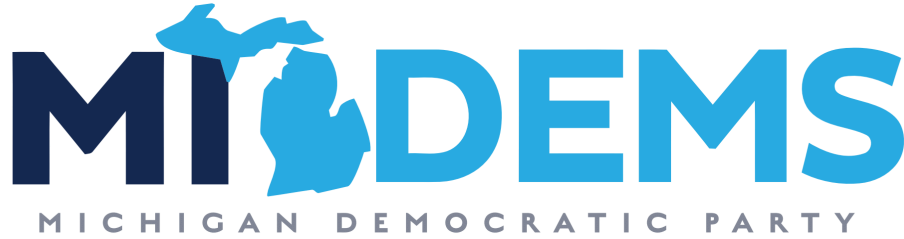




2024 STATE NOMINATING CONVENTION

CALL TO CONVENTION



**Official Call to Convention
for the
Michigan Democratic Party's
2024 State Nominating Convention**

Saturday, August 24, 2024
at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan.

The Democratic Electors of the State of Michigan are hereby notified that by the direction of the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee, the 2024 State Nominating Convention of the Michigan Democratic Party will be held at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan on Saturday, August 24, 2024.

The purposes of the MDP's 2024 Nominating Convention shall be to select Presidential Electors and formally nominate Democratic candidates to the November General Election in the following contests:

State Supreme Court
Board of Education
and University Boards including:
Michigan State University Board of Trustees
University of Michigan Board of Regents
Wayne State University Board of Governors

Dear Michigan Democrats,

In the election this November, Michigan will determine the fate of our democracy. There is no road to the White House, maintaining a Democratic majority in the U.S. Senate or flipping the U.S. House to Democratic control without winning all of these critical races in Michigan.

At the State Convention, we will stand with our friends and neighbors to defend democracy and support our strong Democratic candidates from the bottom of the ticket to the top. We will be nominating a strong slate of Democratic candidates who will uphold our progressive values and fight for the hard-working families of Michigan.

We must return Justice Kyra Harris Bolden to the bench and elect Kimberly Thomas to add to our majority on the Supreme Court. We need fair and impartial justice in Michigan to defend a woman's right to make her own health care decisions and protect all the Democratic values we hold dear.

Our boards of education are the new battleground for having the backs of our teachers, defending the curriculum being taught to our students, and strengthening and stabilizing our amazing college campuses.

The diversity of Michigan Democrats is our greatest strength but standing together is how we defeat the "divide and conquer" tactics of our opponents. When we all come together we know we are with our brothers and sisters under that big tent, surrounded by family and joined as one in the battle for what is right and just alongside each other.

Let's grow our Democratic majority in the State House and our majority on the State Supreme Court and boards of education, and make sure we send the message to all the hard-working people of Michigan that when you elect Democrats, they deliver for the people, all the people. We have no choice if we want all Michiganders to thrive.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lavora Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lavora Barnes
Chair, Michigan Democratic Party

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An Overview of the 2024 Nominating Convention Timeline

Friday, June 7

The Michigan Democratic State Central Committee issues the Call to Convention.

Thursday, July 11

Membership Deadline to be eligible to vote in County and District Conventions.

Thursday, July 25

Membership Deadline to be eligible to vote at the 2024 Nominating Convention.

Friday, July 26

Deadline to issue the call for a County or District Convention.

Wednesday, July 31

Deadline for MDP chartered constituency caucuses to request a meeting room and time at the Convention.

Tuesday, August 6

Michigan's Primary Election Day.

Saturday, August 10

County and District Conventions must be held on this day across Michigan.

Sunday, August 11 by 7 PM

Deadline for County and District Chairs to submit Convention materials to the MDP.

Tuesday, August 13 at 6 PM

Convention Credentials Committee meets virtually.

Tuesday, August 13 at 7 PM

Convention Rules Committee meets virtually to consider rules for the Nominating Convention.

Wednesday, August 14 at 6 PM

Convention Resolution Committee meets virtually.

Friday, August 16 at 9 AM

Credentialing Window Opens for the 2024 Nominating Convention.

Sunday, August 18; Tuesday, August 20; Wednesday, August 21

MDP offers virtual trainings on how to become credentialed.

Saturday, August 24 at 2 PM

Credentialing window closes.

Saturday, August 24

State Nominating Convention held in Lansing Michigan.

I. **2024 State Convention**

The State Nominating Convention will be held at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan on Saturday, August 24, 2024.

A. Schedule for Saturday, August 24, 2024

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Morning Constituency Caucus Meetings
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Morning Constituency Caucus Meetings
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Afternoon Congressional District Caucus Meetings

Beginning at 3:00 PM, the Convention shall convene for the purposes of:

1. Hearing a report on the number of Delegates
2. Hearing and voting on the report of the Rules Committee
3. Electing a Convention Chair
4. Selecting Convention Officers
5. Adopting Resolutions
6. Nominating two (2) Candidates for State Supreme Court
7. Nominating two (2) Candidates for State Board of Education
8. Nominating two (2) Candidates for Michigan State University Board of Trustees
9. Nominating two (2) Candidates for Wayne State University Board of Governors
10. Nominating two (2) Candidates for University of Michigan Board of Regents
11. Hearing from Michigan's Delegation
12. Ratification of Presidential Electors
13. Announcement of the Nominees
14. Conducting any other business which is proper and necessary.

The Convention is scheduled to adjourn on Saturday by 6:00 PM.

The time of adjournment is tentative and subject to change.

The Michigan Democratic State Central Committee will meet on the floor of the convention immediately following the adjournment of the State Nominating Convention to canvass and ratify the convention proceedings.

No business will be permitted on the Convention floor unless it is contained in this Call including any resolutions other than the resolutions that are properly placed before the Nominating Convention delegates by the Nominating Conventions Resolutions Committee.

B. Constituency Caucus Meetings

Chartered constituency group caucuses may meet on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at the Lansing Center between 9 AM and 12 PM. In order to obtain a room and time, groups must contact Bridget Hebbard at bhebbard@michigandems.com no later than Wednesday, July 31, 2024. *Caucuses who fail to meet these requirements may be denied a room or time slot at Convention.*

C. Congressional District Caucus Meetings

Congressional District caucuses will meet on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 1 PM at the Lansing Center to select Presidential Electors and to conduct other business as proper and necessary. The Caucuses shall adjourn by 2:30 PM.

D. Democratic State Central Committee Meeting

The DSCC will meet on the floor of the Convention immediately following adjournment of the State Nominating Convention to canvass and ratify the convention proceedings.

II. Voting Privileges at the State Convention

All delegates to the State Convention must be registered and qualified electors of the State of Michigan. To be eligible to become credentialed and vote at the State Nominating Convention, a person must be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party for at least thirty (30) days prior to August 24, 2024, which is July 25, 2024.

To be eligible to vote during a Constituency Caucus meeting or Congressional District Caucus, a person must be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party for at least thirty (30) days prior to August 24, 2024, which is July 25, 2024.

**According to rule 3.2.2 of the MDP bylaws, the thirty (30) day rule does not apply to Precinct delegates, Democratic elected officials, or Democratic nominees to partisan office. Instead, precinct delegates, Democratic elected officials and Democratic nominees to partisan office may become members of the Michigan Democratic Party on August 24, 2024 when they register at the State Convention.*

A. Membership Deadline

1. Online membership applications are available [here](#). To meet the deadline to be eligible to vote, an online contribution toward a membership or a free membership application must be submitted by 11:59 PM on July 25, 2024.
2. Printable membership applications are available [here](#). To meet the deadline to be eligible to vote, a hard copy of a membership application must be either: hand-delivered to Hart-Kennedy House by 5 PM on July 25, 2024 or mailed to Hart-Kennedy House, and postmarked no later than July 25, 2024.

Michigan Democratic Party
Hart-Kennedy House
606 Townsend
Lansing, MI 48933

3. Persons whose memberships are current as of July 25, 2024 but expire before August 24, 2024 are eligible to become credentialed and vote if they renew on or before August 24, 2024.

B. Credentials for State Convention

To be eligible to vote at the State Convention, a person must satisfy the membership requirements listed above. That member must also become successfully credentialed through the VOATZ electronic voting system in order to vote at the State Convention.

The credentialing window opens for the State Convention at 9:00 AM on Friday, August 16, 2024. All eligible members will receive instructions from VOATZ via their email on file with the Michigan Democratic Party about how to download the VOATZ app for phone or tablet and become credentialed. VOATZ will email follow up reminders in the week leading up to the State Convention. The credentialing window will close at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 24, 2024.

MDP Staff will offer virtual training via zoom [\[link\]](#) on how to become credentialed on the evenings of Sunday, August 18, Tuesday, August 20, and again on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

III. County and District Conventions prior to the State Nominating Convention

All counties are required to hold County Conventions. In addition, District Conventions shall be held in the 6th, 12th and 13th Congressional Districts in order to ensure that MDP members residing in Wayne County are represented at these conventions.

In those counties comprising more than one Congressional District, each portion of the county within one Congressional District shall be considered a “county” and shall hold a convention.

A. Date, Time, and Place

All County and District Conventions across Michigan shall occur on Saturday, August 10, 2024. Each convention shall convene at the time and hour designated in the local Call issued by each County or District Committee.

The Calls to County and District Conventions shall be issued to the delegates not less than fifteen (15) days before the Convention is held on Saturday, August 10, 2024. This requires that all Calls to County and District Conventions be issued by Friday, July 26, 2024.

B. Purpose

The purpose of the County and District Conventions shall be to elect Members and Alternates to the State Convention Committees and to consider resolutions to be forwarded to the State Party.

Each Congressional District shall be entitled to two delegates (not of the same gender identity) and two alternates (not of the same gender identity) on each of the following convention committees: Rules, Resolutions, and Credentials.

In order to be elected to a Convention Committee, a person must be a member of the Michigan Democratic Party for at least thirty (30) days prior to August 24, 2024, which is July 25, 2024.

Committee members shall be apportioned among the various Counties of each District. Care should be taken to ensure that the delegates and alternates in each district are balanced by gender.

The Congressional District Chair shall have the final responsibility for approving appointments to Convention committees and forwarding such appointments' names, emails and other contact information to the Michigan Democratic Party no later than 7:00 PM on Sunday, August 11, 2024.

C. County and District Convention Delegates

Delegates to the County and District Convention shall be the members of the Michigan Democratic Party residing in the corresponding County or District whose membership was renewed at least thirty (30) days prior to the County or District Convention held on August 10, 2024, which is July 11, 2024.

** Precinct Delegates, Democratic elected officials and Democratic nominees to partisan offices residing in the corresponding County or District may become members that day when they register at the County and District Conventions.*

IV. State Nominating Convention Committees

A. Rules

Members of the Nominating Convention's Rules Committee shall meet virtually to consider rules for the State Nominating Convention and to receive training in those rules and on proportional voting. The Committee will approve the final version of the rules that will oversee all business at the Nominating Convention. Members of the Rules Committee are not required to attend the Nominating Convention.

Rules Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2024
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Virtual, via Zoom.

Invitation: All members and alternates on the Rules Committee will be emailed a zoom invitation to the meeting to the email contact provided by their County or Congressional District chair.

B. Resolutions

Members of the Nominating Convention's Resolutions Committee shall meet to consider resolutions approved at County and District Conventions and submitted for statewide consideration.

The Resolutions Committee will discuss, edit, and vote on a number of resolutions with the ultimate goal of creating a packet of resolutions that will go before the entire membership at the Nominating Convention for a vote. Members of the Resolutions Committee are not required to attend the Nominating Convention.

Resolutions Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 14, 2024
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Virtual, via Zoom.

Invitation: All members and alternates on the Resolutions Committee will be emailed a zoom invitation to the meeting to the email contact provided by their County or Congressional District chair.

If work is not completed by the scheduled time of adjournment,

the Resolutions Committee shall reconvene on Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

C. Credentials

Members of the Nominating Convention's Credentials Committee shall meet to discuss and receive training on the credentialing process for the State Nominating Convention. Members of the Credentials Committee are encouraged to help fellow Democrats in their County and District to become credentialed.

Additionally, members are encouraged to provide staff support with credentialing at the Nominating Convention on Saturday, August 24th. Members of the Credentials Committee are asked to attend the Nominating Convention to assist with the credentialing process, which requires a comfortability with technology.

Credentials Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2024
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Virtual, via Zoom

Invitation: All members and alternates on the Credentials Committee will be emailed a zoom invitation to the meeting to the email contact provided by their County or Congressional District chair.

D. Voting Privileges

In order to vote at these committee meetings, Delegates and Alternates of these committees must be members of the Michigan Democratic Party at least thirty (30) days before the convention committee meeting.

V. Notice of State Convention

This Call shall be e-mailed to all Democrats who are Federal and State Elected Officials as well as the District, County, Club, and Caucus Chairs on or before June 7, 2024.

Notice of the State Convention shall also be given to Michigan Democratic Party members via email, and the Call will be posted online at michigandems.com.

VI. Candidates Seeking Nomination

Candidates seeking nomination by the Michigan Democratic Party shall be eligible for consideration if they gather a number of signatures equal to five percent (5%) of the delegate vote or 349 signatures.

All nominating signatures must be gathered in-person from credentialed delegates on Saturday, August 24th beginning at 8:00am and returned to MDP Executive Director, Christine Jensen, by 12:45pm.

VII. Voting

All eligible members of the Michigan Democratic Party who become successfully credentialed through the VOATZ electronic voting system are eligible to vote at the State Nominating Convention.

Voting shall be by voice vote or unanimous consent on the Convention floor or, when prescribed in the Convention Rules, by an electronic ballot using the VOATZ electronic voting system.

If only one person is nominated for a position, the candidate may be elected by unanimous consent.

In the event of a contested election, electronic ballots shall be available through the VOATZ electronic voting system to all credentialed delegates as outlined in the Convention Rules.

Only in-person voting shall be permitted at the State Convention.

VIII. Proportional Voting System

A proportional voting system (by County or by fraction of County in multi-county Districts) shall be used in County and District Conventions and Caucuses and on the floor of the State Convention. The system used shall be in accordance with the State Party Directive on Proportional Voting.

IX. Eligibility and Allocation of State Convention Delegates and Alternates

In order to vote at the State Convention, a person must satisfy the membership requirements and become properly credentialed as outlined in this Call.

A. Allocation

There shall be one State Convention vote for each 500 votes or major fraction thereof cast for the Democratic candidate for Secretary of State in 2022 provided that no fraction of a County within a Congressional District shall be without a minimum of one vote.

District Delegates:

1	Alcona	4
	Alger	4
	Alpena	11
	Antrim	12
	Arenac	6
	Baraga	3
	Benzie	11
	Charlevoix	13
	Cheboygan	10
	Chippewa	13
	Crawford	5
	Delta	14
	Dickinson	9
	Emmet	18
	Gogebic	6
	Grand Traverse	53
	Houghton	14
	Iosco	11
	Iron	5
	Kalkaska	6

District Delegates:

2	Barry	24
	Clare	10
	Eaton (part)	2
	Gladwin	9
	Gratiot	13
	Ionia	23
	Isabella	25
	Kent (part)	42
	Lake	4
	Manistee	12
	Mason	13
	Mecosta	14
	Midland (part)	3
	Muskegon (party)	28
	Newaygo	16
	Oceana	10
	Osceola	6
	Ottawa (part)	1
	Wexford (part)	10

Keweenaw	1
Leelanau	17
Luce	2
Mackinac	5
Marquette	37
Menominee	7
Missaukee	4
Montmorency	3
Ogemaw	7
Ontonagon	3
Oscoda	3
Ostego	10
Presque Isle	6
Roscommon	10
Schoolcraft	3
Wexford (part)	1

District Delegates:

5	Berrien (part)	32
	Branch	12
	Calhoun (part)	18
	Cass	14
	Hillsdale	6
	Jackson	58
	Kalamazoo (part)	8
	Lenawee	36
	Monroe	61
	St Joseph	17

District Delegates:

6	Oakland (part)	39
	Washtenaw	273
	Wayne (part)	224

District Delegates:

7	Clinton	41
	Eaton (part)	56
	Genesee (part)	1
	Ingham	163
	Livingston	98
	Oakland (part)	23

District Delegates:

3	Kent (part)	291
	Ottawa (part)	61
	Muskegon (part)	54

District Delegates:

4	Allegan	48
	Berrien (part)	26
	Calhoun (part)	32
	Kalamazoo (part)	137
	Ottawa (part)	61
	Van Buren	31

District Delegates:

9	Huron	11
	Lapeer	33
	Macomb (part)	87
	Oakland (part)	103
	St Clair	63
	Sanilac	13
	Tuscola (part)	17

District Delegates:

10	Macomb (part)	327
	Oakland (part)	51

District Delegates:

11	Oakland (part)	498
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District Delegates:

12	Oakland (part)	81
	Wayne (part)	358

District Delegates:

13	Wayne (part)	337
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District Delegates:

8	Bay	51
	Genesee (part)	203
	Midland (part)	36
	Saginaw	89
	Tuscola (part)	1

