

BYLAWS OF THE GALVESTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the “Galveston County Republican Party Executive Committee,” hereinafter referred to as the “Executive Committee.” References to this organization in these Bylaws and other documents may be by its proper name as written in this article or the “GCRP” or “GCRPEC” or “EC” or the “Party.” This organization is established by these Bylaws and by the Texas Election Code, Section 171.021. References to the Texas Election Code in these Bylaws and other documents may be by its proper name as written in this article or the “TEC.” References to the Republican Party of Texas may be found as “RPT.”

ARTICLE II – Purpose

Section 1: For the purpose of advancing the political interests and effectiveness of Galveston County Republicans and complying with laws governing political parties, the GCRPEC shall:

1. Promote and support the election of Republican candidates to public office;
2. Perform such duties as specified in the Texas Election Code;
3. Supervise the overall conduct of primary elections [[TEC Sec.172.111](#)];
4. Establish general policy of the GCRP, subject to direction of the biennial County/Senatorial District/State conventions;
5. Promote the RPT Platform and positions; and
6. Perform such other duties as are consistent with the objectives stated in this Article.

Section 2: The EC is responsible for observing all of RPT Rules, laws of the state of Texas, United States of America, and the U.S. Constitution in fulfilling the purposes stated in this Article.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Section 1. Composition

The voting members of the Executive Committee shall consist of the County Chairman and the Precinct Chairmen of the respective election precincts. [[TEC Sec. 171.022](#)]. Additionally, Executive Board members, SREC members, Republican Elected Officials, and GCRP committee members who are not voting members of the EC shall serve as ex-officio (non-voting) members of the Executive Committee. Membership of the Executive Committee is established by the [[TEC Sec. 171.022](#) & [RPT Rule 42](#)]. Proxy voting is not allowed for any EC member [[RPT rule 6](#)].

Section 2. Eligibility

To be eligible to be a candidate for or to serve as Precinct Chairman or County Chairman, a person must be a qualified voter residing within the bounds of the entity represented [[TEC Sec. 171.023](#)], and cannot be a holder of elected public office at the county, state, or federal level or be a candidate for any such office. [[TEC Sec. 161.005](#)]

Section 3. Term

Each Executive Committee member serves for a term of up to two (2) years, ending on the twentieth (20th) day after the next primary runoff election day [[TEC Sec. 171.022\(c\)](#)].

Section 4. Resignations

All EC resignations shall be provided in writing by electronic mail or USPS whichever is expedient to the County Chair or to the Recording Secretary. Resignations are binding and effective immediately without prejudice and shall be presented to the Executive Committee at the next regularly called quarterly Executive Committee meeting.

Section 5. Filling Vacancies

Any vacancy in the office of Precinct Chairman shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee. The person selected to fill the vacancy must receive a majority vote of those Committee members voting [[TEC 171.024](#)] and must be eligible to serve as a Precinct Chairman.

- A. Except as provided in Subsection B, twenty-five percent (25%) of the total membership, excluding vacant chairs, of the Executive Committee must participate in the election to fill a vacancy in the office of precinct chair [[TEC Sec. 171.024\(c\)](#) & [RPT Rule 9a](#)].
- B. If there is only one candidate to fill a vacancy and that person was eligible to be elected as a Precinct Chairman in the most recent primary election in Galveston County and is otherwise eligible to serve in the office, only twenty-five percent (25%) of the total membership of the Executive Committee must participate in the election to fill the vacancy. [[TEC Sec. 171.024\(c\)](#) & [RPT Rule 9a](#)].

Any vacancy in the office of Republican Party County Chair shall be filled in accordance with [[TEC Sec. 171.025](#)]. A majority of the total membership of the Executive Committee must participate in filling a vacancy in the office of County Chair and the person selected must receive a majority of affirmative votes cast by those members voting, and must be eligible to serve as County Chair [[TEC Sec. 171.024\(b\)](#) & [171.025](#)].

ARTICLE IV – Officers

Section 1. Elected Officers

In addition to the County Chairman, the Elected Officers of the Executive Committee shall be the Executive Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

A. County Chairman

The County Chairman, is the presiding officer who is either elected during the general primary election by majority vote of qualified voters in the county who vote in the Republican primary, or is appointed by the county executive committee in the case of a vacancy. The County Chair is subject to all applicable laws in Texas Election Code and RPT Rules.

B. Executive Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer

1. Shall be a person who resides within Galveston County and voted in the most recent Republican primary election.
2. Shall be appointed or elected in accordance with this section at the biennial organization meeting.
3. Appointment: The County Chair shall submit one appointee for each of the three Executive Board positions. Those appointments must then be confirmed by a majority vote by those Executive Committee member in attendance. For any appointee who fails to receive the majority vote necessary for confirmation, nominations for that position will then be open to the floor and a new election for the position will immediately be held as outlined in Subsection B (4) of this section. In the event of a vacancy in the office of County Chair where no Secretary was already appointed, nomination of the Secretary will open to the floor at the next EC meeting where the vacancy exists..
4. Nomination: Nominations for each position shall be made from the floor following a failed or lack of appointment in Subsection B(3). After nominations have been made, the nominees shall draw numbered lots as to speaking order. The nominee drawing the number 1 shall speak first for three (3) minutes and so on until all candidates have spoken. A candidate may use the entire three (3) minutes or have someone else speak in favor of their nomination so long as the cumulative time does not to exceed three (3) minutes.
5. Voting: After all nomination speeches have concluded, voting shall be conducted by secret paper ballot. The Chairman shall appoint three (3) non-nominated Precinct Chairs to count the ballots.

Each nominee may have one (1) teller to witness the vote counting. The candidate receiving the majority of the votes shall win the election.

6. Runoff: If no candidate receives the majority of the votes, a runoff election shall be conducted for the top two vote recipients. There shall be no additional time for speeches. A new paper ballot shall be prepared.
7. Voice Vote: If there is only one nomination for each position, the voting may be by voice vote, or the presiding officer may declare the sole nominee elected by acclamation.

Section 2. Officer Terms

The term of office for all officers shall expire concurrently with that of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Removal and Resignation of Officers

The Executive Vice Chairman, Secretary, or Treasurer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of present EC members at a duly-called EC meeting. The quorum for a meeting to remove an Executive Vice Chairman, Secretary, or Treasurer is the same quorum as required in Article III, Section 5 (A). All GCRP officers' resignations shall be provided in writing by electronic mail or USPS whichever is expedient, to the County Chair or to the Recording Secretary. Resignations are binding and effective immediately without prejudice and shall be presented to the Executive Committee at the next regularly called quarterly Executive Committee meeting.

Section 4. Filling Officer Vacancies

- A. County Chairman: A vacancy in the office of County Chairman shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code [[TEC Sec. 171.025](#)]. A majority of the total membership of the Executive Committee must participate in the election to fill a vacancy in the office of county chair [[TEC Sec. 171.024\(b\)](#)].
- B. Executive Vice Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer: A vacancy in the office of Executive Vice Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled in accordance with the procedures in Article IV, Section 1 of these bylaws at the next called Executive Committee meeting. The quorum for a meeting to remove an Executive Vice Chairman, Secretary, or Treasurer is the same quorum as required in Article III, Section 5 (A).

Section 5: Officer Duties

Duties of the officers shall be as follows:

- A. County Chairman – The County Chairman, as the presiding officer of the executive committee [[TEC Sec. 171.022](#)], shall ensure compliance of the Executive Committee with all applicable federal and state laws, with these by-laws, and with the RPT Rules. The Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees of the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall make available any and all requested information to the Officials, Permanent and Ad-Hoc Committees, within a reasonable time, but no more than seven (7) business days. The County Chairman shall preside over the meetings of the Officials Committee. The County Chairman also retains all authority granted by the Texas Election Code and has the responsibility of carrying out statutory required duties as outlined in the Texas Election Code including but not limited to those regarding the Primary Election. The County Chair, along with the Treasurer shall be the designated signatories on any County Party banking accounts except for the County Primary Fund which will be under the sole authority of the County Chair. Texas Election Code requires that the County Chair shall transfer all party records to their successor within 30 days of taking office [[TEC Sec. 171.028](#)].
- B. Executive Vice Chairman – The Executive Vice Chairman shall assist the Chairman, as requested, in performance of the office. In the event of the Chairman's absence or inability to serve, the Executive Vice Chairman shall serve as acting Chairman until the Chairman resumes their duties or until a new Chairman is elected. In the absence of the Executive Vice Chairman, the Secretary shall preside over Executive Committee meetings. The Executive Vice Chairman shall be responsible for monitoring committees and assisting committee chairs to ensure that each is meeting the objectives of their committee charters.
- C. Secretary – The Secretary shall carry out the usual duties of that office, keeping an up-to-date roll of the Executive Committee members and ensuring that each member receives timely notices of meetings and

maintaining a permanent file containing the minutes of all Executive Committee meetings To assist the County Chair fulfill his obligations under [TEC Sec. 171.028], The secretary will pass off all document for filing and cloud storage to the County Chair at the end of each biennium. In the event of a vacancy in the office of County Chairman, the Secretary shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee for the purpose of electing a new Chairman, as outlined in the Texas Election Code [TEC Sec. 171.025 (a)]. The Secretary is authorized to receive and preserve applications for a place on the primary ballot, as provided in the Texas Election Code [TEC Sec. 172.022 (a)(2)]. The Secretary shall preside over Executive Committee meetings in the absence of the Chairman and Executive Vice Chairman, and the Officials Committee in the absence of the Chairman. At the start of each meeting, the presiding officer will direct the Secretary to do a roll call to ascertain who is present and that a quorum is established.

- D. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping necessary and appropriate financial records for the Executive Committee, for disbursing funds as directed by the Officials Committee, for complying with all applicable state and federal laws [statutes] with regard to reporting contributions and expenditures, for cooperating with the rest of the Finance Committee on the annual financial review, and shall prepare periodic reports of the financial condition for presentation to the Executive Committee. The Treasurer along with the County Chair shall be the designated signatories on any County Party banking accounts except for the County Primary Fund which will be under the sole authority of the County Chair.
- E. Parliamentarian – The Parliamentarian shall advise the presiding officer and the Executive Committee on proper procedure for conducting the meetings of the Executive Committee. The Parliamentarian is appointed by the Officials Committee with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. The Parliamentarian serves at the pleasure of the Officials Committee.
- F. Sergeant-at-Arms – The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for maintaining proper order and decorum at the meetings of the Executive Committee as directed by the Executive Committee. The sergeant-at-arms will be further responsible for designating separate seating for guests and ex-officio EC members at the meetings. Excessively disruptive Executive Committee members can only be removed from a meeting with a 2/3 vote for such an action. The removal of any member of the EC is only valid during that specific meeting where the action was taken. The sergeant-at-arms is appointed by the Officials Committee with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. The Sergeant-at-Arms serves at the pleasure of the Officials Committee.

ARTICLE V – Officials Committee

Section 1. Composition and Election

The Officials Committee shall be composed of the County Chairman, the Executive Vice-Chairman, the Secretary and four (4) Precinct Chairs. (These four (4) precinct chairs are called Executive Committee Representatives or EC Reps or EC Representatives)

- A. Presiding Officer: The County Chairman shall preside over the Officials Committee. In his or her absence, the Secretary shall preside over the Officials Committee.
- B. Voting Members: The voting members of the Officials Committee shall be the Chairman, the Executive Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, and the four (4) elected EC Representatives.
- C. Election of the four (4) EC Representatives
 - 1. The EC Representatives shall be elected by a majority of present EC members at the biennial organizational meeting or at a duly-called EC meeting in the case of a vacancy.
 - 2. Nominations: Nominations shall be made from the floor. After nominations have been made, the nominees shall draw numbered lots as to speaking order. The nominee drawing the number one (1) shall speak first for three (3) minutes and so on until all candidates have spoken. A candidate may use the entire three (3) minutes or have someone else speak in favor of their nomination so long as the cumulative time does not to exceed three (3) minutes.
 - 3. Voting: After all nomination speeches have concluded, voting shall be conducted by secret paper ballot. The Chairman, Executive Vice Chairman, and Secretary shall count the votes. Each nominee may have one (1) teller to witness the vote counting.
 - 4. Ballots: Each paper ballot shall consist of up to four (4) blank lines, one for each open EC Representative position. Each Precinct Chair present shall be entitled to receive one paper ballot.

On the paper ballot, those entitled to vote may write up to four names - one name per line. The order in which the names are written on the ballot is of no consequence. A ballot may not contain the name of any nominee(s) multiple times; in such event the name of nominee(s) shall be counted as having received only one vote for that particular paper ballot. However, if a ballot contains five or more different names, then that entire cast ballot shall be declared invalid and shall not be counted.

5. Declaring Winner: Each open position is filled in descending order of votes received, provided that the nominee so assigned has received a majority of the total votes cast.
6. Runoff: In the event that any open EC Representative positions remain after each nominee receiving a majority of votes has been assigned a position, a runoff election shall be conducted for the nominees who did not receive a majority of votes. There shall be no additional time for speeches. A new paper ballot containing lines for the number of positions remaining to be filled shall be prepared. Each Precinct Chair present shall be entitled to receive one paper ballot. On the paper ballot, those entitled to vote may write up to one name per line. A ballot may not contain the name of any nominee(s) multiple times; if a ballot contains the name of any nominee(s) multiple times, the name(s) of nominee(s) shall be counted as having received only one vote for that particular paper ballot. However, if a ballot contains more different names than remaining positions, then that entire cast ballot shall be declared invalid and shall not be counted.
7. Conclusion of Voting: Each open position is filled in descending order of votes received, provided that the nominee so assigned has received a majority of the total votes cast. If necessary, the runoff process is repeated until all open EC Representative positions have been filled.
8. Voice Vote: If the number of nominees is the same or less than the number of open EC Representative positions, then voting may be by voice vote, or the presiding officer may declare those nominees elected.

Section 2. Quorum, Meetings, Voting, and Proxies

- A. Quorum: A quorum for the Officials Committee shall consist of 50% or more of the voting members. Matters shall only be voted on in a meeting where a quorum of Officials Committee members is present in person, via telephone conference call, or a combination of in person and via telephone conference.
- B. Meetings and Voting: No meeting and no voting shall be conducted via email, except when declared open by majority vote of the Officials Committee or by the presiding officer, either in the call of the meeting or after the meeting has come to order. All Officials Committee members shall be allowed to attend any Officials Committee meeting in person or via telephone conference call. The Secretary shall keep written minutes of all Officials Committee meetings and shall distribute the written minutes to the Executive Committee with the call for the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting.
- C. Proxies: No proxies are allowed for Officials Committee members [[RPT Rule No. 6](#)].
- D. Any Officials Committee meeting is open to the Executive Committee or any Standing or Ad-Hoc committee member [[RPT Rule 14](#)].

Section 3. Officials Committee Duties

It shall be the duty of the Officials Committee to:

- A. Assume responsibility for the transaction of business necessary between meetings of the Executive Committee and to:
 1. Prepare an annual budget for the County Party for each calendar year in consultation with the treasurer and all committee chairs;
 2. Submit that budget to the Executive Committee for approval by majority vote of present EC members at the first regular EC Meeting of each calendar year;
 3. Execute all written contracts concerning employment, leases between the Executive Committee and any other third parties involving proceeds. For any contracts in which funds are to be distributed from the County Primary Account, the Chair may enter into and execute contracts as they deem appropriate; and
 4. Authorize expenditures in accordance with the adopted budget and as funds are available.

5. The County Chair retains all authorities for any necessary banking, budgeting and contractual matters involving the County primary account and those matters laid out in [\[TEC Sec. 173\]](#).
- B. Appoint, remove, and fill vacancies with the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee present at a called meeting of the Executive Committee for positions as follows:
 1. The parliamentarian;
 2. The sergeant at arms;
 3. The Finance Committee;
 4. The Precinct Chair Vacancy Committee;
 5. The Rules Committee;
 6. The Resolutions Committee;
 7. The Candidates Committee; and
 8. Other special committees as may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee;
 9. Other officers as deemed necessary.
- C. Develop the agenda for the Executive Committee meetings; and
- D. Assist the County Chairman to ensure the Executive Committee adheres to election law requirements.
- E. Support all RPT and RNC programs and initiatives as is practical.
- F. Provide full disclosure in writing to the County Executive Committee of any outside relationship with another organization that involves vetting, supporting financially, or otherwise opposing candidates in a Republican primary..

Section 4. Executive Committee Meeting Calls

The Officials Committee may call an Executive Committee meeting by a majority vote. The County Chair may independently call an Executive Committee Meeting only under the specific circumstances laid out in [\[TEC Sec. 171.054 & 171.072\]](#).

Section 5. Officials Committee Terms

The Officials Committee members’ terms expire concurrent with that of the Executive Committee.

Section 6. Removal of Officials Committee Members

Officials Committee members may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of present EC members at a duly-called EC meeting. The quorum for a meeting to remove an Officials Committee member is the same quorum as required in Article III, Section 5 (A). All Officials Committee resignations shall be provided in writing by electronic mail or USPS whichever is expedient to the County Chair or to the Recording Secretary. Resignations are binding and effective immediately without prejudice and shall be presented to the Executive Committee at the next regularly called quarterly Executive Committee meeting.

ARTICLE VI – Meetings

Section 1. Frequency

The Executive Committee shall meet as required by the Texas Election Code, and shall have at least one regular meeting each quarter.

Section 2. Organizational Meeting

In each even-numbered year, one of the regular meetings shall be the organizational meeting held within forty-five (45) days after the date the Executive Committee takes office. The term of office begins twenty (20) days after the primary runoff election [\[TEC Sec. 171.022\(c\)\]](#).

Section 3. Meeting Calls

Regular meetings shall be called by the Officials Committee. The County Chair may independently call an Executive Committee Meeting where the business to be conducted is exclusively statutorially in nature or additionally only under the specific circumstances laid out in [\[TEC Sec. 171.054 & 171.072\]](#). Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the County Chairman or by the Officials Committee. Special meetings also may be called by written petition signed by twenty-five percent (25%) of the total membership of the Executive Committee

so long as that petition is delivered to the Chairman, the Officials Committee, or to the Secretary at least fourteen calendar (14) days before the desired meeting date, or in the event of a stated emergency, two days. The purpose and order of business of the meeting must be stated in the call for any statutory, regular or special meeting. Business not included on the agenda and meeting call for a Special meeting will not be considered under any circumstance. All Executive Committee meetings calls must include the date, time, day of week, and location of the meeting. The call must also include the proposed meeting agenda, including any business requiring a vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Meeting Notice

Notice of regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be sent to each member of the Executive Committee by electronic mail (or USPS if requested by any individual EC member) at least calendar 14 days in advance. Notice of meetings of standing, special or ad hoc committees shall be given at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance.

Section 5. Committee Report Submission

All committee reports shall be submitted to the Officials Committee at least five calendar (5) days prior to the executive committee meetings at which they are to be presented. The draft of these reports will be transmitted to Executive Committee no later than 3 business days prior to the executive committee meeting.

Section 6. Quorum

A quorum for all meetings required by the Texas Election Code, in which only statutorily required business is conducted, shall be those members present [[RPT Rule 9.b](#)]. A quorum necessary to conduct of any other business except filling vacancies shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the total membership of the Executive Committee, including the County Chairman, minus any vacancies [[RPT Rule 9.a](#) and Article III within these bylaws].

Section 7. Agenda

The agenda for regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall include a section for New Business. The presiding officer shall respectfully give all precinct chairs an opportunity to present information during New Business. The adopted agenda for regular meetings shall typically not be deviated from. However, any Precinct Chair may also present a matter for discussion and possible action with a two-thirds (2/3) vote from the Executive Committee.

Section 8. Discussion and Debate

Discussion or debate on any resolution or other matter of business brought before the Executive Committee or any Committee of the Galveston County Republican Party shall be limited to a total of three (3) speakers "For" and three (3) speakers "Against". (There does not need to be an equal number of "For" and "Against" speakers.) Each speaker will be entitled to speak for not more than three (3) minutes on a main motion and two (2) minutes on amending motions, provided, however, that the limitations contained in this section may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

Section 9. Voting

Voting at all meetings of the Executive Committee shall customarily be conducted by voice vote. However, any member may require a rising vote with a simple motion for division of the assembly. Further, any member may move for a roll call vote or vote by secret ballot with a majority vote of present EC members on any particular motion or agenda item for which voting is called for [[RPT Rule 7b](#)]. The election to fill the vacancy of County Chair shall always be by secret ballot.

Section 10. Open to the Public

All Executive Committee meetings shall be open to the public. The public shall be allowed to film or record at any time.

ARTICLE VII – Committees

Section 1. Committee Preference Sheet

The Officials Committee must provide a documentable mechanism by which EC members can submit preferences for committee membership by end of day of the organizational meeting. If appointment of committee members is not included on the meeting call of the second EC meeting of the biennium, any Precinct Chair may make a motion to open nominations for committees from the floor, to be approved by majority vote of present EC members.

Section 2. Precinct Chair - Vacancy Committee

The Officials Committee shall establish and appoint a Precinct Chair Vacancy Committee for the purpose of screening and nominating individuals to fill vacancies in the office of precinct chair. An individual interested in serving as precinct chair in a precinct that is vacant may apply to the Officials Committee, who shall refer the application to the Precinct Chair Vacancy Committee for review. The Precinct Chair Vacancy Committee shall report its nominations to the Executive Committee [RPT Rule 8.h] for its vote for (or taken separately for) each Precinct vacancy being considered.

Section 3. Finance Committee

The Officials Committee shall establish and appoint a Finance Committee for the purpose of raising money for the party and accounting for Executive Committee funds. The committee may also plan fundraising events at the direction of the Officials Committee and with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall serve as the Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will conduct a financial review of the previous year's budget and all party financial accounts excepting the county primary fund each year, with the report to be delivered at the second regular EC meeting each calendar year.

Section 4. Communications Committee

The Communications Committee shall develop and maintain a variety of mediums to communicate with and promote the activities, goals and objectives of the GCRP to the general public of Galveston County, including through a quarterly newsletter, website, social media, voters' guide, and press list.

Section 5. Resolutions Committee

The Officials Committee shall establish and appoint a Resolutions Committee for the purpose of considering resolutions, including those creating legislative and policy priorities for the GCRP. Resolutions regarding censure and disciplinary actions with continuing effect by the EC are required to be placed on the next EC meeting call by the County Chair following submission. If passed, the resolution must be submitted to the RPT Chairman for consideration at the next SREC meeting (RPT Rule 8n).

Section 6. Education and Outreach Committee

The Officials Committee shall establish and appoint an Education and Outreach Committee in order to identify community events of interest to the GCRP and suggest programming for the county party, including the hosting of meet and greets for candidates and events and strategies that would grow party membership in traditionally underrepresented demographics. The Education and Outreach Committee shall further coordinate logistics for a GCRP legislative lobbying day at the state capitol each legislative session and similar outreach efforts toward all levels of government.

Section 7. Rules Committee

The Officials Committee shall establish and appoint a Rules Committee for the purpose of considering supplemental rules that are not in conflict with the most recent Texas Election Code or Republican Party of Texas Rules. The Rules Committee may also consider any necessary changes to these bylaws.

Section 8. Candidates Committee The Officials Committee shall establish and appoint a Candidates Committee to vet candidates and/or issues in non-partisan races. The Candidates Committee shall present their report to the Executive Committee. A motion to endorse or oppose a candidate or issue in a non-partisan election shall require a majority vote of the Executive Committee members present. The Candidates Committee shall further consider hosting a campaign expo or similar events to train, prepare and inform candidates, Precinct Chairs, election judges, poll watchers, and other Republican activists.

Section 9. Special or Ad Hoc Committees

The Officials Committee may establish and appoint such special or ad hoc committees as it deems necessary to assist in carrying out such duties not specifically assigned to a standing committee, subject to the confirmation of a majority of the Executive Committee.

Section 10. Committee Membership

Membership shall be no less than three (3) voting members, nominated by the Officials Committee and confirmed by the Executive Committee, both by majority votes. A member of the respective committees above, other than its Chairman, are not required to be a member of the Executive Committee, but must be a resident of Galveston County and must have voted in the most recent Republican Primary. Such non-EC committee members will serve as ex-officio (non-voting) members of the EC and their committee. Committee members’ terms expire concurrent with the Executive Committee. A member of a committee who fails to attend two committee workshop days in a row will be considered to have automatically resigned their committee membership.

Section 11. Operating Procedures

Each committee shall develop standard operating procedures for conducting the business within that committee’s purview, subject to review and amendment by the full EC at the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting. Committee meetings will be open to all members of the EC for attendance and testimony. Recording is allowed if the meeting is not held under executive session (RPT rule g).

Section 12. Committee Workshop Day

All standing and special committees must meet at least once per calendar quarter on the same date and in the same location. This committee workshop day will require notice sent to each EC member by electronic mail (or USPS if requested by any individual EC member) at least fourteen (14) calendar days notice in advance. In addition, standing and special committees may meet additionally as determined by the committee Chair.

Section 13. Transparency

When the Officials Committee recommends a committee chair and/or members of any committee(s), the names and positions for said committee(s) shall be published on the GCRP website and sent to all Executive Committee members no less than 14 days prior to the meeting to vote on said committee(s).

Notice of committee meetings shall be published on the GCRP website within seventy-two (72) hours of the meeting time.

ARTICLE VIII – Galveston County Republican Party Legal Counsel

The Officials Committee may appoint a Legal Council for the Executive Committee with the approval of a majority of EC members at a duly-called EC meeting.. The legal council shall advise the Officials Committee and the Executive Committee of the Party’s legal responsibilities, statutory obligations, and any potential legal ramifications for actions taken by the Executive Committee. The Legal Counsel cannot be a Precinct Chair of the GCRP. Neither the County Chair, GCRP Legal Counsel, GCRP Officials Committee, GCRP Executive Committee Board, or the GCRP Executive Committee may bring legal action against any GCRP Precinct Chair or group of GCRP Precinct Chairs or other EC members on behalf of the GCRP.

Article IX - Publication of Bylaws and Meeting Minutes

A copy of the Bylaws of the Executive Committee, as adopted by the Executive Committee shall be posted on the Galveston County Republican Party website within three (3) business days of adoption. A copy of the regular quarterly meeting minutes shall be posted on the Galveston County Republican Party website within three (3) business days of being accepted.

ARTICLE X – Paid Staff Policy

Section 1. Paid Staff Member Neutrality

Paid staff members shall remain neutral in intraparty contests for both public and Party offices for the duration of their employment by the GCRP.

Section 2. Hiring and Termination of Paid Staff

Authority to hire or terminate all paid staff shall rest with the Executive Committee. All employment opportunities will be considered "At-Will". A majority vote by the Executive Committee shall be required to hire or terminate any paid staff. The only exception to this section, when applicable is any matters having to deal with the County Primary Account or any activities covered under [\[TEC Sec. 173\]](#). Authority in those instances shall rest with the County Chair.

Section 3. The Officials Committee shall review the performance of all paid staff, except those operating under [\[TEC Sec. 173\]](#), at least annually and present a report on their findings to the Executive Committee at the next scheduled regular meeting of the Executive Committee following the date on which the review was conducted. All personnel matters are discussed in Executive Session.

ARTICLE XI – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Executive Committee in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, any special rules the Executive Committee may adopt, the rules of the Republican Party of Texas, or applicable law.

ARTICLE XII – Candidate/Issue Endorsements

Section 1. Primary Ballot Endorsement (Prohibited)

The Galveston County Republican Executive Committee, as a collective body, shall not endorse any candidate or issue on the primary ballot except as allowed under [\[RPT Rule 44\]](#). This does not preclude a precinct chair, or a group of chairs, from supporting, recommending or endorsing candidates or issues.

Section 2. Non-Partisan Election Endorsement (Allowed)

The Galveston County Republican Executive Committee may, with a majority vote of members present at a duly called Executive Committee, endorse a candidate where there is clearly only one Republican or oppose any candidate(s) who are clearly not Republican (examples might include failure to vote in a recent Republican primary or social media postings or editorials in support of Democrat candidates). The Galveston County Executive Committee may support or oppose any issue in a nonpartisan election when it is clearly spelled out in the current Texas GOP Platform. The name of any such candidates receiving an endorsement under this section shall be forwarded to the SREC's CRC Committee for consideration of additional RPT support.

ARTICLE XIII – Website and Social Media

The Officials Committee shall be ultimately responsible for maintaining any party websites (including [gcpop.org](#)) and any social media accounts of the party. The Officials Committee shall work in conjunction with the communications committee in order to execute these activities. The Officials Committee will be responsible for ensuring the posting of all notices outlined in these bylaws except for those notices specifically required to be posted by the County Chair in Texas Election Code, including TEC Sec. 172.082, 172.116, and 174.023.

The membership of any professional organization must treat each other with respect both in-person and online. Mass emails by any GCRP Officials Committee member, GCRP officer, committee member, or precinct chair that enable reply all functionality to a majority of GCRP Precinct Chairs shall be held accountable to the GCRP Executive Committee. All GCRP Officials Committee members, GCRP officers, committee members, and precinct chairs should receive training in digital communications etiquette by the third duly-called EC meeting of the biennium to ensure adherence to this rule.

ARTICLE XIV - Authority of the Executive Committee

Section 1. Restrictions on publications:

Any publication of the Galveston County Republican Party containing advertising relating to contested Republican primary or run-off elections shall bear the following disclaimer printed in at least 12 point type: *“Advertisements contained herein do not constitute an endorsement by the Galveston County Republican Party. Advertisers are solely responsible for advertisement content. Acceptance of political advertisement should not be construed as preference for one candidate and/or organization over another by the Galveston County Republican Party. The Galveston County Republican Party does not endorse candidates in contested primary elections except as allowed under RPT Rule 44.”* Additionally, each advertisement shall bear a disclaimer, in at least 12 point type, by the advertiser indicating that it is a paid advertisement and listing the advertiser’s name, address and telephone number. All Republican candidates shall be given equal access to participate in GCRP publications. The Galveston County Republican Party reserves the right to reject ads based on content. No ads that endorse one Republican candidate over another in a contested primary or run-off election shall be accepted except where allowed by RPT Rule 44.

Section 2. Executive Committee as Final Authority

The EC is the final authority on all public policy positions or any endorsements of the Galveston County Republican Party. No GCRP officer, EC member, committee chairman, contractor, employee or anyone associated with the GCRP may communicate any official position, policy or endorsement of the GCRP either verbally or in writing or use the GCRP’s letterhead, logo or name in any communication to the media or to the public indicating an official position of the GCRP without an affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of the EC at any regular or special meeting, a quorum being present. An individual may be identified by his/her GCRP title in any personal endorsement.

ARTICLE XV – Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1. Proposal of Amendments

Any person desiring to propose an amendment to these Bylaws or changes to any supplemental Rules if applicable, shall submit a written copy thereof to the Secretary not less than seven (7) days prior to a statutory, regular, or special meeting of the Executive Committee. At that meeting, the proposed amendment or Rule change shall be referred to Rules Committee for its consideration. The Rules Committee shall report its recommendation to the Executive Committee at its next regular meeting.

Section 2. Notification to CEC

In the event that more than 30% of the Rules Committee recommends approval of any proposed bylaw amendment or Rule change, then the Rules Committee Report shall be sent to all Executive Committee members no less than 7 days prior to the scheduled Executive Committee meeting.

Section 2. Adoption of Amendments

Amendments to the Bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, a quorum being in attendance at a scheduled Galveston County Executive meeting. Changes to any supplemental rules may be adopting by majority vote.


SEVERABILITY

Section 1.

If any article or any section of any article is found to be non-compliant with the laws of the State of Texas or the United States of America, or the rules of the Republican Party of Texas, the remaining portions of the document shall stand until the remaining sections are brought into compliance by the currently appointed bylaws committee at the earliest possible convenience.

ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

Approved on 7/26/2018
(Date)

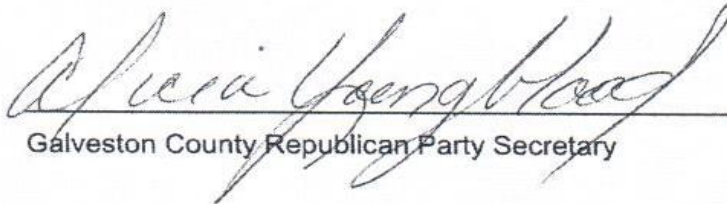


Signed by: _____
Presiding Chairman

07/31/2018

Date

Signed by: _____
Galveston County Republican Party Secretary



7/31/18
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