



July 24, 2026

◀CONVENTION CALL▶

TO: Presidents of Local Unions Affiliated with AFSCME MN Council 5

FROM: Eric Hesse, Louis McNutt, Bart Andersen,
President Secretary Executive Director

SUBJECT: **CONVENTION CALL FOR 22nd ANNUAL CONVENTION OF AFSCME
MINNESOTA COUNCIL 5 • SEPTEMBER 24 – SEPTEMBER 26, 2026.**

The Twenty-second Annual Convention of AFSCME MN Council 5 has been scheduled for Thursday – Saturday, September 24 – September 26, 2026. Per the provisions of Article V-Convention, Section 4, this constitutes the official **Call** to all local unions affiliated with AFSCME MN Council 5 to send delegates to this Convention.

The Convention will be convened at 9:45 am on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at the DoubleTree in Bloomington, Minnesota, and continue thru Saturday, September 26, 2026 until 12 noon, unless the business of the Convention is completed sooner. Registration of delegates will begin on Wednesday, September 23, 2026 between the hours of 6-8 pm, and continue Thursday, September 24, 2026 between the hours of 7–9:30 am, at which time delegate registration is closed. Guest registration will continue Friday, September 25, 2026 and Saturday, September 26, 2026 (times to be determined). As this is an election year,

•REPRESENTATION: Per the provisions of the Council 5 Constitution, Article VI-Representation, Section 4: *“The basis of representation at any Council convention shall be the average number of per capita tax units actually paid to the Council by each affiliated local union during the twelve-month period ending with the fourth full month prior to the opening of the convention. In the case of any local organized or affiliated after the beginning of the twelve month period, the basis of representation shall be the average number of per capita tax units actually paid to the Council for the full number of months for which per capita tax has been paid.”*

Locals shall be entitled to delegates on the basis of one delegate for each twenty-five members or fraction thereof. For the purpose of determining a local union’s representation and voting strength at council conventions, fair share and agency fee payers shall be counted as if they were members. Locals may also elect an alternate delegate for each delegate. Locals entitled to more than one delegate may send fewer than their quota of delegates, and the delegates present may cast the entire vote of the local on the basis of one vote for each member in all recorded votes and elections coming before the Council. The number of votes shall be divided equally among the delegates, with any remaining votes to be cast by the chair of the delegation, as designated by the local. No fractional votes shall be permitted. The enclosed *blue* Local Union Delegate Certification form should be completed and returned with your credentials should your local choose to send more than one delegate to the convention. This form will list your local’s Chairperson, as well as any additional Alternate Delegates to the Convention.

Delegates to this Convention must be elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 3A of Appendix D to the International Constitution. The enclosed *white Local Union Delegate Strength form* shows the number of delegates your local is entitled to, based on your local's average per cap units.

Mail the enclosed completed *green Delegate* and *yellow Alternate* credential forms, the *orange Check List* form, and the *blue Local Union Delegate Certification* form.. (Reminder: you must submit a separate green Delegate Credential form for *each* delegate elected.)

AFSCME MN COUNCIL 5
300 Hardman Avenue South
South St. Paul, MN 55075
Email: Credentials@afscmemn.org

●IMPORTANT: Credentials must be postmarked or returned to the C5 office no later than September 9, 2026. Any delegate/alternate whose credential was postmarked after September 9 shall be considered irregular. Irregular delegates/alternates shall be seated as guests until the convention votes to seat irregular delegates/alternates following the initial report of the Credentials Committee.

●ELECTION OF OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS: In accordance with the provisions of *Article V-Convention* and *Article VII-Officers and Elections*, of the Council 5 Constitution, notice is given that elections will take place at this convention. This includes the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and respective District and Sector Executive Board members.

●HOUSING: A block of rooms has been reserved at the DoubleTree in Bloomington (See attached for specific hotel contact information.)

●RESOLUTIONS: Resolutions for consideration of the AFSCME MN Council 5 Convention Delegate Assembly are due in to the Council 5 Office, per the proposed rules **no later than twenty (20) calendar days prior to the opening of the Convention (September 4, 2026).** Resolutions not meeting that deadline will be considered late resolutions and will require a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates for consideration. Resolutions are accepted only from affiliated local unions, sectors, districts, or policy committees. Resolutions shall be referred to the Resolutions Committee for recommendation to the Delegate Assembly.

●WORKSHOPS: A future mailing with the listing of the workshops and descriptions will be sent. Registration will be available through MemberLink once finalized.

●ACCOMMODATIONS: Upon request, any delegate with special needs (i.e., hearing interpreter) will be accommodated. We will be coordinating special accommodations requests. Email ***Liza.Allen@AFSCMEMN.org***.

The Convention Committee continues to meet to develop and finalize convention agenda items and events. Please watch for those additional details, which will be sent to locals upon completion. Information about the Convention will also be posted and updated on the Council's website.

We look forward to the attendance and participation of all Council 5 locals!

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Enclosures



HOUSING INFORMATION

AFSCME MN Council 5 – 22nd Annual Convention

Bloomington, Minnesota
September 24-26, 2026

A block of rooms for convention participants is available at the DoubleTree by Hilton Bloomington-Minneapolis South (*The DoubleTree by Hilton is the Convention Hotel.*) When making reservations, be sure to indicate you are with the AFSCME MN Council 5 group to reserve within our block and rate.

Cutoff date for DoubleTree September 9th. Reservations made after these dates will be accepted based on room and rate availability. There is a \$30 incidental upon check-in and will be released after check-out if not used.

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON BLOOMINGTON – MINNEAPOLIS SOUTH

7800 Normandale Boulevard, Bloomington, MN 55439

Phone: 952-835-7800

Cancellation deadline is 24-hours prior to scheduled arrival.

You can book online at:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/mspbsdt-sca-a4077315-7b8a-44cb-b610-49b4f07f170f/>

\$179 -single/double/king + tax – standard rooms

Cut-off date for block: September 09, 2026

NOTE: When using your debit card for incidentals (\$30), the money leaves your bank account right away.

AFSCME MN COUNCIL 5 - LOCALS/MEMBERSHIP/VOTING STRENGTHS/DELEGATES

LOCAL	LOCAL NAME	MBRS/VOTES	DELS
8	Ramsey General Unit/Cty Attorneys/Public Def./CAP/WON/Librarians	416	17
9	City of Mpls/Mpls Park Board/Mun. Bldg Com	542	22
19	Mn Veterans - Montevideo & Redwood Cmtry	33	2
20	Science Museum Of Minnesota	86	4
22	Dept. of Employment & Economic Development	78	4
34	Hennepin County Human Services	2063	83
56	Minneapolis Bd. Of Education – Clerical/Child Dev Tech/SSS	117	5
66	Multiple Duluth City/County/School Districts/Private Sector agencies	1700	68
106	Dept. of Transportation – Owatonna	74	3
151	Ramsey County Human Services/LPN's/Work Force Solutions	648	26
221	Dept. of Transportation – Metro	620	25
224	Rural Cities – Shorewood/Excelsior/Wayzata	9	1
280	Dept. of Transportation – Mankato	50	2
306	Dakota County Human Services	405	17
380	Cornerstone	34	2
390	Dept. of Human Services – Cambridge	228	10
404	Dept. of Human Services – St. Peter Regional Treatment Center	806	33
438	Dept. of Transportation – Crookston	59	3
450	Dakota County Community Corrections	117	5
479	City of Apple Valley	47	2
495	City of Columbia Heights	19	1
499	Robbinsdale School District #281	39	2
517	City of Forest Lk/Oak Park Heights/Stillwater/Wash Co.	412	17
529	MID-MINNESOTA LEGAL AID	105	5
551	Minneapolis Public Housing Agency	67	3
552	Hennepin County Probation & Parole	283	12
586	Dept. of Transportation – Windom	46	2
588	Dept. of Transportation - Brainerd	67	3
592	Dept. of Transportation – Willmar	73	3
599	Dept. of Corrections – St. Cloud	257	11
600	Dept. of Corrections – Stillwater	226	10
602	MN State University – Moorhead	72	3
604	Dept. of Transportation – St. Cloud	112	5
605	Dept. of Transportation – Marshall	51	3
607	Dept. of Human Services & Education – Faribault	424	17
608	Dept. of Corrections – Red Wing	101	5
636	Good Samaritan Society	43	2
637	Dept. of Transportation – Bemidji	71	3
638	SUS – Mankato & Tech College	220	9
668	Metropolitan Council	427	18
693	Dakota County Library	53	3
695	Dept. of Transportation – Duluth	117	5
701	Dept. of Human Services – Willmar	170	7
707	Lake Owasso Residence	69	3
718	Dept. of Natural Resources – NE Region II	179	8
722	Regions Hospital	1072	43
735	Dept. of Human Services & Vets – Fergus Falls	176	8
744	Minnesota Veterans Home Employees – Minneapolis/Hastings	419	17
753	SUS – St. Cloud & Chartwells	124	5
761	Dept. of Human Services – Ah-Gwah-Ching Center	37	2

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LOCAL	LOCAL NAME	MBRS/VOTES	DELS
789	Dept. of Transportation – Morris	44	2
844	St. Paul School District #625 – Clerical & Technical	160	7
868	Dept. of Transportation – Rochester	107	5
915	Dept. of Corrections – Oak Park Heights	229	10
945	SE MN State Colleges – Technical & University Employees (Winona)	98	4
965	Minnesota Veterans Home Employees – Preston	25	1
977	Hennepin County Medical Center & Health Care	1000	40
999	St Stephens Human Services	58	3
1013	Dept. of Transportation – Detroit Lakes	92	4
1065	City of Inver Grove Heights	29	2
1092	Dept. of Human Services – Moose Lake	330	14
1123	City of Two Harbors	16	1
1129	Roseville School Dist \$623 – Clerical/Teaching Asst./Info Tech. Asst	84	4
1164	U of M Fairview Univ. Medical Ctr. & UMPHysicians Employees	687	28
1307	Dept. of Human Services – Anoka	267	11
1337	Life Care Systems	38	2
1349	DHS, MNCARE Brainerd	54	3
1426	Dept. of Transportation – Virginia	83	4
1465	Dept. of Natural Resources – Metro Region VI	122	5
1539	Dept. of Corrections – Rush City	215	9
1574	Dept. of Human Services – Brainerd	124	5
1623	Dept. of Natural Resources – NW Region I	100	4
1681	Duluth Area Private - Sector Group Homes	19	1
1692	Dept. of Natural Resources – SE Region V	23	1
1719	Hennepin County Adult Corrections Facility	69	3
1842	City of St. Paul – Technical	326	14
1854	St. Paul Public Housing Agency	58	3
1929	Minnesota Zoo	95	4
1935	Ramsey County Employees Federation	50	2
1949	SUS – Bemidji & ARA	86	4
1988	Dept. of Corrections – Shakopee	141	6
2013	Mound School District #277 – Clerical	9	1
2181	Dept. of Human Services – Metro	206	9
2225	Luverne Vets Home	56	3
2385	SW State University Employees & Chartwells (Marshall)	52	3
2440	City of Jordan, Scott County	226	10
2454	Anoka County/Anoka Hennepin School District #11	62	3
2474	Hennepin County Medical Center – Professional & Tech Employee	1141	46
2508	City of St. Paul – Clerical	154	7
2512	Chris Jensen	89	4
2535	City of South St. Paul	15	1
2672	Labor & Industry	64	3
2725	City of Lauderdale, City of Maplewood	55	3
2728	Dept. of Corrections – Lino Lakes & Central Office	261	11
2822	Hennepin County Clerical & Related	829	34
2828	City of Bloomington Prof/Tech/Park Maint/Asst Attorneys	39	2
2829	Amalgamated	501	21
2864	Hennepin County Professional Employees – Librarians	323	13
2938	Hennepin County Essential County Attorneys/Legal Unit	300	12
3139	Dept. of Administration	145	6

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LOCAL	LOCAL NAME	MBRS/VOTES	DELS
3142	Dept. of Public Safety – Statewide	381	16
3159	Dept. of Education	39	2
3173	MN Historical Society	273	11
3279	Minneapolis Park Board Prof Unit	86	4
3318	RC Community Action Partnership	217	9
3378	City of Savage	22	1
3445	City of Plymouth – Maintenance Workers	52	3
3481	Fed. of Social Justice Advocates – St. Joseph's/Mpls Crisis Nursery	52	3
3532	Walker Methodist Health Care Center	160	7
3558	Multiple Duluth Nursing Home/Housing Agencies	291	12
3607	Dept. of Corrections – Faribault	332	14
3688	Judicial Court Employees	365	15
3690	City of Hopkins	17	1
3757	City of St. Paul Attorneys	28	2
3761	Northern MN Public Attorneys & Investigators Unit	36	2
3800	U of M Clerical/Crookston & Morris	1059	43
3802	Silver Bay Vets Home	75	3
3815	City of Farmington	40	2
3839	City of Plymouth – Clerical, Technical & Professional	36	2
3857	City of Rosemount	15	1
3884	City of Prior Lake	33	2
3887	Dept. of Corrections – NE/Moose Lake/Thistledeew/Willow River	302	13
3931	St. Paul Blood Services (Red Cross)	250	10
3998	Metro MnSCU (Metro Higher Education)	54	3
4001	MnSCU Statewide MN State Colleges & University Employees	744	30
4493	Walker Arts Center	69	3
TOTALS		28047	1181



Local # _____

**AFSCME Minnesota Council 5 • 22nd Annual
Convention LOCAL UNION DELEGATE CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the following persons are duly elected delegates to the AFSCME Minnesota Council 5, twenty-second Annual Convention, September 24 - September 26, 2026, in Bloomington, Minnesota. If the delegate who is certified as "Chairperson" does not appear at the convention, the regular delegates from this local who are present will designate the "Chairperson" of the delegation.

Local Union Name and Number: _____

Delegate Chairperson

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Signature of Local President

Signature of Local Secretary

SEND THIS FORM WITH YOUR CREDENTIALS TO AFSCME MN COUNCIL 5

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Local # _____

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**FORWARD THIS COPY, WITH YOUR CREDENTIALS, TO
AFSCME MN COUNCIL 5**

**300 Hardman Avenue South
South St. Paul, MN 55075**

Credentials@afscmemn.org

NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 9, 2026



DELEGATE CREDENTIAL

AFSCME MN Council 5 • 22nd Annual Convention
Bloomington, MN
September 24 – September 26, 2026

THIS BLOCK FOR COUNCIL 5 USE ONLY

Local Number

Date of Postmark

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

_____ Legal Name of Delegate (Please type or print in ink) Preferred Name of Delegate
residing at _____
Street No. City State Zip

E-mail address REQUIRED _____
Home Preferred

is a member in good standing and has been elected delegate of Local No. _____ , _____
No. of Local Name of Local

elected in accordance with the provisions of the International Constitution on _____ , _____

OR

is an automatic delegate in accordance with the provisions of this local's approved constitution by virtue of election to the office of _____ by the membership of this local in the officer election held on _____
Title Most Recent Officer Election Date

County of Delegate's Residence: _____ Delegate's Employer: _____

Delegate's Sector: Please check the appropriate box below

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|---|---|
| ☐ State Employee | ☐ University of Minnesota Employee |
| ☐ County Employee | ☐ City (or town) Employee |
| ☐ Private Sector/Special District Employee | ☐ School Employee |

Note: Signatures below certify that each delegate was elected without opposition or by secret ballot and in accordance with the requirements of the Landrum-Griffin Act and the International Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 9, and App. D, Sec. 2 and 3)

Secretary name - print above

Secretary signature

Date: _____

President name - print above

President signature

Date: _____

RETURN CREDENTIAL **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 9, 2026** TO AFSCME COUNCIL 5, 300 HARDMAN AVE. SO., SO. ST. PAUL, MN 55075
OR VIA **EMAIL: CREDENTIALS@AFSCMEMN.ORG**

Delegate Credentials **postmarked** after Sept. 9, 2026 will be considered late; such delegates will be considered guests until the convention votes to seat irregular delegates/alternates.

ALTERNATE CREDENTIAL

LOCAL NO: _____

AFSCME MN Council 5 • 22nd Annual Convention

Bloomington, Minnesota

September 24 – September 26, 2026

The 22nd Annual Convention for AFSCME Minnesota Council 5 will be held in Bloomington, MN. *The Convention convenes on Thursday, September 24, 2026.*

This credential certifies the following member(s) as an alternate(s) to this convention: *(List additional alternates, if any, on the blue Local Union Delegate Certification form.)*

Legal Name of FIRST Alternate Delegate:		Legal Name of SECOND Alternate Delegate:	
Preferred Name of FIRST Alternate Delegate:		Preferred Name of SECOND Alternate Delegate:	
Alternate is a member in good standing of Local #:		Alternate is a member in good standing of Local #:	
Address:		Address:	
City/State/Zip:		City/State/Zip:	
County in which Alternate resides:		County in which Alternate resides:	
Home E-mail address:		Home E-mail address:	
Alternate Employer: (Please select one)	State ☐ University of Minnesota ☐ County ☐ City (or town) ☐ Private or Special District ☐ Schools ☐	Alternate Employer: (Please select one)	State ☐ University of Minnesota ☐ County ☐ City (or town) ☐ Private or Special District ☐ Schools ☐
Date of election as Alternate to this Convention:		Date of election as Alternate to this Convention:	
OR Automatic Alternate per local constitution:	Officer Position Held:	OR Automatic Alternate per local constitution:	Officer Position Held:
	Most Recent Date Elected to office:		Most Recent Date Elected to office:

Signatures below certify that each Alternate was elected without opposition or by secret ballot and in accordance with the requirements of the Landrum-Griffin Act and the International Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 9, and App. D, Sec. 2 and 3)

Please Print Officer Name: _____

Signature _____ Secretary

Signature _____ Secretary

Date: _____

Signature _____ President

Signature _____ President

Date: _____

Alternate credentials **postmarked, or returned after Sept. 9, 2026** will be considered late; such alternates will be considered guests until the Convention votes to seat irregular delegates and alternates.



FORM RETURN CHECK-LIST

22nd Annual Convention

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| ☐ Delegate form(s) (green)..... | ☐ All Signed with two sigs |
| ☐ Alternate form(s) (yellow)..... | ☐ All Signed with two sigs |
| ☐ Delegate Certification form (blue)..... | ☐ Signed with two sigs |

Please make sure all of the above forms are completely filled out and signed by the Local President and Secretary. Also, please provide the contact information including email address of the person submitting the forms in case we need to contact them. If your local is NOT attending this year's convention please fill in the area below and check the box at the bottom of the page. Thank you.

Local #: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell #: _____

Work #: _____

☐ Our local will not be sending anyone



Resolutions 101:

Resolutions are the way we, as AFSCME Council 5, decide what we stand for as a labor union

Timely resolutions must be submitted to the Council 5 Office no later than 20 days prior to the opening of Convention;

September 4th under the proposed Rules for 2026 and the adopted Rules from the 2025 Convention

1. Why do we vote on resolutions at our AFSCME Council 5 Convention?
 - Writing, introducing, discussing, and voting on resolutions is a way for the delegate assembly to influence and provide direction to the Officers of the Council, regarding our policies, aims and means of accomplishing our purpose (See Article 8, Section 5 of the AFSCME Council 5 Constitution).
 - Approved resolutions formalize, in writing, the decision being made, or position being taken, on the issue at hand.
2. How do I write a resolution?
 - Give your resolution an appropriate title so others can identify the issue it seeks to resolve.
 - Use formal language to clearly state the issue which your proposed resolution is intended to address. You should use a new paragraph for each point you wish to make, and each paragraph should begin with “whereas”.
 - Conclusion: your final statements should provide the direction or course of action to resolve the stated issue(s); begin with “therefore be it resolved” followed by the action you are proposing. If additional direction or action is necessary, you may follow up with “be it further resolved” in a new paragraph.
 - Identify who is offering the resolution and their position within an affiliated local union, sector, district, or policy committee.
3. How else can I submit a resolution if I miss the September 4th deadline?
 - You may submit late resolutions; under the proposed rules, a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates is required for late resolutions to be considered.
 - Resolutions introduced by the Council 5 Executive Board at any time up to, and including, the final day of the Convention, will be deemed timely and will be considered.

Convention Deadlines!

DoubleTree Bloomington
room reservations deadline

September 6, 2026

Resolutions deadline

September 4, 2026

Credentials deadline
(will be irregular until upgraded)

September 9, 2026