

# **Standing Rules for DFL Senate District 41 Meetings**

*Adopted by the DFL in Senate District 41 at its Convention on April 25, 2019*

## **A. Agenda Items**

1. Resolutions and/or action items shall be submitted to the Central Committee in writing.
2. There will be three ways to make a motion to introduce an item for consideration:
  - a) **To get an item on the agenda that goes out with the meeting notice:** Submit the agenda item in writing to the Chair no less than one week prior to the start of the meeting;
  - b) **To get an item on the agenda at the meeting:** During discussion of the meeting agenda, suggest that it be amended to include your proposed agenda item;
  - c) **To consider an item not on the agenda:** Items not otherwise included on the agenda will be considered as time allows during the "New Business" portion of the meeting.

## **B. Debate on a motion:**

1. Only motions with a valid second will be debated.
2. Debate on a motion shall last no more than 10 minutes, unless otherwise noted on the approved agenda or agreed upon by 2/3 of the Committee.
3. Each person who wishes to speak during the debate period will have an opportunity to do so at least one time. If a person wishes to speak a subsequent time, they will have to wait until all other persons who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.
4. Every person who wishes to speak during debate will have up to one minute.
5. Interruption of a person duly called upon to speak will not be tolerated.

## **C. Generally:**

1. The Standing Rules for DFL Senate District 41 Meetings shall be referred to as the, "Standing Rules."
2. The Standing Rules shall govern all official meetings of the DFL in Senate District 41, including but not limited to meetings of the Senate District Executive and Central Committees, meetings of duly established subcommittees, and committees established to prepare for any Senate District Convention.
3. Suspension of the Standing Rules shall require a duly seconded motion to pass with a 2/3 vote of the members of the committee then-meeting.
4. All meeting participants shall treat all others with respect. Failure to behave in a respectful manner may result in being asked to leave the meeting.