

Dallas County Republican Party

August 31, 2026

Unity of Dallas Church

6525 Forest Lane

Dallas, Texas 75230

Check In begins at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Starts at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Pledges to Flags - Diane Dees
- IV. Establish Quorum
- V. Update from Cara Mendelsohn
- VI. Speaker: Paul Adam - Elections Commission Update
- VII. Chairman's Update
- VIII. Intro to Governor Abbott's App - Quinton Hitchcock

Move into Executive Session for Business Meeting

- IX. Swearing in of new Precinct Chairs
- X. Approval of minutes from last meeting
- XI. Adopt standing rules
- XII. Vote on Vice Chair
 - a. Chad Cohen
- XIII. SD Caucus members, appointed by SREC—SD2, Joe Schroeder; SD12, Melissa Katz; SD16, Philip Harold; SD23, Lee Baldwin
- XIV. Committee Reports
- XV. Jayla Godbolt - Topic: Sand Branch

Conclusion of Business and Executive Session

- XVI. Announcements
- XVII. New Business
- XVIII. Motion to Adjourn

Dallas County Republican Party 2026 Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2026
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The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Chairman Montanez welcomed Precinct Chairs and guests and requested that if members of the body have questions regarding the rules they are to rise for a 'Request for Information'.

Invocation: Linda Deskin

U.S. Pledge: Wes Bowen

TX Pledge: Nate Weymouth

The chairman appointed Susan Cumby as temporary secretary, Elizabeth Villarreal as Assistant Secretary, and Pam Meyercord, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, as temporary parliamentarian. JP, Tony Torres, Gregorio Heise, Kalon Melton, Walt Nickel and Dick Mastin are appointed as Sergeants-at-Arms.

Quorum: The temporary secretary reported that there were 104 precinct chairs present.

Legal Counsel, Jennifer Stoddard-Hajdu, clarified that the term of office for Precinct Chairs serving 2024-2026, expired on June 14. All precinct chairs that did not properly file by December 2025, to be on the ballot must be vetted.

Swearing In:

The chairman swore in the new precinct chairs who properly filed for re-election during the filing period in 2026, for the 2026 - 2028 term of office.

Chairman's Update:

The following accomplishments have been made by this administration.

- As of June 15 the party had less than \$30,000 in the bank with monthly expenses being over \$20,000.
- The party raised \$26,000 to date.
- The party is contacting individual donors and is in the planning stage of a fundraiser in September
- Planning for the Reagan Day Dinner in 2027 has begun..
- The following items must be provided to the party by July 15 per RPT rules: all items related to project broadcast, including contract information.

- The party has started rebuilding the precinct chair base, and the Precinct Vacancy Committee will meet prior to the next CEC meeting.
- There has been a promotional meeting for candidates with more planned.
- The following are being reviewed: website, data, training, systems, etc.

Executive Session:

The body moved into Executive Session. All who are not precinct chairs, other than the temporary secretary, Sergeants-at-Arms and Parliamentarian, were requested to leave the room. A standing roll call of Precinct Chairs was made by the temporary secretary to ensure that all participating in the executive session were duly sworn in.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes stand approved as distributed.

Adoption of Temporary Rules:

The proposed Temporary Rules were emailed to Precinct Chairs on July 13th, and a copy has been provided.

Matt Patrick (Precinct 2022) made a motion to adopt the Temporary Rules. The motion was seconded.

Matt Patrick provided the rationale for the motion. Darrell Barry (Precinct 2003) made a motion to amend the Temporary Rules by not limiting debate to 60 minutes and to not vote at the end of the meeting if the Bylaws discussion was not completed. One precinct chair spoke in favor of the motion. Two precinct chairs spoke against the motion. The motion failed by voice vote. The body voted on the motion to accept the Temporary Rules. The motion passed and the Temporary Rules were adopted.

Adoption of Bylaws:

Chairman stated that a copy of the proposed Bylaws was provided with the official Call for the meeting and have also been emailed to each precinct chair.

Matt Patrick (Precinct 2022) made a motion to adopt the proposed Bylaws as written with the proviso that they become effective at the close of this organizational meeting. Motion was second. Matt Patrick explained the rationale of the motion.

Michelle Hopper (Precinct 2203) made a motion to refer the Bylaws to the Bylaws Committee for review. Motion Second. Three precinct chairs spoke in favor of the motion and three spoke against the motion to refer the Bylaws to committee. By a standing vote the motion to move the Bylaws to Committee failed with 52 in favor of the motion and 56 opposed.

Three precinct chairs spoke in favor of the Bylaws and two spoke against.

The motion to adopt the Bylaws in gross was approved by a standing vote with 58 in favor and 41 against. The Bylaws were adopted.

Election of Secretary:

The floor was open for nominations for Secretary. Lisa Reed (Precinct 2038) nominated Melissa Katz and Tillie Perkins (Precinct 3310) nominated Susan Cumby. Each candidate was given two minutes to speak. Susan Cumby was elected as secretary by a standing vote. (Melissa Katz 29/Susan Cumby 66)

Appointments:

Primary Vice Chair: The Chair appointed Matt Patrick as the primary Vice Chair. The body confirmed the appointment.

Vice Chair, Candidates & Government Officials: The Chair appointed Bruce Bishop as the Vice Chair for Candidates & Government Officials. He was confirmed by the body.

The Chair made the following appointments:

Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer: Susan Fountain and Mark Alegnani will be appointed upon completion of the handover from Fred Tate

General Counsel: Jennifer Stoddard-Hajdu (serving pro-bono)

Sergeant-at-Arms: JP, Tony Torres, Gregorio Heise & Kalon Melton

DCRP Pastor: Kason Huddleston

Standing Committee Chairs and committees:

Precinct Chair Resource: Chair, Tina Petersen

Members: Terry Sumner, Jeff Vogt, Brian Homoleski. Additional members will be appointed at the next meeting.

Candidate Resource: Chair, Ajua Mason

Members: Bruce Bishop with additional members being appointed at the next meeting.

Precinct Chair Vacancy: Chair, Lauren Ogden

Members: Deborah Spitzer, Jeff Vogt, Diane Truitt, Jeremy Rhudy, Susan Fountain, and Tillie Perkins.

The body confirmed the appointment of the Chair for the Precinct Chair Vacancy Committee and the committee members.

Resolutions: Chair, Solomon Bachman (does not require confirmation)

Members: Joe Schroeder, Peter Schroer, Mac Smith, Caroline Ogden, Ken Hollingsworth, and Clay Russell

The committee members were confirmed by the body.

Ad-Hoc committees and chairs appointed by the Chair:

Election Oversight: Chair, Lee Jenkins

Members: Susan Cumby, Patti Clapp, Cindy Holliday, Wes Bowen, Liz Beisel, Madeline Dvorocsik, Nancy Anderton, Patrick Gibbons, Jeremy Rhudy, and Philip Harold

Candidate Recruitment & Local Government : Chair, Bruce Bishop

Members: Ajua Mason

Legislative Priorities: Co-Chairs, Susan Fischer and Brad Namdar

Members of the District Executive committees will be appointed by their respective SREC representatives. Those members will be announced at the next CEC meeting.

Business of the Executive Session was completed and the body moved to regular session. (8:00 p.m.)

Announcements

Next CEC meeting will be on August 31st, location TBD.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the Organizational Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Cumby

Secretary

Standing Rules

Rule 1. Standard Order of Business

1.01 Unless otherwise determined by the County Chair, the standard order of business for Regular Meetings shall be:

1. Call to order
2. Invocation
3. Pledges
4. Roll call or credentialing report
5. Approval of minutes
7. County Chair's report
8. Officer reports
9. Committee reports
10. Unfinished business
11. New business
12. Announcements
13. Adjournment

1.02 The County Chair may adjust the order of business to improve meeting efficiency, comply with legal requirements, or address time-sensitive matters.

Rule 2. Meeting Notice and Materials

2.01 Meeting notices shall include the date, time and location of meeting.

2.02 When practical, materials necessary for consideration of major business items should be provided to members in advance of the meeting.

2.03 Failure to provide supporting materials shall not invalidate action taken by the Executive Committee unless required by law, Party rule, Bylaws, or these Standing Rules.

Rule 3. Debate

3.01 Unless otherwise ordered by the body, debate on a main motion shall be limited to:

- Three speakers in favor
- Three speakers opposed
- Two minutes per speaker

3.02 The maker of the motion shall have the right to speak first and may speak for up to five minutes, or longer if extended by the Chair.

3.03 Debate shall alternate between speakers in favor and speakers opposed when both are available.

3.04 The body may extend debate by majority vote.

Rule 4. Vote Thresholds

Unless otherwise required by law, RPT Rules, DCRP Bylaws, or these Standing Rules, the following vote thresholds shall apply:

Action	Vote Required
Routine business	Majority of members present and voting
Approval of officers nominated by Chair, if required	Majority of members present and voting
Approval of committee chairs or committee members, if required	Majority of members present and voting
Filling precinct chair vacancy	Majority of members present and voting
Adoption of budget, if required	Majority of members present and voting
Expenditure over \$10,000 not in approved budget	Majority of members present and voting
Adoption of resolution	Two-thirds of members present and voting
Endorsements	Two-thirds of members present and voting
Suspension of rules	Two-thirds of members present and voting
Amendment of bylaws	Two-thirds of members present and voting
Secret ballot when not otherwise required	Majority of members present and voting
Ending debate/calling the previous question	Two-thirds of members present and voting

Rule 5. Quorum Summary

For ease of reference:

Business Type	Quorum
Statutory business	As provided by Texas Election Code/RPT Rules
Regular non-statutory business	One-fourth of CEC membership, excluding vacancies
Filling precinct chair vacancies	One-fourth of CEC membership, excluding vacancies
Special Meetings	One-fourth of CEC membership, excluding vacancies
Bylaw amendments	One-fourth of CEC membership, excluding vacancies, unless otherwise required

Rule 6. Electronic Voting

6.01 When reasonably available and authorized by the County Chair, votes may be conducted by electronic voting system.

6.02 The announced result of an electronic vote shall be presumed valid unless a member immediately raises a specific point of order identifying a material defect in the voting process.

6.03 General distrust of electronic voting shall not be sufficient to invalidate a vote.

6.04 A motion to retake a vote shall require a 2/3rds vote unless the Chair determines a material defect occurred.

Rule 7. Secret Ballot

7.01 Secret ballots shall be used when required by the Bylaws or Standing Rules, or when ordered by majority vote of members present and voting.

7.02 Ballots shall be counted by tellers appointed by the County Chair, unless the body orders a different method by majority vote.

Rule 8. Precinct Chair Vacancy Procedure

8.01 Applicants for precinct chair vacancies shall complete the application process established by the County Chair or Precinct Chair Vacancy Committee.

8.02 The Vacancy Committee shall review applicants and make recommendations to the Executive Committee.

8.03 Applicants recommended for appointment may address the Executive Committee for up to two minutes before the vote.

Rule 9. Resolutions Procedure

9.01 Resolutions shall be submitted to the County Chair and Resolutions Committee no later than thirty days before the meeting at which they are requested to be considered.

9.02 The Resolutions Committee shall recommend adoption, amendment, referral, postponement, or rejection.

9.03 The committee chair or author will present the resolution to the Executive Committee.

9.04 Debate on resolutions shall follow the normal debate rule unless extended by the body.

Rule 10. Official Communications

10.01 Official communications of the Dallas County Republican Party shall be approved by the County Chair or the Chair's designee.

10.02 No officer, committee chair, committee member, precinct chair, volunteer, or staff member may represent personal views as the official position of the Dallas County Republican Party unless authorized by the County Chair, Executive Committee, Bylaws, or Standing Rules.

Rule 11. Financial Commitments

No officer, committee chair, committee member, precinct chair, volunteer, staff member, or other person acting on behalf of the Party may bind the Party financially, enter into a contract, incur debt, authorize an expenditure, or commit Party funds unless authorized by the County Chair, the adopted budget, the Executive Committee, or these Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Rule 12. Meeting Decorum

Members shall conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for elected Republican Party officials.

12.01 Members shall:

1. Address remarks to the Chair
2. Speak only when recognized
3. Stay germane to the pending question
4. Avoid personal attacks against other members
5. Refrain from profane or disruptive conduct
6. Respect adopted time limits
7. Silence electronic devices
8. Follow rulings of the Chair unless appealed

12.02 The County Chair may call a member to order. Continued disruption may result in removal from the meeting.

Rule 13. Officer and Committee Neutrality in Contested Primaries

Officers, committee chairs, and staff shall not use their official Dallas County Republican Party title or position to imply official Party support for a candidate in a contested Republican primary unless the candidate has been endorsed by the Executive Committee.

Rule 14. Records

14.01 The Secretary or designated Party staff shall maintain minutes, attendance records, officer lists, committee lists, and other official records of the Executive Committee.

14.02 Members of the Executive Committee may inspect official Party records by reasonable appointment during normal business hours, subject to protection of confidential, legally privileged, donor, personnel, vendor, cybersecurity, or election-sensitive information.

Rule 15. Endorsements and Public Support

15.01 The Dallas County Republican Party may endorse or publicly support a candidate, ballot measure, proposition, or public question only by vote of the Executive Committee as provided in these Standing Rules. This section does not apply to precinct chairs, which are covered in Rule #8 above.

15.02 No person may represent a personal endorsement as the official position of the Dallas County Republican Party unless approved by the Executive Committee.

15.03 The Dallas County Republican Party shall not endorse, publicly support, or use Party resources to support one Republican candidate over another Republican candidate in a contested Republican primary, primary runoff, or special election between Republican candidates, **unless one or more candidates in that race have been censured under Rule 44 of the Republican Party of Texas.**

15.03(a) If a candidate in a contested Republican primary has been censured under RPT Rule 44, the Executive Committee may consider an endorsement or public support in that race pursuant to this Rule.

15.04 A candidate must be a Republican candidate, Republican nominee, or candidate in a nonpartisan race who is aligned with Republican principles to be eligible for endorsement.

15.05 The Executive Committee may consider party primary voting history, political contribution history, public statements, policy positions, and demonstrated support for Republican principles.

15.06 A candidate seeking endorsement must submit a written request to the County Chair and Secretary no later than fourteen days before the meeting at which the endorsement is requested to be considered.

15.07 Any proposed endorsement must be included in the meeting notice or agenda. An endorsement not included in the notice or agenda may be considered only by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting.

15.08 Endorsements in nonpartisan races, ballot measures, propositions, public questions, and eligible Republican primary races involving a candidate censured under RPT Rule 44 shall require a two-thirds vote of members present and voting at a properly called meeting where quorum is present.

15.08(a) Support for Republican nominees in a general election may be approved by majority vote.

15.09 Endorsement votes in contested candidate races shall be conducted by secret ballot unless the Executive Committee orders otherwise by a two-thirds vote.

15.10 If multiple candidates in the same race are considered, each eligible candidate shall be given equal opportunity to submit materials or address the Executive Committee, as determined by the County Chair. If no candidate receives the required vote threshold, no endorsement shall be made.

15.11 Candidates endorsed by the Executive Committee may receive official Party support, including promotion through Party communications, voter guides, events, volunteer efforts, or other resources, as authorized by the County Chair and consistent with law.

15.12 No Party resources may be used to favor one Republican candidate over another in a contested Republican primary unless an endorsement has been properly approved under this Rule.

15.13 An endorsement may be rescinded by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting at a properly called meeting where quorum is present

15.14 Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Dallas County Republican Party from providing neutral information about all Republican candidates in a contested primary, hosting candidate forums, publishing candidate questionnaires, or encouraging Republican primary voter participation, provided such activity is conducted in a fair and substantially equal manner.

Rule 16. Amendments to Standing Rules

Standing Rules may be adopted, amended, or suspended by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting at a properly called meeting, unless otherwise required by law, RPT Rules, or these Bylaws.