

Dallas County Republican Party Bylaws, 2026-2028 (proposed)

ARTICLE I THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. NAME AND MEMBERSHIP

The name of this committee shall be the Dallas County Republican Party (hereinafter referred to as DCRP) Executive Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Executive Committee or CEC).

Membership of this committee shall be composed of the County Chair and the DCRP Precinct Chairs as elected in the most recent Republican Party primary or appointed in accordance with these bylaws. A current list of the Precinct Chairs shall be provided to Republican Party of Texas in accordance with their Rules; notwithstanding that requirement, any Precinct Chair approved at a properly called CEC Meeting shall be added to the official DCRP County Precinct Chair list --maintained & available to all CEC Members-- by the County Chair within five (5) days of an approval vote.

Within each precinct, the Precinct Chair is the only official position of the Executive Committee. No person other than the elected/appointed Precinct Chair has any rights with respect to the CEC or the Party and is not a member hereof. Volunteer positions within a precinct, such as block captains, are not recognized by these Bylaws and exist only to assist the Precinct Chair at his or her sole direction in carrying out any duties within the precinct.

The qualifications for nomination, election and service as a Member of this Executive Committee include those for participation in a Precinct Convention and beyond, as outlined in Rule 20 of the 2024 Rules of the Republican Party of Texas (or as amended in the 2026 Rules), AND that during the previous four (4) years the person has not publicly promoted or endorsed a candidate or an elected official of any other party, or of any other designation than that of the Republican Party, in partisan races. The terms "promoted" and "endorsed" shall include, but not be limited to, the following: working on a campaign; campaigning in person, on social media or via email; giving a financial or in kind donation; allowing his/her name to be used as an endorsement or implied endorsement in any kind of media; soliciting votes through a public appearance; block walking; or any other behavior intended to increase voter support for any non-Republican candidate OR decrease voter support for the Republican Party as a whole, its candidates, its nominees and/or its officials.

B. DUTIES

The Executive Committee shall exercise those powers conferred upon it by these Bylaws and the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas (hereinafter the RPT) and perform all duties necessary to promote the best interests of the DCRP.

C. Removal

If a Precinct Chair fails to perform his or her duties required by the Election Code of the State of Texas, the Rules of the RPT, or these Bylaws as set forth in section B above or violates the requirements set forth in section A above, and provided quorum has been met pursuant to Article III A hereof, he or she may be removed by a resolution passed by a two third (2/3) majority of the Executive Committee Members present and voting, in accordance with Articles II and III of these Bylaws. Notwithstanding Section III C of these Bylaws such vote shall exclude the Precinct Chair who is the subject of the resolution. Upon removal, the Precinct Chair shall be notified by a certified letter, and the vacant position may be filled in accordance with Section D hereof.

D.VACANCIES

Precinct Chair vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the Rules of the RPT and these Bylaws, with recommendations by the Precinct Chair Vacancy Committee as described in Article V. Precinct Chair appointments shall be effective immediately after an affirmative vote by the CEC.

ARTICLE II MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A.STATUTORY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Organizational Meeting required by RPT Rules shall be called by the County Chair Elect and convene at the time and place provided in accordance with RPT rules to conduct such business as required and which may properly arise. Pursuant to those rules, this Executive Committee shall hold its Organizational Meeting within forty-five (45) days after the term of office begins for the County Chair and Precinct Chairs. This is twenty (20) days after the Primary Run-Off Election according to TEC 171.022 (c).

B.REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the County Chair (or the County Vice Chair, if appointed, in the case of the County Chair's unavailability) Executive Committee Meetings in which business is conducted shall be and held not less than four(4) times per calendar year and a minimum of one (1) time per calendar quarter. Additional Regular informational meetings may be called by the County Char in his or her discretion.

C.SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special Meetings of the Executive Committee may be held at any time upon (i) a written call issued by a Member of the Executive Committee, signed by 20 percent or more of the number of Members of the Executive Committee at the time of signing the call, or (ii) by a call issued by the County Chair. Any call, signature, or affirmation in writing may be done electronically.

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D. CALL & NOTICE FOR MEETINGS

1. Statutory Organizational Meeting: The County Chair Elect shall be responsible for calling a meeting in the manner provided by the Rules of the RPT.
 - a. If the County Chair does not call the meeting, then one-fourth (1/4) of the Executive Committee Members may, by written demand, call an Organizational Meeting.
 - b. Notice of the Organizational Meeting (and all meetings of the DCRP) shall be noticed by email to the email address provided to DCRP leadership by each Member of the Executive Committee. The notice shall be sent at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting and such notice shall state the time, date, and location of the meeting and names(s) of the person(s) issuing the call.
 - c. The agenda of the Organizational Meeting shall include, but not be limited to, the swearing in of the newly elected Executive Committee Members and the adoption of bylaws and/or rules for the biennium. The proposed bylaws and/or rules shall be sent out with the Meeting notice via email at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the Meeting.
2. Regular Meetings: At least ten (10) days prior to the date of any Regular Meeting, written notice containing the information required by these Bylaws shall be provided by the County Chair (or by the County Vice Chair in the absence of the County Chair) via email to each Member of the Executive Committee at the address as it appears on the records of the Executive Committee by or under the authority of the Secretary. The notice shall contain the time, date and place of the Regular Meeting.
3. Special Meeting(s): Any call for a Special Meeting shall be (i) by County Chair or (ii) 20 percent of the Executive Committee and must be delivered to the Secretary at least fourteen(14) days prior to the date(s) specified in the call for the meeting. At least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, written notice of the call containing the information required by the Bylaws shall be provided to each Member of the Executive Committee at the email address as it appears on the records of the Executive Committee by or under the authority of the Secretary. The notice shall contain the time, date and place of the Special Meeting, together with the purpose of the meeting.
4. Once an Executive Committee Meeting has been properly called and scheduled, there shall be no other Executive Committee Meeting of any type held during the period that runs from 2 days prior to 2 days after the scheduled Executive Committee Meeting.

ARTICLE III CONDUCT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. QUORUM

1. Statutory Organizational Meeting: At the Statutory Organizational Meeting, quorum shall consist of those members present; provided, however, that if a majority of the members of the Executive Committee are not present, then only such business as is called for by the Election Code shall be transacted at such meeting.
2. Regular Meetings:
 - a. A quorum shall consist of not less than one-fourth (1/4) of the Executive Committee Membership, excluding vacancies, at the time of the meeting call for non-statutory business.
 - b. As provided by TEC 171.024 (c) and within the rules set by the State Republican Executive Committee (hereinafter referred to as the SREC), these Bylaws designate one-fourth (1/4) of the Executive Committee Membership, excluding vacancies, as the quorum for filling vacancies on the Executive Committee.
3. Special Meetings: At all Special Meetings there shall be present, in order to constitute a quorum, at least a majority of the members of the Executive Committee in office at the time the meeting is called to order. If a quorum is not present, a Special Meeting must be adjourned and no business may be conducted.

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B. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

At all meetings of the Executive Committee, all RPT elected officials (including SREC members with all or part of their district in Dallas County), incumbent statewide District and County Republican officeholders, the County Vice Chair, and Secretary, together with such persons as may be designated by the County Chair, shall have the privileges of the floor but without any voting rights.

C. VOTING

In balloting on any motion of election, the counting of votes shall be on an individual basis, and pursuant to TEC 171.026, voting by proxy shall not be permitted under any circumstance during an Executive Committee meeting whether Statutory, Regular, or Special. Each Member of the Executive Committee, including the County Chair, shall have the right to cast his individual vote. The manner of vote shall be prescribed by the County Chair, however, (i) a roll call vote shall be taken on the request of one-fourth (1/4) of the Executive Committee Members in attendance at such Meeting, and (ii) a secret ballot shall be taken upon a request of not less than 20 members of the Executive Committee Members in attendance.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. COUNTY CHAIR

The County Chair shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of TEC 171 and shall be the Chair of the Executive Committee and shall be the Chief Executive officer of the DCRP. The County Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and coordinate the political activities of the DCRP, including the appointments of all committees.

The County Chair shall be a voting member of all committees, shall represent the Executive Committee in its official capacity, shall employ such persons as needed, and make such appointments as deemed appropriate. The County Chair shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the County Chair.

B. COUNTY VICE CHAIR

County Vice Chairs may be nominated by the County Chair, but appointment is subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee. If there is more than one Vice Chair then the County Chair shall designate one of them as their replacement designee, to preside as Interim County Chair in accordance with the provisions of this section.

The County Vice Chairs shall perform such duties as directed by the County Chair.

In the event of vacancy, death, disqualification, or resignation of the County Chair, the designated County Vice Chair shall perform reasonable and limited duties of the County Chair to maintain ongoing operations of the DCRP and fulfill outstanding obligations of the former County Chair until a new County Chair has been duly appointed according to TEC 171.025. During the transition period, the County Vice Chair shall become the Interim County Chair and shall discharge their duties in good faith with the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances, and in a manner that the Interim County Chair reasonably believes to be in the best interest of the DCRP. The Interim County Vice Chair shall not have the authority to hire, fire, and/or sign or terminate a contract without the approval of the Executive Committee.

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C. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be nominated and elected at the Organizational Meeting of each newly elected Executive Committee and shall serve for the same term as the members of the Executive Committee as provided in TEC 171.022 (c). The Secretary shall keep minutes and attendance records for all meetings of the Executive Committee and such minutes shall be retained at the principal office of DCRP.

In the event of a vacancy of the office of the County Chair, the Secretary shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy for the purpose of electing a new County Chair as mandated in TEC 171.025. In the absence of a County Chair and a County Vice Chair, the Secretary shall fulfill the duties of Interim County Chair.

D. Removal of Officers

Any Officer of the Executive Committee other than the County Chair may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Executive Committee. The removal of an Officer must occur at a Special Meeting called for that purpose.

E. Conflicts of Interest

An Officer of the Executive Committee is prohibited from serving as an employee, campaign treasurer, or member of a committee of a contested Republican candidate.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES OF THE DALLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

A. COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

1. Committee Members: When not specified in these Bylaws, both the number of and the appointing of committee members shall be established by the County Chair and shall not necessarily be members of the Executive Committee unless otherwise specified in this section.
2. Committee Chairs: Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the Chair within his or her sole discretion, unless otherwise specified in these bylaws.
3. A list of committee members, including the chair of each committee, shall be maintained by DCRP and made available to any CEC Member upon request.

B. COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

1. Quorum: A majority of the regular committee members shall be a quorum, which is only necessary if the committee is to take a vote, and all members shall be counted, if present in person, in establishing that the required number of persons is present for a quorum.
2. Committee Voting: Each member of a committee, shall have the right to cast his/her individual vote. Method of voting shall be by voice, or show of hands, or ballot, as determined by majority vote of the committee, provided, however, that upon demand by twenty percent (20%) of the members present, a roll-call vote shall be taken. Proxy voting is not permitted.
3. Minority Report: A Minority Report may be given by no fewer than twenty percent (20%) of the committee members present and moved as a motion to amend the majority report by substitution.
4. Notice of Meetings: Each committee must publish notice of the time and place of any meeting at least 48 hours before the meeting. Notice must be published on the DCRP website calendar.
5. Committee Reports: Each committee shall present a report each quarter at a Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee. The report must contain a description of the matters considered and actions taken by the committee since the last quarterly report.

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C. STANDING COMMITTEES

1. The standing committees of the DCRP shall be the
 - a. Precinct Chair Resource Committee
 - b. Precinct Chair Vacancy Committee
 - c. Resolutions Committee
 - d. Candidate Resource Committee
 - e. District Executive Committee

D. PRECINCT CHAIR RESOURCE COMMITTEE

1. The County Chair shall appoint the chair of this committee in his/her sole discretion, although the chair must be a current member of the Executive Committee.
2. The Precinct Chair Resource Committee shall provide support to members of the Executive Committee by making available training materials, providing assistance and otherwise mentoring Members of the Executive Committee.

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E. PRECINCT CHAIR VACANCY COMMITTEE

1. The Precinct Chair Vacancy Committee shall be composed of no fewer than seven (7) members of the Executive Committee, nominated by the County Chair and subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee.
2. All work related to the administration of this committee, such as distributing and receiving applications, preliminary vetting of candidates, and scheduling, shall be conducted by the Committee Chair. It shall be the duty of the Precinct Chair Vacancy Committee to review the applications of those who apply for vacant precinct chair positions, who otherwise meet the requirements of the election code and these bylaws, and make recommendations to the Executive Committee.
3. It shall not be in order for the Executive Committee to consider a nomination from the floor for a vacant precinct chair position which has not been previously considered by the Precinct Chair Vacancy Committee. This Bylaws may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Executive Committee.
4. All reports produced by the Precinct Chair Vacancy Committee in accordance with Article V, Subsection (B)(5) must include the following:
 - A. Names of all applicants since the last Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee;
 - B. Recommendation of the Precinct Chair Vacancy Committee on each application.

F. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of no fewer than six (6) members of the Executive Committee, nominated by the County Chair and subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee. All members of the Resolutions Committee must be members of the Executive Committee.
2. The chair of the Resolutions Committee shall be a Member of the Executive Committee and shall be appointed by the County Chair in his/her sole discretion, and in addition to the above appointed members from subsection 1.
3. It shall be the duty of the Resolutions Committee to recommend public policy positions of the Executive Committee for any issue brought before it by a member of the Executive Committee subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
4. It shall not be in order for the Executive Committee to consider a resolution which has not been previously considered by the Resolutions Committee. This Bylaw may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the quorum of the Executive Committee, permitting a resolution not previously considered by the Resolutions Committee to be heard on the floor.

G. Candidate Resource Committee

1. The Candidate Resource Committee shall provide support to Republican candidates for elected office by making available training materials, providing assistance, and otherwise mentoring the candidates.
2. The Candidate Resource Committee may not withhold the support described in Article V, Subsection (G)(1) from any Republican candidate for elected office.

H. District Executive Committee

1. The DCRP Precinct Chairs residing in each State Senatorial District constitute a Senatorial District Executive Committee (SDEC) within Dallas County.
2. Each SDEC shall have a Chair, which shall be appointed by the SREC SD Committeeman & Committeewoman for each District; in the event of a tie, the County Chair shall make the final appointment decision which shall be one of the people recommended by the SREC Members.
3. Each Senatorial District Chairman shall have the following duties:

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- a. To recommend to the Vacancy Committee qualified candidates to fill vacancies in the office of Precinct Chairman in the election precincts within the District;
- b. To appoint a Vice-Chairman and such other organizational assistants as needed in the District;
- c. To vet and make recommendations to the County Chair for candidates within the District, including non-partisan offices;
- d. To make recommendations to the County Chair for election judges and clerks

I. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES

1. All other committees, including without limitation any bylaws or rules committees, as are deemed necessary to perform duties not specifically assigned to a standing committee, may be created and their memberships and chairs appointed by the County Chair in his/her sole discretion.

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ARTICLE VI FINANCE

A. TREASURER

The County Treasurer shall be appointed by the County Chair no later than the Organizational Meeting, for a two-year term, and shall assist with auditing, forecasting, and reporting. The Treasurer shall perform applicable duties required by federal and state statutes.

B. QUARTERLY REPORTS

The County Chair or Treasurer shall, once every quarter, present a quarterly financial report of disbursements and receipts of the Executive Committee. Audits shall not be required, but twenty percent (20%) of the Executive Committee Membership may call for an audit of the DCRP accounts as long as such Members pay for the audit. In the event that an audit shows material inconsistencies with common accounting practices or principles, the DCRP shall reimburse the auditing Members for the cost of such audit. All quarterly financial reports including all supporting books and records must be kept and preserved for a period of no less than five (5) years and must be made available for inspection at the DCRP headquarters upon request by a member of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII RULES OF ORDER

A. RULES

The proceedings of the Executive Committee shall be governed by the following authorities in the following order:

1. Primarily, by the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas;
2. Secondly, by these Bylaws;
3. Thirdly, by any standing rules of this Executive Committee, and
4. Finally, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern when they do not otherwise conflict with the above.

B. Parliamentarian

At the beginning of each meeting of the Executive Committee, the County Chair may designate a member of the Executive Committee present at the meeting to serve as the Parliamentarian for that meeting. The Parliamentarian has the duty of giving parliamentary advice and opinions at the meeting, including interpretation of the governing Rules.

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ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

A. AMENDMENT

These Bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Executive Committee present at any meeting of the Executive Committee at which a quorum is present, provided that such amendment has been first proposed at the last previous meeting of the Executive Committee. Amendments shall be limited to once per Executive Committee term (every 2 years). Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Executive Committee may, by a majority vote of all the sitting Members to allow Bylaw amendments, consider amendments to the Bylaws once at a Regular Meeting of the Committee during the Executive Committee term. In order to be placed before the Executive Committee for a vote, any proposed Bylaw amendments must be submitted and considered by a bylaws committee appointed by the County Chair. Such committee shall review proposed amendments and will make recommendations about the submitted amendments to the County Chair and the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX EFFECTIVE DATE OF BYLAWS

A. EFFECTIVE DATE

These bylaws shall be effective on the date of their adoption by the Executive Committee.