

Joint Committee Meeting Procedures

1. The Senate chair will convene proceedings pursuant to Temporary Senate Rule 12.1(b) and House of Representatives Rule 10.1, and the gavel will be passed after voting on each vacant seat. Roll call votes will be taken by the respective legislative assistant for each body. After a body has completed its portion of the roll call vote, that body's legislative assistant will announce the vote tally for that body. When the roll call vote is complete, the chair will announce the final vote totals.
2. Consideration of candidates will proceed in numerical order of congressional district-based seat, starting with the 1st district, followed by the 4th, 6th and 7th.
3. A candidate other than those recommended by the RCAC may be nominated if the candidate receives the support of two senators and three representatives on the Joint Committee, as required under Minnesota Statutes and the Joint Rules. A show of hands using the Zoom raise hand feature will be called to determine whether an additional candidate has the support required to be included as a nominee. The chair shall recite the names of all committee members supporting the nomination. Nominations will be taken prior to presentations by RCAC candidates.
4. Each nominated candidate shall be allowed to make a two-minute presentation before the committee. Presentations shall be made in alphabetical order by last name.
5. Once all the candidates for a seat have completed their presentations, nominees will be called to the table together to answer questions from members of the Joint Committee. Timing for the question-and-answer period is fifteen minutes each for congressional district-based seats.

After the allotted time has expired, the Joint Committee may allot an additional five minutes by majority vote of the whole committee one time for each set of nominees.
6. A candidate will be recommended to the Joint Convention upon receiving a majority of votes from both the Senate (4 votes) and the House (10 votes). Voting for a seat or seats shall begin immediately after the conclusion of the question-and-answer period for that seat or seats.
7. If there are more than two nominees for a seat and none receives the votes necessary to be recommended to the Joint Convention, any nominee receiving zero votes and the candidate(s) receiving votes but with the lowest vote total shall be eliminated. In the event that this process leaves only one candidate remaining, then only the nominee(s) with the lowest vote total will be eliminated. If this would again result in only one candidate remaining, then no candidates are eliminated.
8. If only two nominees remain for a seat and neither receives the votes necessary for recommendation to the Joint Convention after one round of voting with only those two nominees on the ballot, then the co-chairs of the Joint Committee may call the remaining nominees forward for one additional five-minute question and answer period.
9. If after at least 2 rounds of voting, no candidate has been eliminated and no candidate has received the necessary votes to be recommended to the Joint Convention, the chair may declare an impasse, add the remaining candidates to a slate, and vote viva voce on the slate. If the slate of candidates receives the votes necessary for recommendation, the candidates on the slate are recommended to the Joint convention.
10. Proxy voting is prohibited.
11. The joint committee shall not meet past midnight.

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