

***STANDING RULES FOR
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
CAMERON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY***

RULE 1

Agenda

Section 1. The agenda for all regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be submitted with the call to the meeting and shall include:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Introduction of Guests
5. Roll Call/Certification of Quorum
6. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
7. Officer Reports
8. Financial Report
9. Standing Committee Reports
10. Special Committee Reports
11. Unfinished Business
12. New Business
13. Announcements
14. Adjournment

Section 2. The order of business as set forth in the agenda may be suspended when a majority of the members present vote to suspend the order of business, a quorum being present.

RULE 2

Meetings

Section 1. In order to prevent undue delay of the order of business, each Executive Committeeman may speak not more than twice on the same motion or other item of business and not longer than three (3) minutes each time. To address the Executive Committee for a longer period of time, the consent of a majority of the members present must be obtained.

RULE 3

Endorsements

Section 1. Partisan Endorsements

- A. Officers / Elected members of the Cameron County Republican Party may not endorse any candidate that is not a Republican in partisan races.
- B. The County Chair shall not officially endorse any Republican Candidate in the Cameron County Republican Primary.

- C. Officers of the Cameron County Republican Party, members of the Officers Board, Precinct Chairs, appointed Precinct Chairs, and delegates elected to represent the Cameron County Republican Party at County, Senatorial District, State, or National Conventions shall not publicly support, endorse, promote, campaign for, contribute to, or otherwise advocate for the election of a Democratic Party nominee or candidate in any partisan election.
- D. For purposes of this rule, "publicly support" includes, but is not limited to, appearing in campaign advertising, distributing campaign materials, publicly soliciting votes, fundraising, making public endorsements, serving on campaign committees, or using social media platforms to advocate for the election of a Democratic candidate.
- E. Violation of this provision may be considered conduct detrimental to the Republican Party and may constitute grounds for removal from elected/appointed positions, committee assignments, delegate status where permitted by party rules, or other disciplinary action authorized by the Texas Election Code, Republican Party of Texas Rules, these Standing Rules, or the Bylaws of the Cameron County Republican Party.

Section 2. The Cameron County Republican Party may endorse local candidates running for non-partisan races, if the candidate meets the following minimum requirements:

- A. Candidate must seek the endorsement of the Cameron County Republican Party by written or electronic application provided by the The Local Candidate and Endorsement Committee;
- B. Candidates must fill out the application and sign the terms / conditions of endorsement.
- C. Candidate must be vetted by the The Local Candidate and Endorsement Committee.
- D. Candidate must have voted in the previous two (2) Republican Primaries, or
 - 1. If the Candidate did not vote in the previous two (2) Republican Primaries, then the Candidate must not have voted in any Party Primary and cannot be a member of any other party and must sign an oath of affiliation to the Republican Party;
- E. After the Candidate fills out the Application, is vetted, and approved by the Committee, the Candidate's name and position they are seeking will be presented to the Executive Committee for Endorsement. The Candidate must receive a 3/4th vote of the members of the Executive Committee present at a meeting where proper notice was given and a quorum is present.
- F. The vote for endorsement shall be taken by secret ballot.

Section 3. Any candidate that receives the endorsement of the Cameron County Republican Party may use the party's name and logo on their campaign material, if the material is not negative in nature or an attack against another candidate/organization.

Section 4. The Cameron County Republican Party can, but is not required to, support endorsed candidates by tangible means including but not limited to:

- A. Sharing Data and Information with Candidate,
- B. including Candidate on email blast and social media posts,
- C. including Candidate on printed materials (i.e., Push cards and Door Hangers),
- D. block walking, or
- E. phone banking

RULE 4

Duties of the Executive Committee

Section 1. Statutory Requirements of the Executive Committee

- A. The Executive Committee shall develop action plans and oversee efforts to fulfill the mission of the Executive Committee as outlined in the Bylaws; in addition to carrying out the responsibilities outlined in the TEC, RPT Rules, and these Standing Rules.
- B. As provided for in RPT Rule No. 44, the Censure Process and Penalties, the Executive Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting shall oversee the censuring process of a Republican public or party holder for three (3) or more actions taken during the current biennium in opposition to the core principles of the Republican

Party of Texas (hereinafter referred to as the Party) defined in the Preamble of the Party Platform as described in Rule No. 43A.

Section 2. Overseeing Primary Election. As the liaison with the county election administrator, the County Chair shall oversee the conduct of the primary and primary runoff elections in accordance with the TEC. An Executive Committee primary elections administrator and staff may be hired and be paid with state government funds or party funds as the case may be. The Executive Committee shall approve polling places for consolidated precincts (TEC, Title 4, Chapter 43, Sec. 43.003), voting systems to be used (TEC, Title 8, Chapter 123, Sec. 123.001 (b)), and primary election judges (TEC, Title 3, Chapter 32, Sec. 32.006). It is also in charge of preparing the ballot (TEC, Title 10, Subtitle B, Chapter 172, Subchapter D, Sec. 172.081, et. seq.).

Section 3. Conducting Conventions.

- A. County/Senatorial District Convention. The County Chair and the Executive Committee shall conduct the County/Senatorial District Convention in compliance with TEC, Title 10, Subtitle B, Chapter 174.
- B. Incumbent Precinct Chairs shall call to order the Precinct Convention (TEC, Title 10, Subtitle B, Chapter 174, Subchapter B, Sec. 174.025 (a)) and conduct the convention in accordance with the TEC and RPT Rules. If the Precinct Chair is absent, a person who is eligible to participate in the convention may act as the temporary chair. The incumbent or the temporary assigned chair shall only act until the convention selects a permanent chair (TEC, Title 10, Subtitle B, Chapter 174, Sec. 174.025 (b) and Sec. 174.025 (d)).

RULE 5

Precinct Chairman

Section 1. Qualifications to Be a Candidate For and Serve as Precinct Chairman

- A. Be a qualified voter of the county (TEC, Title 10, Subtitle A, Chapter 161, Sec.161.005 (a) (1)).
- B. Not be a candidate for nomination or election to, or be the holder of, an elective office of the federal, state, or county government (TEC, Title 10, Subtitle A, Chapter 161, Sec.161.005 (a) (2)).
- C. Be affiliated with the Republican Party through voting in the Republican primary election or runoff or by oath of affiliation (TEC, Title 10, Subtitle A, Sec. 162.001- Sec.162.012).
- D. Reside in the election precinct; in addition to satisfying the other applicable eligibility requirements under the TEC (TEC, Title 10, Subtitle B, Chapter 171, Sec.171.023 (a)).

Section 2. Methods for Becoming a Precinct Chairman (171.022)

- A. Election by Primary or General Election
 - 1. Filing the required candidate forms to run as a Precinct Chair in the primary or general election with the County Chair (TEC, Title 10; Chapter 161, Sec. 161.005),

- and complete RPT Rule No. 43 – the Candidate Platform Review requirements. Individuals may also run as write-in candidates (TEC, Title 10, Subtitle B., Chapter 171, Sec. 171.0231),
2. Win by majority vote in the primary or general election (TEC, Title 10, Subtitle B, Chapter 171, Sec. 171.022 (a) (2)). If only one candidate's name is to be placed on the ballot, there will be no election and that person will be elected to office (TEC, Title 10, Subtitle B., Chapter 171, Sec. 171.0221), and
 3. Serve a term of two (2) years, beginning the 20th day after runoff primary election day (TEC, Title 10, Subtitle B., Chapter 171, Sec. 171.022 (a) (2) and (c)).

B. Appointment to Fill a Vacancy

1. Precinct Chair vacancy shall be filled in accordance with TEC, Title 10, Subtitle B, Chapter 171, Sec. 171.024. A qualified person as defined in Rule 5, Section 1, may be appointed to fill a Precinct Chair vacancy.
2. The eligible person shall:
 - a. Complete a Precinct Chair Appointment application form and complete the Candidate Platform Review requirements per RPT Rule No. 43;
 - b. Be vetted and interviewed by the Precinct Chair Recruitment, Vetting and Development Committee;
 - c. Appointment shall be made by the Executive Committee when the proposed appointee(s) is present, unless otherwise stipulated by the TEC (Title 10, Subtitle B, Chapter 171, Sec. 171.024);
 - d. Where two (2) or more candidates are qualified for the same precinct opening, the appointment shall be determined by the vote of the Executive Committee by secret ballot.

Section 3. Resigning the Office of Precinct Chairman

A. Resignation:

1. A Precinct Chair may resign for:
 - a. A change of residence placing the Precinct Chair into another precinct or a change in precinct by redistricting (TEC, Title 4, Chapter 42, Subchapters A and B);
 - b. Becoming a candidate or officeholder by filing to run for a county, state, or federal office, or being appointed to such position means a person may no longer serve as Precinct Chair (TEC, Title 10, Subtitle A, Chapter 161, Sec.161.005 (a) (2) and Chapter 171, Sec. 171.024). This provision does not apply to service in non-partisan offices (e.g. school board, city council, etc.);
 - c. Disqualification of voting rights (TEC, Title 2, Sec. 11.002); and
 - d. Personal reasons.
2. A written resignation letter shall be submitted, signed and dated by the Precinct Chairman to the County Chair.

Section 4. Removal of Precinct Chair for Abandonment of Office. Under TEC, Title 10, Subtitle B, Chapter 171, Sec. 171.029, a Precinct Chair may be removed from the position of Precinct Chair for abandonment of office.

Section 5. Precinct Chair Misconduct in Office.

- A. A Precinct Chair may be deemed to be derelict in the execution of his or her responsibilities in office, by:
 - 1. Failing to perform statutory duties; or
 - 2. Failing to attend three (3) consecutive statutory Executive Committee Meetings; or
 - 3. Embezzling County Executive Committee funds; or
 - 4. Being convicted of election fraud; or
 - 5. At least three other documented instances of sufficient egregious conduct that the Republican Party in that county or Senatorial District is subject to public disgrace.
- B. The Precinct Chair being reviewed must be notified at least seven (7) days in advance of any meeting concerning his or her sanction and must be offered the opportunity to present his or her own defense before a vote on sanction is taken.
- C. A written complaint signed by at least sixty percent (60%) of the voting membership of the County Executive Committee shall be forwarded to the Officials Committee of the SREC. If the Officials Committee finds the complaint has merit, the Officials Committee shall conduct a hearing on the conduct of the Precinct Chair and shall forward a recommendation to the State Chairman to pursue appropriate remedy. (RPT Rule 8(n).

Section 4. Duties of the Precinct Chairman

- A. Each Precinct Chair should attend all meetings of the Executive Committee;
- B. Shall attend periodic Precinct Chair training programs conducted by the Precinct Chair Recruitment, Vetting and Development Committee;
- C. Shall each be required to be Deputy Voter Registrars;
- D. Will make themselves available, volunteer and work with the Election Recruitment Committee for the Get Out the Vote, Voter Turnout Effort, through phone banking, blockwalking, yard sign placement, literature drops, polling location sign placement, and/or poll greeting for local endorsed candidates or Republican primary nominees.
- E. Encourage people in your precinct to be involved by identifying, registering, informing, and turning out voters, working polls, assisting candidates, and being involved in Party conventions;
- F. When a Precinct Chair distributes a flyer identifying himself or herself as a Precinct Chair regarding any candidate(s) for political office, the flyer shall include the following text "Political advertisement paid for by [Precinct Chair name] & represents only my views. Party affiliation and precinct number for identification only. No party endorsement implied." All flyers shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

RULE 6

Media

Section 1. All Cameron County Republican Party websites, social media accounts, and any other accounts shall have no more than three (3) administrators. One of the three (3) must be the County Chair and the other two (2) selected by the County Chair. All accounts must be transferred to the incoming Chair upon leaving office.

RULE 7

Rules, and Bylaws Submission Procedure

- A. All rules or bylaw changes shall be submitted to the Rules and Bylaws Committee in writing 30 days prior to the next County Executive Committee Meeting.
- B. All proposed resolutions or bylaw changes shall be emailed to the County Chair and Secretary at CameronCountyGOPChair@gmail.com and elizabethschill1@gmail.com.
- C. All proposed resolutions should be in standard Resolution format. (*Whereas, Resolved*).
- D. All proposed resolutions or bylaw changes should reference the current resolution or bylaw.
- E. All proposed resolutions or bylaw changes will be reviewed by the Rules and Bylaws Committee.
- F. The Committee Chair shall forward a written report to the County Chair and the Secretary 14 days before the next Executive Committee meeting for the purpose of dissemination to its members.
- G. The Secretary shall include said committee report with Executive Committee meeting notice.
- H. The Committee will present a written report at the next Cameron County Executive Committee meeting with the Committee's recommendation on whether the submitted resolutions or bylaw change should or should not be approved by the Cameron County Executive Committee.

RULE 8

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Unless otherwise provided for by the United States Constitution, Texas Constitution, United States and Texas statutes, Republican Party of Texas rules, or these Rules and Bylaws, the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, which is hereby adopted by reference, shall be the parliamentary authority governing all conventions and meetings of the Cameron County Republican Party.

RULE 9

Amendment Procedure

Section 1. These Standing Rules may be amended by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Committee present and voting at a meeting of the Executive Committee, with a quorum of 50 percent of the Executive Committee being present, by giving proper notice in the meeting call. This rule is not subject to suspension.

RULE 10
Term Of Standing Rules

Section 1. The term of these Standing Rules will be concurrent with the term of the Executive Committee which adopts them by a majority vote of the Executive Committee members present and voting at a meeting of which due notice of purpose has been given.

Standing Rules adopted by The Cameron County Executive Committee on August 27, 2024.

Cameron County Republican Party Chair

Rules and Bylaws Committee Chair

Cameron County Republican Party Secretary