

# PRECINCT NIGHT CAUCUS

## THE PARTY'S FOUNDATION THE CAUCUS

### What Is a Precinct?

Minnesota has approximately 4,100 precincts with each precinct scheduled to conduct a caucus on **February 3, 2026**. A precinct is the geographical area in which you live and vote that may be your township, your city or a portion of your city.

A **precinct caucus** is a meeting for those interested in participating in and influencing the election of candidates. Political activity for the next two years begins with the precinct caucuses.

Because the Minnesota Legislature provides the rules for the precinct caucus in Section 202A.14 - 202A.20, all precinct caucuses follow a uniform established format.



NO COST FOR ANYONE

## PARTICIPANTS LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE

Participation criteria and voting requirements are established by Minnesota State Statute (202A.16). You may participate and vote in a precinct caucus if you

- are or will be eligible to vote in the next general election;
- reside in the precinct on the day the caucus is held;
- agree with the political party's stated principles;
- and have not or will not participate in another political party's precinct caucus in the same year.

State law establishes your right to attend a precinct caucus. So, come!

## LIKE-MINDED OBSERVERS

Anyone may attend the precinct caucus. A person may attend to observe without participating in discussion or voting. An observer must sign an observer registration form. Students are encouraged to attend to observe civics in action. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to observe, as children are the future of political participation.

## THE PURPOSE OF THE CAUCUS

### Why Should You Attend Your Precinct Caucus?

The delegates elected at their precinct caucuses begin the process of choosing which candidates and which issues the respective political parties will support, endorse, and put on the ballot.

Delegates elected at the precinct caucuses hold the most power at conventions because they vote to endorse candidates, vote on the issues their party supports, and vote for the delegates who will go on to the Congressional and State Conventions, where candidates in those areas are endorsed.

Precinct caucuses begin the representative process. The first representatives of the people are chosen at the caucus as delegates who will represent them to their political party. The process of a representative Republic continues to the county/district level, then to the congressional and state level, and finally to the national convention level.

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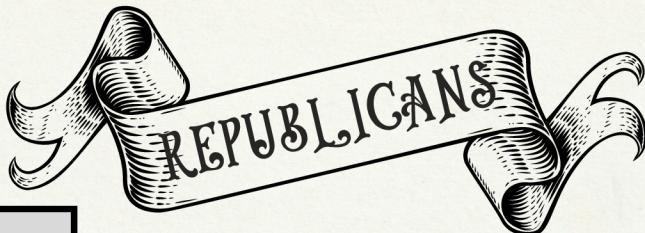
## THE START OF THE CAUCUS

# 7 PM

Aim to arrive before 7:00 pm, as the precinct caucus meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. When you arrive, you will be asked to register. You may browse the literature and any letters from candidates. You may ask questions. You may get acquainted with your neighbors.

## THE MEETING CONVENER

This person has been appointed by the political party to call the meeting to order. The convener holds a temporary position just to start the meeting. Since each precinct is a self-determining body, each precinct has the right to choose its own chair for the caucus meeting. The temporary convener will open the floor for nominations to elect a permanent chair for the caucus meeting. The caucus may elect the temporary convener as the permanent chair for the meeting, or it may elect someone else. A temporary secretary may also be appointed to take minutes at the start of the meeting. The caucus may elect the temporary secretary as the permanent secretary for the meeting, or it may elect someone else. The precinct caucus will then conduct its business.



# FEBRUARY 3, 2026

The next caucuses will be conducted on February 3, 2026. The meeting must remain open for at least one hour (202A.15 Subd. 1).

In the event of hazardous weather, precinct caucuses may be postponed by the Secretary of State, (202A.14, Subd. 1 (c)).

Any postponement will be announced on radio and TV by 6:00 pm on the day of the caucuses.

To identify your precinct, go to

<https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/how-elections-work/precinct-caucuses/>



## BUSINESS MATTERS

According to law, Minnesota political parties will caucus together by precinct to elect officers for their precinct for the next two years (202A.18, Subd. 2); elect delegates to represent their precinct at the county/district convention which is a meeting of all delegates elected in each county or legislative district (202A.18, Subd. 2); consider and vote on political resolutions to promote at the county or district convention; and elect precinct officers.

In a year where the governor appears on the ballot, caucus participants will be given straw poll ballots to indicate their governor preference.

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## THE DELEGATE ELECTIONS

Each precinct will elect delegates and an equal number of alternates (or double the amount of delegates) who will represent the precinct at the county or district conventions during the next two years. Check the dates of your projected conventions to see if you are able to represent your fellow Minnesotans.



# 2 YEAR TIME FRAME

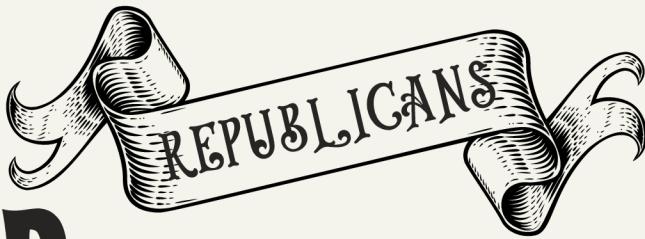
## LOCAL PRECINCT OFFICERS

### What Are the Duties of Precinct Officers?

The precinct officers who are elected at the caucus direct the political activities of the precinct. They conduct meetings of the precinct, assist the Caucus Coordinator in finding the precinct's next caucus location, recruit the precinct leadership team for the next caucus, support endorsed candidates, encourage precinct members to assist the Party or candidates, and encourage and coordinate elected precinct delegates and alternates to attend conventions so that the precinct has a full voting strength and representation at conventions. Precinct officers serve for two years until the next precinct caucuses.

## DELEGATES ALTERNATES

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The elected delegates from all precincts within the county/district meet for the County/District Party Conventions to represent their precincts for a two-year term.

Alternates substitute for delegates who are unable to attend a convention.

### When meeting in the even year,

- They elect delegates and alternates to represent the County/District Party at District Conventions and the State Convention.
- They consider resolutions from the precinct caucuses to amend the State Party's platform.
- They endorse a State House candidate and a State Senate candidate.

### When meeting in the odd year,

- They elect the Executive Committee of the County/District Party.
- They amend the County/District Party's Constitution as needed.
- They elect delegates and alternates to represent the County/District Party at the State Central Committee which is the committee that manages the affairs of the Party between State Conventions and that elects the State Party officers.



## SUBMITTING PLATFORM RESOLUTIONS

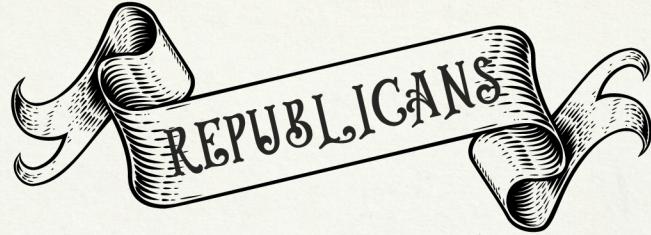
Any person participating in a precinct caucus may submit a resolution to the caucus for consideration. If the resolution is approved by a majority vote of the caucus, it is then forwarded to the County/District Convention for consideration.

A resolution is intended to change a specific portion of that party's state platform and subsequent legislative priorities. Submit the resolution in writing to the chair. If submitting more than one resolution, submit each one separately, as each resolution will be dealt with separately.

Check online to see a sample resolution format.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### REPUBLIC PROCESS OF MINNESOTA

#### PUBLIC CALL FOR DELEGATES:

In the course of human events, **Minnesota** became one of the several states that hold caucuses. In this form of republic procedure, local party persons select delegates whose task is to choose the the preferred candidate to represent the party as the endorsed candidate on the ballot at the primary election.

During the process that the caucus night of February 3, 2026 begins, the delegates (and alternates) enter into a civic duty where they will examine the candidates who will be running at their designated conventions. Local BPOU's (Basic Political Organizational Units) should be able to direct delegates and alternates to the names of candidates running. During conventions, the delegates and alternates may also hear speeches from those running.



#### DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITIES

ENDORSE CANDIDATES  
ELECT PARTY LEADERS, &  
INFLUENCE THE PARTY PLATFORM

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### OPEN ENROLLMENT

**10,000 Lakes Republican Women** are looking for fellow Republican women who want to change the world by engaging in their community. The goals of 10KLRW include increasing the effectiveness of women, activating the public to engage in political and legislative matters, and advancing the platform and effectiveness of the Republican Party in Minnesota.

**The Minnesota Virtual Club:** The 10KLRW is a statewide club that is part of the Minnesota Federation of Republican Women. Other clubs of the MNFRW can be found online at [MNFRW.com](http://MNFRW.com).

**Join a Larger Team:** By joining 10KLRW you are become a member of FOUR clubs, which include (1)

10KLRW, (2) MNFRW, (3) National Federation of Republican Women, and (4) Virtual Club Coalition.



**Don't Delay!** 2026 is the year to be involved in multiple ways before the General Election.

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