL Chair at the address on the cover of this Call. However, the failure of an organizing unit or congressional district committee to issue a ruling on an Outreach and Inclusion challenge within 30 days of receiving the challenge, or at the very next meeting of the appropriate committee before a convention, if earlier, shall be grounds for the State Outreach and Inclusion Committee to consider and rule on the challenge. The State Outreach and Inclusion Committee will develop and communicate to all party units a procedure for mediating Outreach and Inclusion challenges and disputes at the lowest possible level of the party.
- **Challenges relating to platform or resolutions** — Challenges to resolutions procedures at the precinct caucus level are heard and resolved by the organizing unit resolutions committee, if any, and otherwise by the organizing unit convention. Challenges to resolutions procedures at the organizing unit level are heard by the State Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee. The challenger shall file the challenge form with the State DFL Chair at the address on the cover of this Call.

- **All other challenges** are reviewed by the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee. The challenge shall file the challenge form with the State DFL Chair at the address on the cover of this Call.
- **Determination of “Who may bring a challenge?”** The co-chairs of the committee with jurisdiction to hear a challenge may dismiss any challenge brought by an individual that does not meet the criteria of “Who may bring a challenge?”. The failure to dismiss a challenge does not preclude a later determination by the committee with jurisdiction that a challenger does not meet this criteria.
- **Appeals** of decisions that affect the seating of delegates or alternates at the state convention, state central committee or business conference are heard by the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee. Appeals of decisions regarding Outreach and Inclusion challenges not related to the election of delegates or alternates are heard by the outreach and inclusion committee of the next higher DFL unit. All such appeals should be filed with the Chair of that DFL unit (with a copy sent to the State DFL Chair at the address on the cover of this Call).

Appeals of other decisions are heard by the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee.

Appeals of decisions by the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee, the Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee or the State Outreach and Inclusion Committee are reviewed by the State Executive Committee. All such appeals should be filed with the State DFL Chair at the address on the cover of this Call. The findings of the Committee, and any minority reports, shall be considered by the State Executive Committee as a part of the appeal process.

An appeal must be filed within ten calendar days after the date of the decision (or prior to the convening of the affected convention or meeting, if earlier). Any decision not appealed by that deadline is final.

How are challenges handled when received? Upon receiving a challenge, the State DFL Chair (or other chair, where applicable) will arrange for a hearing by the appropriate body as soon as possible. At least ten days prior to the meeting to hear the challenge, a written notice shall be sent to the challenger, the individual(s) whose action is being challenged, the chair of the DFL party unit affected, and any other individuals directly affected by the challenge (including all candidates involved in a challenged endorsement). The notice shall include a copy of the challenge, a copy of the meeting notice stating the time and place of the hearing, and the rules and procedures for the hearing. The chair of the affected unit may shorten the ten-day requirement to the extent the chair determines to be necessary to enable a timely decision on the challenge, provided that reasonable efforts are made to notify all affected persons in advance of the hearing.

How are challenges resolved? The body reviewing a challenge will conduct a hearing at which it will receive statements from the challenger, from the person(s) being challenged and from any other person(s) who wish to present relevant testimony on the matter. The

body may request other testimony if it thinks it would be helpful. All parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present evidence and testimony. The challenged individual is always permitted to make the final statement.

The body reviewing a challenge will decide whether, based upon clear and convincing evidence, the alleged violation occurred. If the challenge is sustained, the body will determine the appropriate remedy based upon the circumstances. For example, in a challenge to an endorsement, the remedy may include, but is not limited to, revocation of the endorsement and reconvening of the endorsing body.

CHALLENGES TO DELEGATE/ALTERNATE ELECTIONS

How are delegate/alternate election challenges handled?

The chair of an affected district, the chair(s) of the state convention credentials committee in the case of the state convention, or the co-chairs of the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee in the case of the state central committee or the business conference, will convene the appropriate committee early enough to hear all challenges and enable the roll to be prepared without delaying the convention or meeting. The challenger and challenged individual(s) will be notified of the time and place for the hearing as described above. The seriousness of the grounds alleged will be a matter considered by the appropriate committee.

The applicable committee will report to the convention the name of the person it believes is entitled to participate in the convention and that person’s name will be included on the temporary roll of the convention. If the committee cannot reach a decision, it will report this to the convention and no delegate name will be listed on the temporary roll. If there is more than one challenge to be reported, the committee will report on them in the order in which they were first forwarded to its chair(s).

When time does not permit notice and a hearing to be held by the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee prior to a state central committee or business conference meeting, with respect to seating a delegate or alternate at that meeting, the Secretary shall meet with the challenger, the challenged individual, and make a reasonable investigation into the challenge. The Secretary shall make a recommendation to the state central committee regarding the seating of the challenged individual at that specific meeting, which shall be disposed of by a vote of the central committee. If the State DFL Secretary is absent or seeking reelection, the challenge to seating shall be heard by the co-chairs of the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee. The seating or not seating of an individual at a particular meeting under these limited circumstances does not preclude the underlying challenge to the election of that individual from being heard, following proper notice, by the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee.

Who finally decides a delegate/alternate election challenge?

The convention or central committee will vote on the committee report, taking a separate vote for each challenge reported. All delegates on the temporary roll may vote on the report with the exception that no challenged delegate may vote on the resolution of their own challenge.

When are challenged delegates or their replacements seated?

Challenged delegates or their replacements who are recommended for seating by the applicable committee are seated with the temporary roll. The final vote by the convention or central committee on the report establishes the permanent roll.

How can a credentials committee or other interested party receive assistance with constitutional issues? A credentials committee, a challenger, or any other interested party to a challenge may request an opinion on DFL constitutional issues that are in dispute from the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee. Requests for a committee opinion must be made as early as possible in the process. When possible, the committee will recommend interpretations, settlements and remedies for constitutional issues. However, no convention, or credentials committee report to a convention, will be delayed because of a request for interpretation.

If you consider bringing a challenge or to obtain more information about challenges, call the State DFL Office at 651-293-1200 or 1-800-999-7457 toll free.

DELEGATE ALLOCATION AT THE 2020 DFL STATE CONVENTION

Breakdown of votes to which each Organizing Unit will be entitled at the 2020 State Convention. Organizing Units allocated 3, 4, or 5 delegates shall elect that many delegates with a full vote each, unless the Organizing Unit constitution provides for election of twice as many delegates with ½ vote each.

A. Organizing Units comprising a full Senate District.

SD 07 22	SD 34 19	SD 43 19	SD 52 20	SD 61 38
SD 13 12	SD 35 14	SD 44 24	SD 53 20	SD 62 26
SD 14 13	SD 36 18	SD 45 23	SD 54 16	SD 63 33
SD 26 17	SD 37 16	SD 46 27	SD 55 14	SD 64 32
SD 29 11	SD 38 18	SD 47 16	SD 56 17	SD 65 22
SD 30 11	SD 39 18	SD 48 21	SD 57 20	SD 66 23
SD 31 10	SD 40 16	SD 49 26	SD 58 15	SD 67 15
SD 32 12	SD 41 21	SD 50 21	SD 59 23	
SD 33 18	SD 42 21	SD 51 21	SD 60 29	

B. Organizing Units comprising a whole county.

Aitkin 3	Douglas 5	Lake 3	Nobles 3	Steele 5
Becker 4	Faribault 3	Lake of the Woods 3	Norman 3	Stevens 3
Beltrami 7	Fillmore 3	LeSueur 4	Otter Tail 8	Swift 3
Big Stone 3	Freeborn 5	Lincoln 3	Pennington 3	Todd 3
Blue Earth 12	Grant 3	Lyon 3	Pipestone 3	Traverse 3
Brown 3	Houston 3	Mahnomen 3	Polk 4	Wabasha 3
Cass 4	Hubbard 3	Marshall 3	Pope 3	Wadena 3
Chippewa 3	Itasca 8	Martin 3	Red Lake 3	Waseca 3
Clay 11	Jackson 3	McLeod 4	Redwood 3	Watonwan 3
Clearwater 3	Kanabec 3	Mille Lacs 3	Renville 3	Wilkin 3
Cook 3	Kandiyohi 6	Morrison 3	Rice 12	Winona 9
Cottonwood 3	Kittson 3	Mower 6	Rock 3	Yellow Medicine 3
Crow Wing 10	Koochiching 3	Murray 3	Roseau 3	
Dodge 3	Lac Qui Parle 3	Nicollet 7	Sibley 3	

C. Organizing Units comprising a whole house district, or one or more partial counties and/or legislative districts.

HD 11A (all of Carlton and parts of Saint Louis and Pine) 8	Saint Louis-03 (the part of Saint Louis in SD 03) 12
Benton-Sherburne-Wright-15 (includes parts of 3 counties in SD 15) .. 5	Saint Louis-06 (the part of Saint Louis in SD 06) 15
Goodhue-21 (the part of Goodhue in SD 21) 8	Scott-20 (the part of Scott in SD 20) 3
Meeker/Cokato (all of Meeker and the part of Wright in SD 18) 3	Stearns-12 (The part of Stearns in SD 12) 3
Olmsted-25 (the part of Olmsted in SD 25) 14	
Pine-11B (the part of Pine in HD 11B) 3	

D. Organizing Unit Votes Split Between Congressional Districts.

Beltrami	SD 13	SD 38	SD 45	SD 50
7th 5	6th 11	4th 8	3rd 2	3rd 15
8th 2	7th 1	6th 10	5th 21	5th 6
Cottonwood	SD 31	SD 39	SD 46	SD 54
1st 1	6th 9	4th 12	3rd 3	2nd 15
7th 2	8th 1	6th 5	5th 24	4th 1
		8th 1		
Meeker/Cokato	SD 35	SD 40	SD 47	
6th 1	3rd 2	3rd 10	3rd 10	
7th 2	6th 12	3rd 10	6th 6	
		5th 6		
Rice	SD 37	SD 41	SD 49	
1st 5	3rd 4	3rd 6	3rd 21	
2nd 7	5th 1	4th 6	5th 5	
	6th 11	5th 15		

E. Chair Emeriti delegates and date tenured.

Rick Stafford* (2012)	Don Bye (2016)	* deceased
George Farr* (2016)		

VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

I.	State Party Officers/MYDFL President & Vice President (excluding community caucus directors).....	28
II.	Community Caucus State Directors	Varies
III.	Congressional District Chairs/Vice Chairs.....	16
IV.	Elected Officials	13
V.	Organizing Unit Representatives (listed below in A, B, and C)	464
VI.	County-wide DFL Chair in Anoka, Ramsey, Scott, and Sherburne, is a Delegate, with the Vice Chair serving as the Alternate	4
VII.	Greater and rural Minnesota Senate District Chairs/Vice Chairs (metro SD Chairs/Vice Chairs are included above in V)	48
VIII.	At-large members.....	50
IX.	Former State Party Chairs/Vice Chairs (if they accept the position and participated in the most recent precinct caucuses)	Varies

The numbers listed for each Organizing Unit are the total allocation including any automatic delegates.

- Organizing Units with 2 delegates send their Chair and Vice Chair as the delegates and elect 2 at-large alternates.
- Organizing Units with more than 2 delegates will elect at-large delegates in addition to their Chair and Vice Chair, which are automatic delegates, to complete their allocation. Alternates are elected for each delegate, including the Chair and Vice Chair.

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SD 26 5	SD 38 6	SD 48 7	SD 58 5		
SD 29 4	SD 39 6	SD 49 9	SD 59 8		Total (including Chair and Vice Chair) 288
SD 30 4	SD 40 5	SD 50 7	SD 60 10		
SD 31 3	SD 41 7	SD 51 7	SD 61 13		
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Big Stone..... 2	Freeborn 2	Lincoln 2	Pennington 2	Todd 2	
Blue Earth 4	Grant 2	Lyon 2	Pipestone 2	Traverse..... 2	
Brown..... 2	Houston 2	Mahnomen 2	Polk 2	Wabasha 2	
Cass 2	Hubbard..... 2	Marshall 2	Pope..... 2	Wadena..... 2	
Chippewa 2	Itasca 3	Martin..... 2	Red Lake 2	Waseca 2	
Clay 4	Jackson 2	McLeod 2	Redwood 2	Watonwan..... 2	
Clearwater 2	Kanabec..... 2	Mille Lacs 2	Renville 2	Wilkin..... 2	
Cook 2	Kandiyohi..... 2	Morrison..... 2	Rice 4	Winona 3	
Cottonwood..... 2	Kittson 2	Mower 2	Rock 2	Yellow Medicine 2	
Crow Wing 3	Koochiching 2	Murray..... 2	Roseau 2		
Dodge..... 2	Lac Qui Parle 2	Nicollet..... 2	Sibley 2		Total 146

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Olmsted-25 (the part of Olmsted in SD 25)..... 5	
Pine-11B (the part of Pine in HD 11B) 2	Total 30

MINNESOTA DFL RESOLUTION FORM

(Submit one resolution per form and one subject per resolution)

The State DFL Ongoing Platform embodies the principles of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party. The State DFL Action Agenda is a set of recommended public policy positions which the party supports and will promote during the next two years. This form must be completely filled out for a resolution to be considered.

Congressional District: <input type="text"/>	Organizing Unit: <input type="text"/>	Precinct: <input type="text"/>
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Proposed by: _____
(Name) (City) Contact Phone # / E-mail

This resolution should be considered under the following category: *[check one]*

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & Food | <input type="checkbox"/> Media & Internet Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business & Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> National Security & International Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil, Human & Constitutional Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources & the Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety & Crime Prevention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax & Budget Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Accountability to the Public | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Human Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labor & Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> Local or Party Issues |

Individuals at their precinct caucuses can submit resolutions. When a majority of the caucus adopts a resolution, it advances to the Organizing Unit convention for consideration to send to the State Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee. Resolutions having support from at least five Organizing Units drawn from at least two Congressional Districts may be selected for consideration at the State Convention (for inclusion in the DFL Ongoing Platform or Action Agenda).

RESOLUTION TITLE (limited to 5 words): _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *(Please print or attach your resolution here. Be concise and use everyday language.)*

You may add a brief explanation or your two or three strongest supportive points here.

To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:

This resolution was: Adopted Defeated

(Adopted 21 September 2019, Rev A)

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www.dfl.org 651-293-1200 or 1-800-999-7457

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CHALLENGE FORM

Name of challenger (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Jurisdiction (insert name or numbers): _____

Congressional District: _____ Organizing Unit: _____ Precinct: _____

If there is more than one challenger, please provide the contact information for each on additional signed form(s).

Event: _____ Event Date: _____

Type of challenge (check at least one): Delegate/ Alternate election Endorsement Outreach and Inclusion
 Platform/Resolutions Other (specify): _____

Grounds for challenge (check at least one): Improper procedure Dishonesty Fraud Member of another political party
 Other (specify): _____

Detailed explanation of challenge:

Specific remedy sought:

Name(s) of person(s) or action(s) challenged:

Address and telephone number of person(s) challenged (if available):

I affirm that the above is true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

All challenges must be in writing and must be postmarked, hand delivered or arrive by fax or e-mail within 10 calendar days after the date the challenged action occurred. File with the State DFL Chair, 255 East Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107, by e-mail at chair@dfi.org or by fax 651-251-6325. For assistance or further information, call 651-293-1200 or call toll free 1-800-999-7457.

Use additional sheets as needed.

Date Received: _____ Received by: _____

2020 DFL PRECINCT CAUCUSES - NON-ATTENDEE FORM

If you want to participate in your local DFL precinct caucus, but can't attend in person on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020, you can:

- Fill out this form and have someone else bring it on caucus night, or
- Send this form (or an email with all of this information) to the Chair of your local DFL Organizing Unit no earlier than **Thursday, January 2, 2020** and no later than **Saturday, February 22, 2020**.
To find out how to contact your local Chair, go to dfl.org/districtfinder

As a non-attender you won't be able to vote (for candidates, delegates, or resolutions), but you will be able to:

- Be nominated and possibly elected as a precinct officer or a delegate or alternate to a higher level convention.
- Submit resolutions for caucus approval by attaching a **Resolution Form**. (Available at dfl.org/caucuses-conventions)
- Sign up to help in other ways: as an Election Judge, or as a member of a committee setting up for a higher level convention.

1. Tell us who you are and where you live.

*This information is **required**.*

Name: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____ State: MN Zip: _____
 Precinct (and ward, if applicable): _____
(Include this if you know it. If you don't, please visit www.dfl.org/districtfinder.)

2. How can we get in touch with you?

*This information is **optional**, but useful if you get elected to anything.*

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
By giving us your e-mail address, you agree that we may use it to contact you.

3. Are you eligible to attend the caucus?

*This is **required**.*

- I certify that:
1. I live at the address indicated above, which is within the precinct or district.
 2. I consider myself a member of the DFL Party and agree with its principles as stated in the Preamble of the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws.
 3. I am not an active member of any other party.
 4. By November 3, 2020, I will be at least 18 years old and eligible to vote, as required to become a delegate or alternate, or precinct officer; OR I will be at least 16 years old, as required to hold other party office.

4. Would you like to be nominated for anything?

*If hand-delivered, this form must be submitted at the caucus at least **15 minutes prior to the election** for your nomination to be valid.*

I would like to run for: Precinct Chair Precinct Vice Chair

I would like to participate in my local convention at the following level:	Organizing Unit <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-convention committee *	County <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-convention committee *	Senate District <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-convention committee *	City <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-convention committee *	Ward <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-convention committee *
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Additional information about me for those voting:

*Continue on back of form, if necessary. * Indicate specific pre-convention committee(s) you are interested in (Nominations, Credentials, etc.) here.*

5. Do you have a candidate and optional issue(s) preference?

*This section is **optional**. The information may be used if subcaucuses are necessary. It does not count as a vote in the Preference Ballot. (You must be present to vote).*

- I am currently uncommitted to any candidate. I support _____ for _____.
- I support the following issue(s): _____.

6. Sign your form before submitting it.

*This is **required**.*

I affirm that the above is true and correct, and I recognize that it is my responsibility to determine whether or not I have been elected.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Please send me information about being an election judge.

Office use only:

2020 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

Name: _____ *Please check your preferred means of contact:*
 Address: _____ Home Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Work Phone: _____
 Cong. District: _____ Org. Unit: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

Positions(s) Seeking *(Please check all that apply):*

Delegates & Alternates

- Congressional District Delegate *
- Party Leader & Elected Official * **
- At-Large Delegate *
- At-Large Alternate *

Standing Committees

- Credentials Committee *
- Platform Committee *
- Rules Committee *

Other Positions

- Delegation Chair
- Delegation Page
- * *Requires pledge of support below*
- ** *Requires political information below*

Personal Information:

Title *(if applicable)*: _____ Salutation: _____ Highest Degree Awarded: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Marital Status: _____ Spouse Name: _____ # of Children: _____

Statistical Information *(Please check all that apply):*

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnicity <i>(Specify)</i> : _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion <i>(Affiliation)</i> : _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary | <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian | <input type="checkbox"/> Military <i>(Service)</i> : _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth <i>(18-35)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic | <i>(Rank)</i> : _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <i>(65+)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Amer. <i>(Tribe)</i> : _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor <i>(Affiliation)</i> : _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ+ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i> : _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Person with Disability | | |

Past Democratic National Convention Attendance *(List All Previous):*

Past Democratic National Conventions Attended: 2016 2012 2008 2004 2000 1996 Others: _____
 Number of Democratic National Conventions attended as a Delegate, Alternate, or Committee Member: _____

Political Information *(Required for Party Leader & Elected Official Delegate. Please check all current or former that apply):*

- Party Leadership *(Title)*: _____ Elected Official *(Title)*: _____
- Organization Official *(Title)*: _____ Organization or Unit: _____
- Political Campaign Experience: _____

Work Information: Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Contact Information:

Emergency Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Other Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

PLEDGE OF SUPPORT

(Required for Delegates, Alternates & Standing Committees)

I hereby pledge that if elected to the Democratic National Convention, I shall support as Presidential Candidate

- Uncommitted
- Candidate: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Use additional pages as necessary.

Mail to the MN DFL Party, 255 E. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107 or deliver to the convention chair pursuant to the rules found in the 2020-21 DFL Call

2020 DFL CAUCUS & CONVENTION SCHEDULE

2020 DFL Precinct Caucuses

7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 (Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. or earlier)

As many as 4000 locations statewide

- ◆ Elect delegates and alternates to attend the Organizing Unit and/or Senate District Conventions
- ◆ Adopt resolutions for consideration in the State DFL Action Agenda or Ongoing Platform
- ◆ Elect precinct officers to two-year terms

Participants agree to the following four items: (1) They live in the precinct. (2) They consider themselves a member of DFL Party and agree with its principles as stated in the Preamble of the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws. (3) They are not an active member of any other political party. (4) They will be at least 18 years old and eligible to vote by November 3, 2020 if they want to vote or run for any caucus position, including delegate or alternate. Alternatively, to be eligible to participate in all other caucus business, they will be 16 years old by November 3, 2020.

Presidential Primary

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

- ◆ Outcome of presidential primary sets binding allocation of Minnesota's national delegates

Delegates who live in Senate Districts 7, 13, 14, 26 and 29 through 67 attend only their Senate District convention, where they will also endorse candidates for the legislature.

~ OR ~

Delegates who live in the other Senate Districts attend both their "Organizing Unit Convention" and a separate Senate District Endorsing Convention.

Organizing Unit and/or Senate District Conventions

May require two separate meetings, depending on where you live

Most are held between March 7 and April 19, 2020 (deadline is May 29 for some Senate Districts)

Over 100 locations statewide

- ◆ Elect delegates and alternates to attend both the Congressional District and State Conventions (OU only)
- ◆ Elect Organizing Unit and/or Senate District officers, including State Central Committee members and alternates
- ◆ Adopt resolutions for consideration in the State DFL Action Agenda or Ongoing Platform (OU only)
- ◆ Senate District Endorsing Conventions endorse DFL candidates for State Senate and for each State House of Representatives seat

Congressional District Conventions

Held between May 2 – May 29, 2020

Eight locations statewide

- ◆ Endorse Democratic candidate for Congress
- ◆ Elect Congressional District officers
- ◆ Elect two delegates to each state standing committee:
 - Constitution and Bylaws
 - Outreach and Inclusion
 - Party Affairs and Coordinated Campaign
 - Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs
- ◆ Elect one Presidential Elector
- ◆ Elect National Convention Delegates

DFL State Convention

Held May 30 – 31, 2020 in Rochester, MN

Over 1200 delegates

- ◆ Adopt DFL Action Agenda and amend Ongoing Platform
- ◆ Elect 16 State Directors to two year terms
- ◆ Elect 4 Democratic National Committee Members to four year terms
- ◆ Endorse Democratic candidate for US Senate
- ◆ Elect two Presidential Electors and two Alternate Electors
- ◆ Elect National Convention Delegates and Alternates