

BALLOT-ONLY LOCAL AND CONGRESSIONAL UNIT CONVENTIONS

Pursuant to guidance adopted by the State Executive Committee on March 16, 2020, *except as to units which held their conventions on or before March 13, 2020*, this document shall control as to all organizing units, senate district units, congressional district units, and other county and city units. This document is subject to revision as the COVID-19 situation changes. Please visit <https://www.dfl.org/covid19/ballotrules/> to ensure you have the most current version. A detailed revision description will be included at the end of each future revision. This document shall expire when that guidance expires.

All matters not superseded by or governed by the State Executive Committee's emergency March 16, 2020 COVID-19 guidance shall be governed by the 2020-2021 Official Call, the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws, the Unit Constitution, and *Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised*. The contents of this document do not apply to the State Convention.

RELEVANT DATES FOR BALLOT-ONLY LOCAL AND CONGRESSIONAL UNIT CONVENTIONS

All Units except CDs Certified Ballots/Roster Due	5:00 PM Central on Friday, April 17, 2020
All Units except CDs Certification Deadline for Ballots	Thursday, April 23, 2020
All Units except CDs Balloting Period.....	Saturday, April 25 through Monday, May 4, 2020
CD Certified Ballots/Roster Due.....	5:00 PM Central on Monday, May 11, 2020
Presidential Candidate Right of Refusal Deadline	Wednesday, May 13, 2020
CD Balloting Period	Thursday, May 14 through Saturday, May 23, 2020

BALLOT-ONLY STATE CONVENTION

See Ballot-Only State Convention rules, available at <https://www.dfl.org/covid19/stateconventionrules/>, for all details related to the State Convention.

BALLOTING

I. PREPARATIONS

- A. *All Units:*** Units should ensure all of the delegates and alternates elected to their unit convention are verified and reported. Utilizing their credentials committee and/or unit leadership, each unit should create a temporary roll including all delegates and all alternates elected at precinct caucuses. Each unit's executive committee should resolve challenges and certify all delegates and alternates on its temporary roll following resolution of all challenges. The certified roll should include the name, address, telephone number, email address, and congressional district (as applicable) for each delegate and alternate.
- B. *Organizing Units (including metro Senate Districts) only:*** Unit leadership should solicit from its temporary roll, and other DFLers within its geographic boundaries, candidates for state delegate and alternate elections. Each of these candidates must provide their name, gender-identity, address, phone number email address, presidential preference, and congressional district. In order to participate in the congressional district balloting for national delegate, the presidential preference must match a candidate for president who was allocated one or more national delegates in the candidate's congressional district (*see Delegate Election Process section below for specifics*). *Unit leadership for each unit which held its convention on or before March 13, 2020, shall reach out to each state delegate and alternate elected at their convention whose reported presidential preference does*

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not match any of the candidates for president allocated one or more national delegates in that state delegate's or alternate's congressional district to have them state a new presidential preference.

- C. Organizing Units (including metro Senate Districts) only:** Utilizing their resolutions committee and/or unit leadership, each organizing unit should create a resolutions ballot. No resolution may exceed 100 words.
- D. Congressional District Units only:** Congressional district leadership should solicit from its temporary roll, and other DFLers within its geographic boundaries, candidates for elections of (i) national delegates, (ii) presidential electors and alternates, and (iii) nominations state convention committee.
- Candidates for National Delegate will need to provide a completed 2020 Democratic National Convention Statement of Candidacy form found on Page A-4 of the 2020-2021 DFL Official Call. Candidates for national delegate may provide a 2-minute video which will be linked in the ballot and may also include a written statement (which must include their gender identity and presidential candidate preference) not to exceed 200 words.
 - Candidates for presidential elector and alternate may provide a 2-minute video which will be linked in the ballot.
 - Candidates for state convention credentials, nominations, and rules committees must comply with the limitations contained in Article VII, Section 1, Committees paragraph on page 12 of the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws.
- E. Endorsing Units (all Senate Districts, Congressional Districts, and other city and county units) only:** Unit leadership should collect the name, address, phone number, and email for each candidate for endorsement. Candidates for endorsement may provide a 2-minute video which will be linked in the ballot.

Information to Report to the State DFL

All Units except Congressional Districts

Each unit's executive committee must certify (a) a roster of its delegates and alternates (including Distinguished Party Leaders who reside in the unit), (b) candidates for state delegate, (c) candidates for its endorsement (*if any*), and/or (d) its resolutions ballot (*as appropriate*). **This certification must occur and be reported to the Minnesota DFL through the provided forms no later than the date and time indicated above.**

Minnesota DFL Staff will prepare the unit's electronic ballot(s) based upon the information certified by the unit's executive committee and send a copy to the unit's chair and vice chair (or two highest-ranking officers) for review. **These officers must review and certify the accuracy of the unit's ballot by the date indicated above.**

Congressional Districts only

Each congressional district unit's executive committee must certify (a) a roster of its delegates and alternates (including Distinguished Party Leaders and automatic state delegates who reside in the unit), (b) candidates for state or national delegate, (c) candidates for its endorsement, (d) candidates for presidential elector and alternate, and (e) candidates for state convention nominations committee. **This certification must occur and be reported to the Minnesota DFL through the provided forms no later than the date and time indicated above.**

Minnesota DFL Staff will prepare the unit's electronic ballot(s) based upon the information certified by the unit's executive committee and send a copy to the unit's chair and vice chair (or two highest-ranking officers) for review. **These officers must review and certify the accuracy of the unit's ballot by the date indicated above.**

II. UNIT ROLE DURING BALLOTING PERIODS

- A. **Electronic Ballots.** Minnesota DFL Staff will send ballots via electronic mail to delegates and alternates. All delegates and alternates are permitted to vote and all ballots cast by delegates and alternate will be counted.
- B. **Alternative Methods of Voting.** Units are permitted to provide alternate methods of collecting ballots from delegates and alternates who cannot utilize electronic mail and/or self-cast their electronic ballots. Units are responsible for the distribution of these ballots, the collection of these ballots or votes, and the entry of the votes for the delegate or alternate into an electronic ballot on their behalf. For example, units may choose to send a paper ballot to any delegate or alternate but will be responsible for collecting that ballot and entering the delegate or alternate's votes in the electronic voting system for that delegate or alternate.

When a mailed ballot cannot be returned in time to be counted, units may obtain votes via telephone calls with delegates and alternates but will be responsible for entering the delegate or alternate's votes in the electronic voting system for that delegate or alternate.

- C. **Daily Updates.** During the relevant balloting window, each unit's chair and vice chair (or two highest-ranking officers) will receive daily updates indicating which delegates and alternates have completed their ballots. Units are responsible for following up with delegates and alternates who have not returned their ballots to ensure ballots are completed in the timeframe allotted. Units may use reasonable means to reach out to delegates and alternates who have not yet voted by email, telephone calls, and text messages, provided they create a receipt of each contact for auditing purposes.

III. RESULTS

- A. Following the completion of balloting, Minnesota DFL Staff will provide the results of each of their unit's ballot(s) to the unit's chair and vice chair (or two highest-ranking officers), the chair and vice chair (or two highest-ranking officers) of the appropriate higher-level unit, and the candidates for endorsement. Additionally, Minnesota DFL Staff will forward the results of the resolutions ballots to the co-chairs of the Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee.
- B. For all ballots where there is a contested endorsement, the election of national delegates, or the election of presidential electors the local unit or congressional district shall hold a virtual teller room via teleconference where they will certify the results by hand counting the ballots. The head tellers will be the unit's chair and vice chair (or two highest-ranking officers). Other neutral parties may be jointly appointed by the head tellers to assist with the counting process. A representative from each campaign (where endorsing and the endorsement is contested), a representative of each campaign for national delegate (where applicable), and a representative for each campaign for presidential elector (where applicable), must be allowed to observe the counting process. The Minnesota DFL Staff will provide raw ballots, as well as an initial report of the full election. Results are not official until results are confirmed in remote teller room.

IV. FIRST CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD POST-BALLOT-ONLY CONVENTIONS

- A. **Unit Central Committee.** If necessary, a unit's central committee may meet telephonically on or before May 31, 2020. These meetings do not qualify as a "First Central Committee Meeting" under these rules.
- B. **First Central Committee Meeting.** Each unit which held a ballot-only convention pursuant to these rules shall hold a "First Central Committee Meeting" after May 31, 2020.

C. Membership. All members of a unit’s central committee as of March 14, 2020 shall remain in office until the adjournment of that unit’s First Central Committee Meeting.

D. Business. All business outlined in the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws and the 2020-2021 DFL Official Call for each unit shall be completed at that unit’s First Central Committee Meeting, *with the exception of the matters completed by the Ballot-Only Conventions and the election of congressional district pre-convention committee members.*

GENERAL RULES FOR BALLOT-ONLY CONVENTIONS

Ballot Retention. Ballots shall be retained for at least 30 days following the certification of the ballot results by the unit.

Delegate Elections. Delegates and alternates elected to the congressional district and state conventions elected from organizing units, national delegates elected from congressional districts, presidential electors and alternates, and state convention committee members shall all be elected by way of electronic ballots. Results for each of these elections shall be by plurality further detailed below in the delegate election process section.

Endorsement. Each endorsement will be issued based upon a ranked choice vote. “No Endorsement” is always an option on every ballot and will never drop when votes are reallocated. Once a ballot is exhausted, it will thereafter be counted as an abstention. This means the ballot will be counted towards quorum but no longer be included in the denominator for endorsement. How ranked choice endorsement will operate in practice is provided below in the Ranked Choice Endorsement section. If a vote in a contested race for endorsement under these rules results in no endorsement being conferred or the ballot fails due to lack of quorum, the relevant central committee is prohibited from issuing an endorsement before the primary election unless only one DFL candidate remains on the election ballot following the close of the window to withdraw as a candidate as set by the Secretary of State.

In-Person Meetings. At all levels, in-person meetings where more than 10 people would gather, are prohibited through May 28, 2020. All meetings through May 28, 2020, regardless of size, should be held by teleconference where possible. If an in-person meeting is held with 10 or fewer people, the meeting should be held swiftly, limited to essential business, and in a location allowing social distancing. This limitation will be superseded by any more stringent limitation imposed by federal, state, and local public health authorities.

Notice. Notification requirements for all party meetings, conventions, endorsements, or otherwise, shall require 72-hour notice, which can be provided by any known communication method reasonably expected to be received by the recipient, including telephone calls, email, and social media direct messaging.

Quorum. Quorum for organizing unit, senate district, house district, and other city or county unit conventions will be a majority of all delegates and alternates certified by the unit’s executive committee for that electoral jurisdiction or unit. Quorum for congressional district conventions will be a number of all delegates and alternates certified by the unit’s executive committee necessary to cast a majority of the vote. Quorum shall be counted on a per-ballot basis as described in the following paragraph.

For ballots sent to all delegates and alternates in a unit, the quorum for that ballot shall be based upon a count of all ballots cast. Otherwise, where a unit sends different ballots to different portions of the delegates and alternates (e.g., in organizing units not within one congressional district where ballots differ for each portion of the unit depending upon the voter’s congressional district), quorum shall be based upon a count of all ballots returned voting for the same level of delegate (e.g., in organizing units not within one congressional district, all ballots for state delegate regardless of congressional district shall be added together to determine whether quorum was met for that ballot).

Unit Central and Executive Committee Meetings. Unit central and executive committee meetings may meet telephonically before May 29, 2020, so long as notice (as defined above) is provided.

DELEGATE ELECTION PROCESS

Casting Ballots

Each ballot for state delegate or national delegate, presidential elector and alternate, and state convention committee members will list all candidates regardless of gender-identity or presidential preference.

Each ballot for national delegate will list all candidates regardless of gender-identity by presidential preference.

When delegates and alternates are permitted to vote for more than one candidate in casting a ballot, they do not need to allocate their votes based upon gender-identity (although the counting of the ballots will comply with equal division rules).

Organizing Units entirely within one congressional district

Delegates and alternates casting a ballot may vote for up to the total number of delegates allocated to the unit.

Organizing Units with portions in more than one congressional district

A separate ballot will be created for candidates for state convention delegates residing within each congressional district. Only organizing unit delegates and alternates who reside within a congressional district may vote on the ballot for state convention delegates representing their organizing unit within that congressional district.

Congressional District Units

In each Congressional District, for the election of national delegates, a separate ballot will be created for each presidential candidate eligible to receive delegates from that Congressional District. (See table on Page 6.) Each presidential candidate’s ballot will list all of the national delegate candidates who have declared for that presidential candidate. Each state delegate and alternate will receive only the ballot for the presidential candidate for whom they have declared. (If they did not declare a preference, they will not receive a ballot.) On the ballot, they may vote for no more than the total number of delegates allocated to their presidential candidate in their Congressional District.

Counting Ballots

Once all ballots are cast, the votes for each candidate shall be tallied. All winners shall be determined by plurality and all ties shall be broken by lot. Equal division should be maintained (when possible) for the election of (a) delegates, (b) alternates, and (c) delegates and alternates combined.¹

Organizing Units entirely within one congressional district

The top vote recipients who maintain equal division, equal to the number of state delegates allocated to the unit, shall be elected state delegates. The next top vote recipients, who maintain equal division, equal to the number of state delegates allocated to the unit shall be elected state alternates and those alternates shall be ranked on one list in order of votes received.

Organizing Units with portions in more than one congressional district

The top vote recipients who maintain equal division, equal to the number of state delegates allocated to the portion of the unit in the congressional district, shall be elected state delegates. The next top vote recipients who maintain equal division, equal to the number of state delegates allocated to the unit, shall be elected state alternates and shall be ranked on one list in order of votes received.

¹ See Equal Division in the General Rules of the Rule Book, located on Page A-3 of the State DFL Constitution and Bylaws.

Congressional District Units

For national delegate elections, the top vote recipients who comply with the Minnesota 2020 National Delegate Selection Plan gender-identity allocation and these rules, equal to the number of national delegate(s) allocated to the national candidate for the congressional district shall be elected national delegate(s). The per-candidate gender-identity allocations were determined by drawing lots where required. The drawing was conducted by Jason Cassady (Secretary of the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee) and was observed by Chris Thorp (Co-Chair of the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules Committee) and Sonja Johnson (State DFL Training Director) on March 19, 2020. The existing per-congressional district gender-identity allocations from Section III, Paragraph A.3.d. (page 18) of the Minnesota 2020 National Delegate Section Plan were preserved and the same process was then applied to the odd-numbered per-candidate subcaucuses within each congressional district.

District	Presidential Candidate	Delegates		
		Males	Females	Total
CD 1	Joe Biden	1	2	3
	Bernie Sanders	1	1	2
CD 2	Joe Biden	2	2	4
	Bernie Sanders	1	1	2
CD 3	Joe Biden	2	3	5
	Bernie Sanders	1	1	2
CD 4	Joe Biden	1	2	3
	Bernie Sanders	2	1	3
	Elizabeth Warren	1	1	2
CD 5	Joe Biden	2	1	3
	Bernie Sanders	2	2	4
	Elizabeth Warren	1	2	3
CD 6	Biden	1	1	2
	Bernie Sanders	1	1	2
CD 7	Joe Biden	2	1	3
	Bernie Sanders	0	1	1
CD 8	Joe Biden	2	1	3
	Bernie Sanders	1	1	2
Total		24	25	49

The election of national delegates must accomplish equal division between delegate men and delegate women within the presidential candidate’s delegation in each CD (determined by gender-self-identification). In the case of delegates who do not identify as male or female, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of such delegation shall be equally divided by gender-identity. For example, the Biden subcaucus in CD2 and the Sanders subcaucus in CD5 are each entitled to elect 4 delegates. The only possible combinations the subcaucus can elect are as follows:

- 2 male delegates and 2 female delegates;
- 1 delegate who does not identify as male or female, 2 male delegates, and 1 female delegate;
- 1 delegate who does not identify as male or female, 1 male delegate, and 2 female delegates;
- 2 delegates who do not identify as male or female, 1 male delegate, and 1 female delegate;
- 3 delegates who do not identify as male or female and 1 male delegate;
- 3 delegates who do not identify as male or female and 1 female delegate; or
- 4 delegates who do not identify as male or female

For presidential elector and alternate, the top vote recipient shall be elected the presidential elector, and the next top vote recipient who maintains equal division shall be elected the presidential elector alternate.

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For members to each state convention committee, the top two vote recipients who maintain equal division shall be elected.

Counting Example

Organizing Unit (or portion of the Organizing Unit within a Congressional District) is allocated 5 state delegates and 5 state alternates. There were 31 candidates – 14 identifying as female (“f”), 14 identifying as male (“m”), and 3 not identifying as male or female (“nb”). Each ballot cast included up to five votes for any five candidates regardless of their gender-identity. The top thirteen vote recipients were:

Votes – Recipient(gender-identity)

40 – Jamie (nb)
39 – Fran (f)
38 – Mark (m)
37 – Lori (f)
37 – Geri (f)
36 – Orin (m)
35 – Amy (f)
34 – Charlie (nb)
33 – Betty (f)
32 – Debby (f)
31 – Norm (m)
31 – Tom (m)
30 – Robin (nb)

The top five vote recipients do not achieve equal division (1-nb, 3-f, 1-m). Accordingly, it is necessary to skip the lowest vote female vote recipient and elect the next highest vote recipient who does not identify as female (to result in 1-nb, 2-f, 2-m or result in 2-nb, 2-f, 1-m). However, the lowest two recipients are tied, so it is necessary to draw lots to determine who is elected delegate. Geri is drawn by lot. Thus, Jamie, Fran, Mark, Geri, and Orin are elected delegates (with equal division of 1-nb, 2-f, 2-m).

Following the election of the delegates, the top eight vote recipients were:

Votes – Recipient(gender-identity)

37 – Lori (f)
35 – Amy (f)
34 – Charlie (nb)
33 – Betty (f)
32 – Debby (f)
31 – Norm (m)
31 – Tom (m)
30 – Robin (nb)

The next top five vote recipients also do not achieve equal division (4-f, 1-nb). Accordingly, only the top two female vote recipients (Lori and Amy) are elected the first and second ranked alternates, Charlie is elected the third ranked alternate, and Norm and Tom are elected the last two alternates. However, because Norm and Tom received the same number of votes, it is necessary to draw lots to determine who is the fourth ranked alternate and who is the fifth ranked alternate. The entire delegation also achieves equal division (2-nb, 4-f, 4-m)

Further, it is important to remember that equal division must be achieved for (a) delegates, (b) alternates, and (c) both delegates and alternates together. Thus, if the delegate election was three males and two females, the alternate election could not be three males and two females (unless there were no other candidates who do not identify as male).

Finally, in the event the number of vote recipients does not exceed the positions to be elected, equal division should be achieved (if possible) for the delegates elected, with all remaining vote recipients elected alternates even if equal division cannot be achieved.

RANKED CHOICE ENDORSEMENT

Principles of Counting Ranked Choice Endorsement Votes

Delegates and alternates fill out a ballot ranking as many candidates as they wish in order of preference (“No Endorsement” must be an option on any ballot). Ballots which contain no rankings or which have been exhausted through redistribution will both be counted as abstentions. Abstentions are counted towards quorum but are not included in the denominator for endorsement.

All ballots cast, including all ballot cast for any candidate, “No Endorsement”, and abstentions, should be counted to determine whether quorum is met. Quorum is a single count of the ballots and does not need to be counted for each round of counting. *See also* Quorum, above.

Once a ballot has reached the “No Endorsement” allocation, it is never reallocated because “No Endorsement” is always a valid choice and thus can never be eliminated.

Count all first-choice votes. If one candidate receives at least 60% of the votes, that candidate is endorsed.

If no candidate receives at least 60% of the votes, eliminate the candidate receiving the least number of votes that is not “No Endorsement”. Reallocate each vote for the eliminated candidate to those voters’ next lower-ranked preference. If the next candidate on any vote has already been eliminated, continue in decreasing preference until reaching a viable candidate, “No Endorsement”, or the end of the voter’s preference(s) (an exhausted ballot, which is counted as an abstention thereafter).

If a subsequent choice is blank but a later choice is completed, ignore the blank and allocate to the next choice (if available for allocation). Abstentions, including completely blank ballots and exhausted ballots, are not counted in the numerator or denominator for endorsement (per Rule Book heading Endorsement—Sixty Percent). These ballots do count for quorum, as mentioned above.

For each round of counting, the formula for determining whether 60% has been reached is the number of votes for a specific candidate or no endorsement divided by the total number of all ballots cast for endorsement excluding abstentions. For example, for the first round, Candidate A received 59 votes, Candidate B received 38 votes, “No Endorsement” received 3 votes, and there are 2 abstentions. The formula to ascertain whether Candidate A was endorsed is $59 \div (59+38+3)$ or $59 \div 100$ or 59.000%, so Candidate A would not be endorsed in that first round and reallocation would continue.

If at any time a candidate or “No Endorsement” receives 60% of the votes, stop and declare that candidate or “No Endorsement” the endorsee.

Repeat this reallocation process until only one candidate and “No Endorsement” remain. If the remaining candidate receives 60% or more of the vote, that remaining candidate is endorsed. If the remaining candidate does not receive at least 60% of the vote, then no endorsement is conferred.

The results of each round must be reported with the number of votes for each candidate, “No Endorsement”, and the count of abstention ballots. Additionally, the number of eligible votes to be cast shall also be reported. Remember that the count of abstentions is the sum of both blank and exhausted ballots.

Counting Process

In order to properly count a ranked choice endorsement, it is necessary to print all of the ballot results. Format the Google Sheet results so that the rows are tall enough to cut apart without accidentally cutting the candidate names. See Appendix A for a sample set of ballots.

Once each ballot is a separate piece of paper, ballots should be sorted by first choice into piles. There should be one pile for each candidate for endorsement, one pile for “No Endorsement”, and one pile for blank/exhausted votes (abstentions). Attached to these Rules in Appendix A is an example set of ballots with 12 cast ballots for endorsement with Candidate A, Candidate B, and Candidate C. It is recommended that you print that page and cut out all twelve ballots to follow along this example.

The first task is to determine quorum. We have 12 ballots. For this example, we are assuming that the total number of delegates and alternates certified by the unit executive committee is 19. Therefore, we have quorum (12 votes divided by 19 eligible votes is 63.158%, which is a majority of the eligible votes. Thus, quorum is present).

The second task is to sort the ballots by first choice. Note that ballot #8 is completely blank, and while it counts towards quorum, it will have no impact in the endorsement process going forward. Also, note that ballot #5 has “No Endorsement” for first choice but candidates listed for subsequent choices. This ballot (#5) is allocated to No Endorsement and will never be reallocated. This results in the following round 1 results:

Round 1 – # of Ballots – Allocated to:

- 4 – Candidate A
- 2 – Candidate B
- 4 – Candidate C
- 1 – “No Endorsement”
- 1 – Abstention

An endorsement has not occurred. Both Candidate A and Candidate C had 4 votes, and there are 11 votes total for calculating endorsement ($4 \div 11 = 36.363\%$). This total votes for endorsement will change through the reallocation process as ballots become exhausted. Candidate B has the lowest number of votes and is dropped ($2 \div 11 = 18.181\%$). These ballots are reallocated as follows:

1. Ballot #6 which lists Candidate B for first, second, and third choice, with Candidate A as fourth choice is allocated to Candidate A because Candidate B has been dropped. If this ballot had instead listed all Candidate B selections, it would instead be considered exhausted, and thus an abstention.
2. Ballot #4 which lists “No Endorsement” for second choice and lists Candidate C for third choice is allocated to “No Endorsement” and will never be reallocated.

Following this reallocation, the vote totals are as follows for round 2:

Round 2 – # of Ballots – Allocated to

- 5 – Candidate A
- 4 – Candidate C
- 2 – “No Endorsement”
- 1 – Abstention

An endorsement has not occurred. Candidate A has the most votes with 5, and there remains the same 11 votes total for calculating endorsement. $5 \div 11 = 45.454\%$. Candidate C has the lowest number of votes and is dropped. These ballots are reallocated as follows:

1. Ballots #11, which lists Candidate A as second choice, is reallocated to Candidate A.

2. Ballot #9, which lists Candidate B as a second choice and Candidate A as a third choice, is reallocated to Candidate A because Candidate B has already been dropped.
3. Ballot #10, which does not list a second choice and lists Candidate A as a third choice, is reallocated to Candidate A (skipping the blank second choice).
4. Ballot #12, which does not list any choice after the first choice, is now treated as exhausted (no longer remaining a valid vote for the denominator).

Following reallocation, the vote totals are as follows for round 3:

Round 3 – # of Ballots – Allocated to

- 8 – Candidate A
- 2 – “No Endorsement”
- 2 – Abstentions

Candidate A is endorsed. Candidate A has the most votes with 8, and there are now 10 votes total for calculating endorsement. $8 \div 10 = 80.000\%$ (which is at least 60%). If at this stage Candidate A did not have at least 60% of the reallocated votes, endorsement would not be conferred, and reallocation of ballots would cease.

This example covers many of the types of ballots that will be encountered while tallying votes. If any other scenarios occur, please contact the state party for guidance in accurately handling that ballot.

Revision History

- Rev A (March 20, 2020) Initial version
- Rev B (March 26, 2020) Added “no longer” to the parenthetical of #4 under on Page 10
- Rev C (March 27, 2020) Corrected the start of the CD Balloting period to be Thursday, May 14
- Rev D (April 5, 2020) Cleaned up phrasing under III.B. on Page 3; corrected typographical errors in the bullet points on Page 6 and added “as male or female” to the last bullet point on Page 6; and added Revision History on Page 10
- Rev E (April 24, 2020) Renamed to Ballot-Only Local and Congressional Unit Conventions; removed references to an in-person State Convention; added cross-reference to Ballot-Only State Convention rules; removed the election of state credentials and rules pre-convention committee members

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Appendix A – Sample ballot table

To follow along with the sample Ranked Choice Endorsement tally example, print this page and cut in to strips along the thick horizontal lines. Each ballot should be a separate piece of paper.

ID #	Timestamp	Endorsement [First choice]	Endorsement [Second choice]	Endorsement [Third choice]	Endorsement [Fourth choice]
1	3/17/2020 22:07:24	Candidate A			
2	3/17/2020 22:07:28	Candidate A			
3	3/17/2020 22:07:37	Candidate A	Candidate B	Candidate C	No endorsement
4	3/17/2020 22:07:43	Candidate B	No endorsement	Candidate C	
5	3/17/2020 22:08:07	No endorsement	Candidate B	Candidate A	Candidate C
6	3/17/2020 22:08:13	Candidate B	Candidate B	Candidate B	Candidate A
7	3/17/2020 22:08:34	Candidate A	Candidate B	Candidate C	No endorsement
8	3/17/2020 22:13:04				
9	3/18/2020 9:34:41	Candidate C	Candidate B	Candidate A	No endorsement
10	3/18/2020 9:35:09	Candidate C		Candidate A	
11	3/18/2020 9:35:33	Candidate C	Candidate A	Candidate B	
12	3/18/2020 9:50:56	Candidate C			