

## **SPECIAL AND STANDING RULES OF THE MAINE DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE**

### **SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER**

**(Items 1 through 4 adopted February 19, 2006, Item 5 adopted July 25, 2010)  
Item 4 submitted for amendment January 13, 2019))**

1. The first item of business at each Democratic State Committee (DSC) meeting shall be the review and adoption of the agenda.
2. The Chair may recognize non-voting attendees for the purpose of speaking to the body.
3. A motion to postpone shall be to a time certain and shall be debatable. A motion to indefinitely postpone or to table shall be out of order.
4. The Maine Democratic Party Charter always takes precedence over any rules of order or bylaws adopted by the Democratic State Committee. In the situation where the above rules do not address the question, the Democratic National Committee Rules and the Chair's copy of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall prevail in that order.
5. Proposing Motions:
  - a. All Main Motions or Resolutions purporting to be the opinion or policy of the DSC must meet the following conditions:
    - a.i. Shall not contradict the MDP Platform, although it may deal with issues on which the Platform is silent;
    - a.ii. Shall not contradict any previous motions or resolution passed by the DSC without explicitly repealing or amending it;
    - a.iii. Shall be sent out as part of the notice for the meeting;
    - a.iv. Must have prior notice either by being introduced at a previous meeting or by being sent out with the meeting notice;
    - a.v. Must pass by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting, assuming a quorum is present.

### **STANDING RULES**

Cell Phones shall be silenced during meetings of the DSC.