

BY-LAWS
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF ELLIS COUNTY TEXAS
As adopted on July 5, 2022

ARTICLE I
NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Ellis County Republican Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall exercise those powers conferred upon it by the rules of the Republican Party of Texas and by these Bylaws and shall promote the best interest of the Republican Party of the Ellis County by promoting Republican Party candidates in Ellis County and shall strive to influence the outcome of public policy to reflect the principles found in the platform of the Republican Party of Texas.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the County Chairman, who shall be the Committee's presiding officer and the precinct chairman from each election precinct of Ellis County. Each member shall be entitled to one vote by personal attendance at Executive Committee Meetings. Voting by mail or by proxy is prohibited.

Section 2. The County Chair, and Executive Committee shall be elected biennially.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall elect a Secretary, who may be a member of the Committee or such other person the Committee may select. The Secretary shall be elected at the first statutory meeting of each newly elected Executive Committee and shall serve for the same term as the Executive Committee.

Section 4. A vacancy in the office of County Chairman shall be filled by the Executive Committee with a majority vote of those present and voting, provided a quorum of the full Committee membership is present; due notice of purpose having been given in the call of the meeting.

Section 5. A vacancy in the office of Secretary shall be filled by the Executive Committee by a 50% +1 majority vote of those present and voting, provided a quorum of the full Committee membership is present; due notice of purpose having been given in the call of the meeting.

ARTICLE III
DUTIES OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The County Chairman shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee and shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Republican Party of Ellis County; the County Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, coordinate the political activities of the Republican Party in Ellis County, including nominating all Committee Chairman for approval by the Executive Committee. Executive Committee approval shall be by a 50% +1 majority vote of those present and voting, provided a quorum of the full Committee membership is present. Should confirmation not be allowed, nominations shall be open from the floor. The County Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of the committees and shall represent the Executive Committee in its official capacity.

Section 2. The County Chairman may nominate a Vice-Chairman and other officers whose terms shall coincide with that of the County Chairman. The County Chairman shall employ such persons as deemed appropriate and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of County Chairman.

In the event of the County Chairman's absence, the Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the County Chairman. In the event of the County Chairman's resignation, disqualifications, or death, such vacancy for County Chairman shall be filled by the Executive Committee at a meeting called by the elected Secretary of The Ellis County Republican Party or the State Chairman for the purpose of filling such vacancy. The authority calling the meeting shall designate a Committee member to serve as a temporary Chairman, who shall call the meeting to order and preside until the vacancy is filled.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep minutes and attendance records for all meetings of the Executive Committee. Those minutes shall be retained at the Ellis County Republican Headquarters Office.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the carrying out the directions and resolutions of the Executive Committee, County/Senatorial District Conventions, and Precinct Conventions in accordance with these Bylaws. The Executive Committee shall assist in all Republican Party campaigns and shall have general responsibility for all Republican Party activities, functions, and campaigns within their respective precincts. Nothing shall be construed as to prevent any Precinct Chairman from working for, or endorsing, any Republican candidate he/she chooses. However, for the county Executive Committee to endorse in a race with two or more Republican candidates a sixty (60) percent super majority of those present is required provided a quorum of the full committee membership is present.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

Section 1. All meetings of the Republican Party of Ellis County Executive Committee shall be called by mail, e-mail, or text as determined by the individual Precinct Chairman. The postmark date will be considered the notification date. No meeting will be called by telephone.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall adopt a schedule of regular meetings to be posted on the website. All regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the County Chairman who shall submit to the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days of taking office a proposed schedule of regular meetings of his/her term.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the County Chairman as needed. Special meetings may also be requested by at least five (5) members of the Executive Committee for any reason. The five members of the Executive Committee shall personally notify the County Chairman, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman, of the Republican Party of Ellis County, in writing, not less than five (5) weekdays prior to the requested special meeting. The Chairman will then call the requested meeting within three (3) weekdays of the date and time indicated on said notification.

Section 4. Not less than seven (7) days' notice shall be required for ALL regular meetings, except in the event of a stated emergency, in which three (3) weekdays notice will be required. Emergency notice shall identify, in detail, the situation dictating an emergency meeting.

Section 5. In the event a meeting is called, and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman fail to attend, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order and preside while the members (a quorum being present) elect a temporary Chairman to preside at that particular meeting. If the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary fail to attend, any Executive Committeeman may call the meeting to order at the appointed hour and elect a temporary Chairman to preside at that particular meeting. The temporary chairman shall have the same authority of presiding officer as the elected Chairman has at any meeting and shall appoint a temporary Secretary to keep minutes.

Section 6. A quorum for the conduct of business shall be any number greater than half the total number of sitting Precinct Chairs, or fifty (50) percent of the total members of the Executive Committee.

The agenda for ALL called meetings shall be enclosed within the mailing/email at the time of notice. Any Executive Committee member may add an item to the agenda if so desired. To do so the agenda item must be submitted in writing to the person that called the meeting not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to said meeting. A revised meeting agenda will be provided at the beginning of the called meeting.

Section 7. At all meetings of the Executive Committee, all elected officials of the Republican Party of Texas, State, District, and County Republican office holders, the County Vice-Chairman, Legal Counsel, and Secretary, together with such other persons as may be approved by the Executive Committee, shall have the privileges of the floor, excluding voting rights.

ARTICLE V
OFFICERS
(Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms)

Section 1. The officers shall be Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Sergeant-at-Arms and shall serve during the term of the County Chairman. The officers may be either a member of the Committee or such other person as the Committee may approve.

Section 2. The County Chairman shall nominate the Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Nominations Chair subject to approval by the Executive Committee. Executive Committee approval shall be by a 50% + 1 majority vote of those present and voting, provided a quorum of the full Committee membership is present. Should confirmation not follow on any of any of the above officers, nominations shall be open from the floor.

Section 3. The County Chairman and any Executive Committee member may nominate a Precinct Chair to any vacant precinct, who:

1. is a registered voter of said Precinct with a vacancy,
2. has established RPT Party affiliation as stated in RPT Rule No. 20, and
3. has attended three (3) of the last four (4) regular Executive Committee meetings.

At the second meeting this individual may apply to fill the vacancy and will be presented by the Nominations committee after review by the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee will present this individual for a vote to fill the vacancy at the next regular Executive Committee meeting.

Section 4. The County Chairman or any Executive Committee member may nominate a Precinct Chair to any vacant precinct, who:

1. resides in the election precinct with a vacancy,
2. is a qualified voter of the county,
3. is affiliated with the Republican Party through voting in the Republican primary election or runoff or by oath of affiliation,
4. has completed a Precinct Chair Appointment application form and the Candidate Platform Review requirements per RPT Rule No. 43,
5. has been interviewed by the Nominations Committee and attended three (3) of the last four (4) regular Executive Committee meetings and recorded as attending.

At the second meeting this individual may apply to fill the vacancy. The Nominations Committee will present this individual for a vote to fill the vacancy at the next regular Executive Committee meeting. If the Nominations Committee does not intend to recommend the applicant, the Nominations Committee report will be presented in an Executive Session with the applicant invited to be present. Executive Committee approval shall be by a 50% + 1 majority vote of those present and voting, provided a quorum of the full Committee membership is present.

Section 5. A Precinct Chairman may nominate a Precinct Vice-Chairman who:

1. resides in the election precinct with a vacancy,

2. is a qualified voter of the county,
3. is affiliated with the Republican Party through voting in the Republican primary election or runoff or by oath of affiliation,
4. has completed a Precinct Chair Appointment application form and complete the Candidate Platform Review requirements per RPT Rule No. 43,
5. has been interviewed by the Nominations Committee and attended three (3) of the last four (4) regular Executive Committee meetings.

At the second meeting this individual may apply to fill the vacancy. The Nominations Committee will present this individual for a vote to fill the vacancy at the next regular Executive Committee meeting. If the Nominations Committee does not intend to recommend the applicant, the Nominations Committee report will be presented in an Executive Session with the applicant invited to be present. Executive Committee approval shall be by a 50% + 1 majority vote of those present and voting, provided a quorum of the full Committee membership is present.

Section 6. The Precinct Vice-Chairman shall aid and assist the Precinct Chairman. The Precinct Vice-Chairman may not vote in the absence of the Precinct Chairman at an Executive Committee meeting.

Section 7. The Precinct Vice-Chairman may be deemed to have abandoned the office by failing to attend three (3) consecutive Executive Committee Meetings. Precinct Vice-Chairmen may be removed from office by a sixty (60) percent vote of the Executive Committee provided a quorum of the full Committee membership is present.

Section 8. The terms of office of the officers shall be concurrent with that of the Executive Committee, except that in the event of a vacancy in the office of County Chairman, the officers shall serve only until the election of a new County Chairman.

Section 9. The County Vice-Chairman shall be the assistant executive officer of the Republican Party of Ellis County. He/She shall aid and assist the County Chairman in all said duties.

Section 10. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the Executive Committee and the Republican Party of Ellis County and shall disburse the same in accordance with the budgets approved by the Executive Committee. He/She shall keep a strict account of all receipts and disbursements (including the date thereof, from whom they are received, and to whom they are disbursed) and the purpose thereof. He/She shall also make a copy of said report available to the Executive Committee at each regular scheduled meeting. All disbursements shall require the signature of at least two (2) of the following officers: County Chairman, Treasurer, or Secretary of the Republican Party of Ellis County. Any non-budget disbursements exceeding \$500.00 shall require approval of the Executive Committee. Passage requires a 50% +1 majority vote of those present and voting provided a quorum of the full Committee membership is present. However, the rights of the County Chairman and Secretary to dispense funds as required for Primary Elections shall not be abridged.

Section 11. The County Chairman may be deemed to have abandoned the office by failing to perform statutory duties, failing to attend four (4) consecutive County Executive Meetings, embezzling County Executive committee funds, being convicted of election fraud, or other behavior designed to disgrace the Republican Party. A written demand signed by at least a majority of the Executive Committee shall be forwarded to the Officials Committee of the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC). If the Officials Committee finds that the compliant has merit, the Officials Committee shall conduct a hearing on the conduct of the County Chairman.

Section 12. Precinct Chairman may be deemed to have abandoned the office by failing to perform statutory duties or failing to attend three (3) consecutive County Executive Meetings, or violations that would cause the same County Chairman removal as listed in the prior section. At the fourth meeting removal shall be by a sixty (60) percent majority of those present and voting, provided a quorum of the full committee membership is present.

**ARTICLE VI
STANDING AND TEMPORARY SUBCOMMITTEES**

Section 1. The County Chairman shall establish the Standing Subcommittees necessary to carry out the policies of the Executive Committee. The Standing Subcommittees shall develop plans and implement actions as directed by the County Chair.

Section 2. The Standing Subcommittees shall be as follows: Budget & Finance, Precinct Chairman Development, Communications & Marketing, Headquarters & Volunteers, Events & Fundraising, Victory, Legislative and political priorities and Rules.

Section 3. The County Chairman may establish temporary subcommittees as deemed necessary to carry out the policies of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Any member of the Executive Committee may serve as chair of one or more Subcommittees. Chairs of Subcommittees must be nominated by a member of the Executive Committee with a second to the nomination. Once nominated the Executive Committee will confirm the 50% +1 majority vote. Subcommittee chairs may appoint members of their respective Subcommittees to serve at their pleasure. The County Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all Subcommittees.

Section 5. The County Chairman will provide a written report listing the chair of each Subcommittee to each member of the Executive Committee and will furnish an updated list withing forty -eight (48) hours of a change of Subcommittee Chairman or Chairmen.

Section 6. Each Subcommittee shall meet at the call of the County Chairman or the Chairman of that particular subcommittee. Subcommittees shall endeavor to meet and conduct work relative to their subcommittee between meetings of the Executive Committee. Subcommittee Chairman will give updates, request approval of actions and submit funding requests to the Executive Committee during scheduled meetings thereof.

Section 7. A Subcommittee Chair may be removed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at any Executive Committee meeting where a quorum is present.

**ARTICLE VII
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Section 1. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RNR), as specified by the State, shall govern the Executive Committee and Officers in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

**ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by the following methods: a sixty (60) percent vote of the members of the Executive Committee present and voting at a meeting of the Executive Committee; a quorum of the Executive Committee being present; by giving notice, including a copy of the proposed changes, seven (7) days in advance of a regular meeting; or special meeting called for that purpose.

**ARTICLE IX
INITIATION**

Section 1. These By-Laws shall become effective immediately upon passage and the acceptance by a majority of the attending members of the Executive Committee with a quorum present and voting. These By-Laws are adopted to supplement the Texas State Republican Party Rules. In the event of a conflict between rules, the State Rules shall take precedence.

Approved and accepted this _____ day of _____, 2022 by the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Ellis County.

Date

Chairman, Republican Party of Ellis County

Date

Secretary, Republican Party of Ellis County