

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION MEETING**

June 11, 2026

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

- 1) This Meeting is governed by the Montgomery County Democratic Committee (MCDC) By-laws, Adopted 17 December 1959, as amended 21 November 2019¹, and by *Robert's Rules of Order*², except as set forth in these Rules or as suspended or altered by proper vote of this Meeting.
- 2) In certain instances, an invited temporary presiding officer can be elected when the Meeting is dealing with issues where there is potential conflict³, therefore, upon adoption of these Rules the Committee shall proceed to elect a Chair Pro Tempore for the duration of this Meeting.
- 3) All references in the By-laws and in these Rules to a "Committee Member" shall only refer to Members elected during the 2026 Primary Election and shall include a properly credentialed Proxy for such a Committee Member.
 - a) Per the By-laws, Area Leaders, Area Representatives, and Municipal Chairs elected to Office during Area and/or Municipal Committee Reorganization Meetings held since the 2026 Primary Election and who are not otherwise a Committee Member have full voting rights at this Meeting.
 - b) For any Area Leader or Municipal Chair Position held by more than one person, all persons holding such a Position shall *share* one vote. Any Committee Member also serving in one of these positions shall be entitled to *only* one vote.
- 4) The Business of this Meeting is the Reorganization of the Montgomery County Democratic Committee as further defined below. As such, the Agenda as defined by the By-Laws, is hereby suspended for this Meeting and the Meeting shall proceed as follows:
 - a) Call to Order
 - b) Flag Salute
 - c) Report of the Credentials Committee
 - d) Report of the Rules Committee
 - e) Election of the Chair Pro Tempore
 - f) Election of Officers as listed in Rule 5
 - g) Remarks from the newly elected Chair
 - h) Adjournment

¹ The Pennsylvania State Democratic Committee has suspended review of all County By-law revisions until after all June 2026 Reorganization Meetings are completed. Although the MCDC Executive Committee adopted revised By-laws in February 2026, these cannot take effect until the State Committee review is completed leaving the November 2019 version of the MCDC By-laws in effect for this Meeting.

² *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, Twelfth Edition*, ©2020, The Robert's Rules Association

³ IBID, Rule 47:13

- 5) The Reorganization of the Committee shall be accomplished by the election of Committee Officers as stipulated in the By-laws. Each Officer shall be elected individually with a Majority vote of those Present and Voting required for election. Committee Officers include:
 - a) Chair
 - b) Executive Vice Chair
 - c) 1st Vice Chair
 - d) 2nd Vice Chair
 - e) Corresponding Secretary
 - f) Recording Secretary
 - g) Treasurer
- 6) The Presiding Officer shall appoint a Timekeeper to enforce all Time Limits on Speeches specified in these Rules. The Timekeeper is empowered to '*Silence the Mic*' on any speaker who exceeds their specified time limit.
- 7) Nominations for Election:
 - a) Shall be made by a motion from the Floor by a Voting Member, their proxy, or Ex-Officio Member (**NO SPEECHES**).
 - b) Shall be Seconded from the Floor by a Voting Member, their proxy, or Ex-Officio Member (**NO SPEECHES**).
 - c) Are not debatable.
 - d) Per *Robert's Rules*, Nominations shall be Closed at the discretion of the Presiding Officer and Motions to Close nominations are ***not*** in Order.
 - e) Candidates may speak prior to votes being cast:
 - i) ***not to exceed five minutes*** for the Chair
 - ii) ***not to exceed two minutes*** for all other positions
 - iii) a Candidate not in attendance may send a surrogate to speak on their behalf
- 8) Should a debatable Motion arise during the Meeting, debate shall proceed under *Robert's Rules of Order*² which stipulate:
 - a) Only Voting Members or their Proxies and Ex-Officio Members may speak.
 - b) Discussion shall be limited to the Motion under consideration.
 - c) No member may speak a second time to the same Motion until all who wish to speak have spoken.
 - d) Debate continues at the discretion of the Presiding Officer or until the "Question is Called"⁴ neither of which is debatable.

In addition, the Rules of this Meeting further stipulate:

- e) All Speakers in the debate are limited to **One Minute** each.

⁴ "Calling the Question" or, more properly "The Previous Question", cannot be invoked while someone else has the Floor, must be Seconded, is not debatable, is not amendable, and requires approval by a 2/3 (67%) Vote to be enforced. Should the Motion "Calling the Question" fail to achieve the required 2/3 majority, debate on the Motion on the Floor may continue. IBID, Rule 16:5

- f) Speakers may not yield all or part of their time to another Committee Member, their Proxy, or an Ex-Officio Member.
 - g) The Presiding Officer may call for a Voice Vote (Vote by Acclamation) at their discretion.
- 9) Voting Credentials:
- a) Only those Committee Members or Proxies who are present at the Meeting shall be permitted to vote.
 - b) A Committee Member or Proxy with an ADA eligible disability may request a Reasonable Accommodation, beyond the use of a proxy, provided such request is in writing and emailed to MCDC no later than 3 days prior to the Meeting. Granting said accommodation shall be at the discretion of the County Chair.
 - c) Committee Members or Proxies must complete the Sign-in process upon arrival to have access to Electronic Ballots.
- 10) Voting for Committee Officers:
- a) Votes shall be conducted by electronic devices or paper ballots (if necessary) according to the procedure outlined in the materials provided by MCDC at the Meeting.
 - b) Voting shall proceed after all Nominations for that Office are made.
 - c) On all votes, a vote shall be cast only for a candidate for whom a Motion for Election has been made and seconded, and who has not withdrawn from consideration. A ballot cast stating the name of any other candidate or any other item is invalid in its entirety and will not be counted.
 - d) Electronic voting for each Office shall remain open for the period prescribed by the Presiding Officer.
 - e) The Presiding Officer shall announce the results of each Vote as soon as they are certified.

Respectfully submitted by the 2026 Reorganization Meeting Rules Committee:

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