

Dallas County Republican Party 2026 Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2026
Unity Of Dallas Church
6525 Forest Lane
Dallas, Texas 75230

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 second.

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)

Seargent-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, Jeremey 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