



MAINE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Procedures for the County Nomination Meetings

Timing and Notification

Each county will select its delegates at a County Delegate Nomination Meeting to be held on July 18 or 19, 2026.

County Delegate Nomination meetings may be held virtually or in-person, at the determination of the county chair and in consultation with the MDP. That decision will be made by the county chair no later than Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 5 pm.

The date, time, and location of each County Delegate Nomination Meeting will be announced by the Maine Democratic Party by Wednesday, July 15. The MDP and the County Chair will make all reasonable efforts to notify Democrats of the location of the County Delegate Nomination Meetings, including by social media, text, email, and press release.

Registration

Participants in each County Delegate Nomination Meeting may pre-register with the MDP by 5 pm on July 16 through the MDP website. All Democrats registered in the county as of June 9, 2026, and listed as verified in the MDP Voter File, are eligible to participate and vote in their County Delegate Nomination Meeting. All potential participants are encouraged to pre-register, , and check their availability prior to the day of the meeting. Challenges to voting status on the day of the meeting will not be accepted.

The MDP will verify the registration status of each participant and those who were not registered as a Democrat at the time of the State Democratic Primary will not be allowed to participate in the County Delegate Nomination Meeting. The MDP Voter File will be used to verify registration status.

Same day participant registration will open two hours before the advertised start time of the meeting, and will close at the advertised start time of the meeting. Anyone in line at an in-person meeting location who is eligible to participate at the advertised start time of the meeting will be allowed to participate in the meeting. Anyone who submits a registration for a virtual meeting after the advertised meeting start time will not be allowed to participate in the meeting.



Observers will be allowed, but they will not be permitted to participate in the proceedings. Observers will be assigned a designated space to watch the proceedings, but they will not be allowed in the participant area once the Chair gavels the meeting to order. The Delegate Nominating Meeting Chair is empowered to remove anyone who, in their judgment, interferes with the business of the County Delegate Nomination Meeting.

Candidates

Candidates for Delegate are required to file a declaration of intent to run for Delegate by no later than 5 pm on July 15 using the form provided on the MDP website. Delegates must provide Name, Address, Town, County, Email, and a nomination statement not to exceed 250 words, as well as demographic information. Name, town, county, nomination statement, and self-provided demographic information will be compiled and made available by the state party no later than 5 pm on July 17 by email.

Each in-person Delegate Nominating Meeting will be preceded by a one-hour period when delegates and Senate Candidates or Campaigns may circulate and talk with others about their candidacy.

Officers

The County Chair or their designee will serve as the County Delegate Nomination Meeting Chair (hereafter “DNM Chair” or “Chair”). The agenda shall be as provided by the DSC Chair and is not subject to amendment. The DNM Chair will preside over the meeting and is empowered to take all steps to ensure the orderly management of the meeting. The Chair will be the final authority on issues arising during the meeting.

A secretary will be appointed by the Chair to create and maintain a record of the Meeting.

A sergeant-at-arms will be appointed to maintain security and ensure the orderly conduct of in-person and virtual meetings. The sergeant-at-arms is empowered to appoint additional deputies as deemed necessary to ensure order. The sergeant-at-arms will be allowed to remove or otherwise manage any participant, guest, or observer who is disrupting the Meeting at the direction of the DNM.

Order of Business

Check in and same-day registration of eligible participants will open two hours prior to the start of the County Delegate Nomination Meeting, as previously announced by the County Chair.



The DNM Chair will then gavel the Meeting to order at the previously announced time. The Chair will then designate a secretary to record the business of the Meeting.

The Chair will then explain the voting procedure. Voting will begin immediately after.

At the conclusion of the voting period as outlined in the voting section below, the DNM Chair and their designees will count the ballots, and announce the duly elected delegates. After this announcement, the meeting will be considered adjourned.

Voting

Any eligible participant as outlined in the Call to Convention will be allowed to vote in the County Delegate Nomination Meeting. Participants must be present to vote. No proxy votes will be allowed.

For counties that choose to do an in-person meeting, voting will be conducted using a paper or electronic ballot, as determined by the County Chair and in consultation with the MDP. This ballot will list the names of all declared candidates for delegate. Voting will conclude at a time determined by the DNM Chair, after no less than 30 minutes have elapsed and after the DNM Chair has issued a final call for ballots.

For counties that choose to do a virtual meeting, the election will be conducted by an electronic voting system. This system will be determined and administered by the MDP, and training will be provided in the days leading up to the meeting for any person who wishes to participate in the nominating meeting. Voting will conclude one hour after the opening of the vote.

For all ballots, voters will be able to vote for no more than the total number of delegates and alternates the county will send to the state convention. Any ballot with overvotes will not be counted. Ranked choice voting will not be allowed in the election of delegates and alternates.

The people receiving the most votes up to the number of delegates each county elects to the state convention will be considered appointed to the state convention.

The people receiving the next most votes after all delegates have been determined will be elected alternates to the state convention up to the number of alternates each county is allocated. In the event that there are not enough people receiving votes to fill all alternate positions, the County Chair shall be empowered to designate a number of alternates equal to the remaining seats. In the event that the County Chair appoints alternates, elected alternates will be given priority for filling vacancies in the order of votes received.



In the case of a tie for the final delegate or alternate position names will be publicly drawn until all remaining delegate and alternate positions are filled.

Ballot Position

Delegates will be listed in alphabetical order by the last name of the candidate for delegate.

Electioneering

For in-person meetings, each Senate candidate campaign may be given an equally sized section of the meeting space to display candidate signs and provide campaign materials, should space allow. Campaigns should indicate their desire for space to the County Chair by 5 pm on Friday, July 17, by email.

Results

Results will be announced by the County Chair and shared with the MDP, as outlined in the Call to Convention.

The list of elected delegates will be shared via email to all candidates who filed to run for delegate. Delegates who were elected will also be contacted via text and/or phone call.

A full list of elected delegates will be shared with each candidate for Senate.

Key Dates

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 - Deadline to announce the type of meeting (in-person or virtual) of your Delegate Nomination Meeting

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 - MDP to announce location, date, and time of each Delegate Nomination Meeting (for in-person meetings)

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 - Deadline for Delegate Nominees to register (no registration of Delegate Nominees allowed on the day of the meeting) and for Candidates for US Senate to declare their intention to run

Thursday, July 16, 2026 - Pre-registration for participants closes at 5pm (registration for participants also allowed on the day of the meeting)

Friday, July 17, 2026 - MDP to compile and make available information about eligible Delegate candidates



Friday, July 17, 2026 - Deadline for candidates for Senate to present a request for space for electioneering at the County's Delegate Nomination Meeting to the County Chair

Saturday, July 18, 2026 - Delegate Nomination Meetings

Sunday, July 19, 2026 - Delegate Nomination Meetings

Saturday, July 25, 2026 - Nominating Convention To Fill Senate Vacancy