

Minnesota AFL-CIO 57th Constitutional Convention, September 22 – 24, 2024
Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC)
City Side Convention Center

“It’s Better in A Union”

AGENDA

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

10:30 AM – 5:45 PM

Registration, 1st Floor City Side Convention Center

- Social Media Station

2:00 – 6:00 PM

Exhibitors

- American Income Life
- COPE and Big-Ticket items ticket sales
- Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU)
- Community Services
- Earned Sick & Safe Time
- Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
- Minnesota State Retiree Council
- National Alliance Mental Illness (NAMI)
- North Star Policy Institute
- School Board Integrity Project
- Union Bank
- Union House

1:30 PM

Committee Chairs Meeting, Solon Board Room

2:10 – 2:40 PM

Committee Meetings

- Audit and Credentials Committee, Split Rock 1 (1st Floor)
- Officers Report Committee, Split Rock 2 (1st Floor)
- Rules Committee, Solon Board Room (2nd Floor)
- Sergeant-at-Arms Committee, St. Louis River Room

3:00 – 3:30 PM

Convention Convenes – Lake Superior Ballroom

Alan Netland, President, North East Area Labor Council

- Invocation by Pastor Jeanie Alexander, Duluth First United Methodist Church
- Presentation of Colors, Duluth Firefighters Local 101
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Erin Blazevic, Star Spangled Banner
- Arik Forsman, Annie Harala, and Representative Alicia ‘Liish’ Kozlowski
- Corey Cusick, AFL-CIO Community Services Director, Head of the Lakes United Way
- Welcome remarks, Alan Netland, President, North East Area Labor Council
- Alan Netland turns convention over to Bernie Burnham, President, MN AFL-CIO

3:30 PM

Call to Order – Bernie Burnham, President, Minnesota AFL-CIO

- Welcome Remarks
- Code of Conduct & Mission Statement
- Native Land Acknowledgement
- Introduction of Parliamentarian, Paul Mueller
- Introduction of Sergeants-at-Arms
 - Audit & Credentials Report
 - Approval of late delegates

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22 (continued)

- Rules Committee Report
- 3:55 – 4:10 PM Strategic Planning Presentation -Shannon Douvier, Chair, Strategic Planning Committee
- 4:10 – 5:00 PM New Worker Organizing, Todd Dahlstrom, Minnesota AFL-CIO Organizing/Growth Director
 - Panel
- 5:00 – 5:30 PM Minnesota Training Partnership, Jerome Balsimo, Executive Director
- 5:30 – 5:40 PM Video from US Senator Amy Klobuchar
- 5:40 – 6:00 PM COPE Door Prize Drawings (Must be present to win)
- 6:00 PM Convention Recesses until Monday, September 23 at 8:45 AM

MONDAY, SEPT. 23

- 7:00 – 9:00 AM Coffee and muffins, etc. for delegates
- 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM Exhibitors
- 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Registration continues
- 7:00 – 8:00 AM General Board Meeting & Breakfast, Split Rock 1 and 2
- 8:00 – 9:15 AM Committee Meetings
 - Constitution, Solon Board Room (2nd Floor)
 - Health, Safety & Environment, St. Louis River Room (2nd Floor)
 - Human Rights & Community Services, Gooseberry Falls Room 1 (1st Floor)
 - Legislative, French River Room 1 (2nd Floor)
 - Resolutions, French River Room 2 (2nd Floor)
 - Secure Retirement, Gooseberry Falls Room 2 (1st Floor)
- 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM Water Stations in Lake Superior Ballroom
- 9:30 AM Convention Reconvenes
 - Bernie Burnham, President, Minnesota AFL-CIO
 - Code of Conduct
 - Invocation by Kathy Levine
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Dave Zbaracki, America the Beautiful
 - Audit and Credentials Committee Report
- 9:45 – 9:55 AM Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan
- 9:55 -10:05 AM Attorney General Keith Ellison
- 10:05 – 10:58 AM Legislative Presentation, Melissa Hysing, Minnesota AFL-CIO Legislative Director
 - Panel
- 11:00 AM **Moment of Silence (Constitutional Requirement)**
- 11:05 -11:30 AM AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler
- 11:30 – 11:50 AM COPE Door Prize Drawings (Must be present to win)
- 11:55 AM Convention Recesses for Young Worker Lunch (\$25 payable to Minnesota AFL-CIO)
- 12:00 – 1:15 PM Young Worker Lunch – Room next to Convention Hall

MONDAY, SEPT. 23 continued)

1:25 PM	Convention Reconvenes
1:30 – 1:45 PM	State Auditor Julie Blaha
1:45 – 2:00 PM	Secretary of State Steve Simon
2:00 – 2:30 PM	Committee Reports
2:30 – 3:20 PM	Labor 2024 Presentation, Haylee Hilton, Minnesota AFL-CIO Field Director <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labor 2024• Robyn Gulley, Training Coordinator• Regional Organizers: Jasmine Laducer-Kitto; Jared Muskovitz; Brandon Shofner; Luke Swanberg; Micayla Ter Wee<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Working Families Toolkit Presentation
3:25 – 4:15 PM	Racial and Economic Justice Committee (REJ) presentation, Octavio Chung Bustamante and Monica Byron, Co-Chairs of REJ Committee
4:15 – 5:00 PM	Strategic Communication Training, Chris Shields, Minnesota AFL-CIO Communication Director
5:00 - 5:30 PM	COPE Door Prizes (Must be present to win)
5:30 PM	Convention recesses and will reconvene at 8:45 AM, Tuesday, September 24
6:45 – 8:15 PM	Minnesota AFL-CIO Reception - Free Appetizers/Cash Bar, Holiday Inn Lyric Conference Center
8:30 – 10:30 PM	Dance – Music by “Uncensored” with Johnnie Brown

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24

7:00 – 9:00 AM	Registration
7:00 AM	Exhibitors
7:30 – 8:40 AM	Coffee and muffins, etc. for delegates
8:30 – 1:00 PM	Water Stations in Lake Superior Ballroom
8:45 AM	Convention Reconvenes – Bernie Burnham, President, Minnesota AFL-CIO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Code of Conduct• Pledge of Allegiance• Invocation by Duluth City Council Vice-President Terese Tomanek• Maryn Hakes, Star Spangled Banner• Final Audit and Credentials Committee Report
9:10 – 9:25 AM	Minnesota House Majority Leader, Representative Jamie Long
9:30 – 9:40 AM	Duluth Mayor Roger Reinert
9:45 – 10:00 AM	State Senator Jen McEwen, Representing the Minnesota Senate Majority
10:00 – 10:10 AM	Jen Schultz, CD 8, Minnesota AFL-CIO Endorsed Candidate
10:10 – 11:00 AM	Committee Reports
10:45 – 11:20 PM	COPE Door Prize Drawings (Must be present to win) Big Ticket Drawings (Need not be present to win)
1:00 PM (approximate)	Convention Adjourns

