

Rules of the
FAYETTE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY, INC.
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RULES OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY 2017-2019

ADOPTED BY COUNTY CONVENTION, MARCH 18, 2017

1, MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

1.1 QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PARTY ACTIONS

All electors who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policy and are in sympathy with its aims and purposes may participate as members of the Fayette County Republican Party (hereinafter "FCRP"), its Precinct Caucus, and conventions. All chairmen and members of committees, delegates to conventions and voters in Precinct Caucus, provided for in these Rules, must be electors in the respective political subdivisions (e.g. precincts and congressional districts) that they represent as chairmen, members, delegates, or voters in Precinct Caucus, except as provided in the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party (hereinafter "State Rules").

1.2 PUBLICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications for participation in the FCRP shall be published in all official calls for Precinct Caucus and conventions called pursuant to the State Rules and the Call of the Republican National Convention.

2. COUNTY COMMITTEE

2.1 AUTHORITY & RESPONSIBILITIES

The County Committee is a political organization and political party as defined by Georgia law, and is the governing body of the FCRP except when the FCRP county convention is in session.

2.1.1 Authority of the County Committee. The FCRP County Committee exercises countywide control and jurisdiction over party affairs. The County Committee shall, in the interim between County Conventions, be vested with all the duties, powers, responsibility, and privileges possessed by the county and shall act for the FCRP during such periods. The FCRP County Committee shall consist of those persons enumerated in Rule 2.2 below, provided, however, that each such person must be both a current dues-paid member of the FCRP and a qualified elector in Fayette County.

2.1.2 Convention Responsibilities. The FCRP County Committee shall call for and make arrangements for the precinct mass meeting and the county convention, which shall include fixing the basis of representation by delegates to the county convention, and the time and place for holding the county convention consistent with the GA GOP State Rules and the State Call.

The FCRP County Committee shall cooperate with the State Committee and the district committees in conducting all elections within its boundaries.

Members shall submit all resolutions to be considered at a county convention to the Chairman of the Convention Resolutions Committee no later than seven days prior to the date of the county convention. No resolution shall be in order at the county convention unless it has first been considered and reported to the convention delegates by the Convention Resolutions Committee.

2.1.3 Controversies and Appeals. Members shall submit all controversies regarding the credentialing of FCRP County Convention delegates to the County Chairman and the Chairman of the Convention's Credentials Committee no later than seven days prior to the date of the county convention. No controversy shall be considered in order at the county convention unless it has first been considered and reported to the convention delegates by the Convention Credentials Committee.

The FCRP County Committee shall decide all controversies arising within its jurisdiction. Members presenting a controversy shall submit a petition with all supporting material, and signed by at least five Republican electors of Fayette County, to the County Committee. The Chairman shall convene a meeting of the County Committee within 45 days to hear & decide the controversy by a majority vote. Suggested hearing procedures are included in Policies and Procedures.

Members shall have the right to appeal a controversy to the Congressional District Republican Party having the most Fayette County electors. That Party must receive the appeal within thirty days after the FCRP County Committee decision being appealed, and the appeal must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified Fayette County Republican voters.

2.2 ORGANIZATION of and ELECTION to the COUNTY COMMITTEE. The County Committee shall be composed of the following members:

	Position	Vote	Quorum	Proxv	In Office By:
1.	County/County Cmte Chairman	X	X	X	Cty Conv/Cmte election
2.	First Vice Chairman	X	X	X	Cty Conv/Cmte election
3.	Second Vice Chairman	X	X	X	Cty Conv/Cmte election
4.	Third Vice Chair	X	X	X	Cty Conv/Cmte election
5.	Secretary	X	X	X	Cty Conv/Cmte election
6.	Assistant Secretary	Note 2	Note 2	-	Chair nomn, Exec Bd apvl
7.	Treasurer	X	X	X	Cty Conv/Cmte election
8.	Assistant Treasurer	Note 2	Note 2	.	Chair nomn, Exec Bd apvl
9.	Immediate Past Chairman	X	X	X	Immediate Past Chairman
10.	Precinct Chairmen	X	X	X	Precinct Caucus/Cmte election
11.	General Counsel	.	.	.	Chair nomn, Exec Bd apvl
12.	Assistant General Counsel	.	.	-	Chair nomn, Exec Bd apvl
13.	Parliamentarian	.	-	.	Chair nomn, Exec Bd apvl
14.	Sergeant At Arms	-	-	.	Chair nomn, Exec Bd apvl
15.	<i>Ex Officio</i> Members	-	-	.	Virtue of their office

Note 1. "Cty Conv/Cmte election" refers to the FCRP biennial convention and the FCRP County Committee. The convention is the primary body authorized to elect officers with voting privileges. In between conventions, that authority is vested with the County Committee. The terms of the members of the County Committee who are elected at a convention shall begin immediately following the adjournment of the convention that elected them.

Note 2. In the absence of a member with an Assistant, such as Secretary, the Assistant, if present, shall vote in lieu of the member. If both the primary member and the Assistant are absent, the primary member shall proxy their vote to another member who is eligible to vote. If the primary member and the Assistant are absent and the primary member has not designated a proxy or the proxy member is absent, a voting-eligible proxy designated by the Assistant may exercise the vote normally conducted by the primary member or the Assistant.

Note 3. Members who simultaneously serve in more than one position in the above table shall be counted only once for purposes of a quorum, and they may exercise only one vote on each motion that comes before the body.

Precinct Chairmen shall be elected at the precinct mass meeting or appointed by the County Committee. In the event of a vacancy in a precinct chairmanship, the County Committee, by majority vote, shall fill the vacancy.

The General Counsel shall be nominated by the current County Chairman and approved by the Executive Board.

The following members shall be considered honorary members *ex officio* of the FCRP County Committee and shall not have a vote and shall not be counted for a quorum:

- The Chairmen, of a Congressional District Republican Party, if a qualified resident elector of Fayette County, that includes any portion of Fayette County, shall serve as *ex officio* members of the County Committee during their term of office.
- All Republican elected officials in the county and all dues-paying Republicans elected to non-partisan public office shall be *ex-officio* members of the FCRP County Committee during their term of office.
- Chairmen, presidents, or their designee of allied organizations recognized by the GA State Republican Party and properly chartered by a Georgia state or national Federation during the term of their office.

The County Chairman shall, with the approval of a majority of the Executive Board, appoint such other members, as he/she deems necessary; they shall be non-voting members of the FCRP County Committee who do not count towards a quorum. The terms of such other members of the FCRP County Committee shall begin upon their approval by the Executive Board.

2.3 DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES General:

A. All FCRP County Committee members having the authority to draw checks on FCRP bank accounts may be covered by a fidelity bond in an amount deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.

B. Elect the FCRP member of the Fayette County Elections Board.

C. Perform duties related to conventions, as described in these rules.

2.3.1 The COUNTY CHAIRMAN

- A.** Shall be the chief executive officer and spokesman of the FCRP and shall perform the duties required by these Rules, the county convention, the FCRP County Committee, and the Executive Board. The County Chairman shall convene the County Committee at least twice per calendar year and shall preside at all county conventions until a Convention Chair is elected, FCRP County Committee meetings, Executive Board meetings, and other Party functions. In the event a County Committee position becomes vacant, the County Chairman shall appoint an interim replacement pending election of a permanent replacement by the County Committee. He/She shall serve as an *ex officio* member of all standing committees of the FCRP and shall appoint all pre-convention committees with the approval of the County Committee. The County Chairman shall be responsible for the general direction of the FCRP, and notwithstanding any delineated duties set forth in Sec. 2 of these Rules, he/she shall appoint, and dissolve committees as needed. Shall have direct access to email blast system.
- B.** The County Chairman shall have final approval of all communications issued by the Communications/Public Relations Committee or any other official communications issued by officers or members of the County Committee and Executive Board prior to their issuance, posting, or other distribution
- C. B.** Serve as the liaison between the FCRP and the County's Board of Elections and the Supervisor of Elections and coordinate candidate qualification and registration with the assistance of the General Counsel of the FCRP to ensure Party compliance with applicable state and federal election laws, campaign finance and disclosure laws, and state, district, and county Party rules.

2.3.2 The FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN shall act in the absence of the County Chairman, shall serve as the chief assistant to the County Chairman.

- A. Responsible for website passwords and oversee Communication committee
- B. Perform other duties assigned by the County Chairman, the FCRP County Committee, and/or the Executive Board.

2.3.3 The SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN shall act in the absence of the County Chairman and First Vice Chairman

- A. Serve in the capacity of a Chief of Staff, assisting the Chairman coordinate and execute the responsibilities of the County Committee and Executive Board.
- B. Manage the headquarters, maintain the FCRP's databases, accounts, and passwords; and perform the administrative functions of the FCRP.
- C. Coordinate with the V/C of Communications and Public Relations for internal and external communications such as press releases, announcements, meeting notices, mass mailings, and newsletters.
- D. Perform such other duties as assigned by the County Chairman, County Committee, and/or Executive Board.

2.3.4 Third Vice Chair shall act in the absence of the County Chairman, First Vice Chairman and second Vice Chairman

- A. Manage the precinct organizations within the FCRP; direct & coordinate the Precinct Chairmen to strengthen the precinct organizations and serve as liaisons between the Precinct Chairmen and the County Committee and Executive Board. This should include educational events for new and experienced precinct chairs to increase voter participation in elections. Along with their appointed committee, be responsible for the coordination of all campaign activities.
- B. Work with Precinct Chairmen to keep all delegates and alternates informed of the convention process and encourage their attendance.
- C. Perform such other duties as assigned by the County Chairman, the County Committee, and/or the Executive Board.
- D. Receive, review, and recommend to the County Committee whether to approve or not amendments to the FCRP Rules.
- E. Perform such other duties as assigned by the County Chairman, County Committee, and/or Executive Board.

2.3.5 The SECRETARY and ASSISTANT SECRETARY shall:

- A. Give all notices required for meetings under these rules.
- B. Keep minutes of the County Committee and Executive Board meetings and maintain custody of those minutes.
- C. Furnish copies of prior meeting minutes to County Committee & Executive Board members no later than four days before the next meeting. He/She shall also maintain at the FCRP Headquarters a book that contains all meeting minutes, and open the book for inspection by any current dues-paid member of the FCRP.
- D. Serve as temporary Secretary to all county conventions until a convention secretary is elected.
- E. Maintain a roster of the names and addresses of all County Committee and Executive Board members.
- F. With the assistance of the V/C Membership, confirm to the Executive Board during the month of February of each year that all members of that Board meet the qualifications set forth in the rules. Allied organizations shall submit, and the Secretary shall keep on file, annual confirmation of their current charters from their respective Georgia State or national federation.
- G. Perform such other duties as assigned by the County Chairman, County Committee, and/or Executive Board.
- H. The Assistant Secretary shall serve as Secretary in the Secretary's absence.

2.3.6 The TREASURER and ASSISTANT TREASURER shall:

- A. Establish banking accounts as authorized by the Executive Board, maintain custody of all FCRP funds pending their deposit at the earliest opportunity in a bank or banks selected by the Executive Board; and exercise strict control over FCRP checks and credit/debit cards.
- B. Pay in a timely manner the obligations of the FCRP as approved by the Executive Board.
- C. Present at each County Committee and Executive Board meeting a budget status and financial report summarizing income, expenses, assets, and liabilities of the FCRP.
- D. Perform such other duties as assigned by the County Chairman, County Committee, and/or Executive Board.
- E. The Assistant Treasurer shall serve as Treasurer in the Treasurer's absence.
- F. Design, coordinate, and implement a comprehensive recruiting program for FCRP members.
- G. Assist the FCRP Secretary confirm to the Executive Board during the month of February of each year that all members of that Board meet the qualifications set forth in these rules.
- H. Perform such other duties as assigned by the County Chairman, the County Committee, and/ or the Executive Board.

2.3.7 ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE VICE CHAIRMEN

A. In addition to the duties assigned to the three (3) Vice Chairmen, as enumerated in these Rules, the County Chairman shall assign the responsibility of overseeing and coordinating the work of the Standing Committees of the FCRP to the three (3) Vice Chairmen. Each Vice Chairman shall be responsible for at least one Standing Committee. These assignments shall be determined by the County Chairman, with the consent of the Executive Board.

B. The Standing Committees of the FCRP shall be Membership/Outreach, Finance, Operations, Communications/Public Relations, Rules, Events/Programs and such other Standing Committees as deemed necessary by the County Chairman, with the approval of the Executive Board.

2.3.8 IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN Provide experienced advice, counsel, and a historical perspective for the current leadership of the FCRP.

2.3.9 PRECINCT CHAIRMEN shall:

A. Get acquainted with as many voters in their precinct as possible to explain the FCRP platform and key issues and how to support them.

8. Provide voter insights & feedback to the County Committee & Executive Board; provide updates to the Second Vice Chair for Voter Vault.

C. Perform such other duties as assigned by the County Chairman, County Committee, and/or the Executive Board.

2.3.10 GENERAL COUNSEL and ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL

A Serves as the primary legal advisor to the County Committee, Executive Board, and Committee Chairs on matters that may/do require a legal opinion.

B. Shall be a former member for a minimum of 10 years, or a current member, in good standing with the State Bar of Georgia.

C. Perform such other duties as assigned by the County Chairman, County Committee, and/or Executive Board.

2.3.11 SERGEANT AT ARMS shall assist the Chairmen maintain good order and discipline at FCRP events. The SAA shall assist the Convention Chairman with balloting and perform such other duties as assigned by the County Chairman, County Committee, and/or the Executive Board.

2.3.12 PARLIAMENTARIAN shall be responsible for the interpretation of all rules governing the FCRP, including Roberts Rules of Order.

2.3.13 EX OFFICIO members shall provide their opinions and ideas related to issues, programs, and events to make each more successful.

2.4 REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

A. Members of the County Committee and Executive Board who are absent for three meetings during their term of office without submitting a written proxy shall be deemed to have resigned their office. Their resignation shall be effective at the adjournment of the third missed meeting.

The County Chairman, in his/her sole discretion and as of a date determined by the County Chairman, may reinstate that person to office, provided, however, that no person may be reinstated more than one time during any single term in office.

B. Any member of the County Committee who is elected by the county convention or by the County Committee may be removed from office for cause by a 2/3 majority of a quorum present (proxies not allowed to be counted or vote) at any duly called meeting of the County Committee; provided, however, such individual must be given written notice of said meeting e-mailed or mailed at least 32 days in advance thereof, setting forth the grounds for removal, and be given an opportunity to be heard in person or by his/her representative. "Cause" as used herein shall include continued failure to perform his/her duties or conduct

detrimental to the best interests of the Party, all as may be determined by the vote of the County Committee.

C. Any member appointed by the County Chairman serves at the pleasure of the County Chairman and may be removed by the County Chairman.

D. If any member of the County Committee or the Executive Board qualifies as a candidate for an elected public office and at least one other Republican has also qualified, then the member shall be deemed to have resigned from that body. If any member who qualifies as a candidate for an elected public office that no party affiliation is required and at least one other person who is a current dues-paid member of the FCRP as of the date that person also qualified, then the member shall be deemed to have resigned. Any member who qualifies as a candidate for an elected public office for which no other Republican has also qualified or no person who is a current dues-paid member of the FCRP has qualified, shall be deemed to have resigned immediately upon being elected to that office. As soon as an individual qualifies as a candidate for elected public office as a member of a political party other than the Republican Party, he/she shall be deemed to have resigned all committee positions and membership in the FCRP.

E. To remain in a current dues-paid status, members shall renew their FCRP membership each year no later than the thirtieth day of January. Any member of the County Committee or Executive Board who is not a current dues-paid member of the FCRP shall be deemed to have resigned from such position if they fail to become current in the payment of their dues within thirty days after election thereto, or, within thirty days after written notice thereto is mailed or emailed to them by the FCRP Secretary. Members renewing after that day will be considered current dues-paid members from-the date of their renewal.

2.5 FILLING VACANCIES ON THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

A. FCRP Chair. In the event of a vacancy in the position of County Chair, the First Vice Chair shall automatically serve as Acting County Chair until the County Committee elects a new County Chair.

B. All other voting positions shall be nominated by the Chairman and elected by the County Committee. The County Committee shall elect a permanent fill nominated by any dues-paid member of the County Committee by a simple majority vote of a quorum present, provided proper notice has been given in the call for the meeting sent pursuant to these Rules.

C. Non-voting members shall be nominated by the Chairman and elected by a simple majority of a quorum present of the Executive Board.

3. EXECUTIVE BOARD

3.1. AUTHORITY and RESPONSIBILITIES

The Executive Board shall have the authority, duty, responsibility, and power to conduct the affairs of the FCRP between meetings of the County Committee and between county conventions.

The Executive Board shall annually secure an audit and it shall be presented to the County Committee at the first meeting following the audit's completion.

3.2. ORGANIZATION of and ELECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. The Executive Board shall consist of those persons enumerated below, provided, however, that each such person is both a current dues-paid member of the FCRP and a qualified elector of Fayette County.

	Position	Vote	Quorum	Proxv	In Office Bv:
1.	County/County Cmte Chairman	X	X	X	Cty Conv/Cmte election
2.	First Vice Chairman	X	X	X	Cty Conv/Cmte election
3.	Second Vice Chairman	X	X	X	Cty Conv/Cmte election
4.	Third Vice Chair	X	X	X	Cty Conv/Cmte election
5.	Secretary	X	X	X	Cty Conv/Cmte election
6.	Assistant Secretary	Note 2	Note 2	-	Chair nomn, Exec Bd apvl
7.	Treasurer	X	X	X	Cty Conv/Cmte election
8.	Assistant Treasurer	Note 2	Note 2	-	Chair nomn, Exec Bd apvl
9.	Former County Chairman	X	X	X	Immediate Past chairman
10.	General Counsel	-	-	-	Chair nomn, Exec Bd apvl
11.	Assistant General Counsel	-	-	-	Chair nomn, Exec Bd apvl
12.	Parliamentarian	-	-	-	Chair nomn, Exec Bd apvl
13.	Sergeant At Arms	-	-	-	Chair nomn, Exec Bd apvl
14.	<i>Ex Officio</i> Members	-	-	-	Virtue of their office

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Note 2. In the absence of a member with an Assistant, such as Secretary, the Assistant, if present, shall vote in lieu of the member. If both the primary member and the Assistant are absent, the primary member shall proxy their vote to another member who is eligible to vote.

If the primary member and the Assistant are absent and the primary member has not designated a proxy or the proxy member is absent, a voting-eligible proxy designated by the Assistant may exercise the vote normally conducted by the primary member or the Assistant.

Note 3. Members who simultaneously serve in more than one position in the above table shall be counted only once for purposes of a quorum, and they may exercise only one vote on each motion that comes before the body.

See Rule 2.2 for additional election and term information.

4. MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

4.1. FREQUENCY and NOTIFICATION. The Chairman shall convene the County Committee at least twice per calendar year and may convene Executive Board meetings on a monthly basis. Legally constituted meetings of the County Committee and Executive Board shall be held on notice sent via U.S. mail, fax, or email not less than seven days prior to the meeting on the call of the County Chairman or the call of one-third of the voting members. Members who attend the meeting thereby waive any requirement to receive said meeting notice.

Notification by email will be deemed acceptable to all members unless a member submits a timely, specific written request to the Secretary for a different type of notification. County Committee members are responsible for maintaining a current email address with the Secretary.

4.2. QUORUM

A. County Committee. Twenty-five percent of the voting members of the County Committee, present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

B. Executive Board. A majority of the voting members of the Executive Board, present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Members may represent themselves through proxies, subject to the following conditions:

A. Any member may direct his/her proxy only to another member

B. No proxy may be directed to, or voted by, the County Chairman

C. No member may vote more than three proxies per meeting. Proxies in excess of three that are held by a member shall be submitted to the Secretary for quorum purposes and will not be voted.

D. Members of the Executive Board shall not be permitted to proxy their vote more than three times per calendar year (note that they may proxy unlimited times per year but just three voting proxies per year), and other members of the County Committee shall not be permitted to proxy their vote more than one time per calendar year (note that they may proxy unlimited times per year but just one voting proxy per year).

E. A proxy must substantially conform with the official FCRP proxy form (see Annex A) and must be signed and dated within the last thirty days by the member to be valid.

F. Proxies cannot be transferred or reassigned.

G. Proxies may be original paper or printer copies of electronic documents.

4.4 RULES of ORDER and VOTING. All meetings and conventions of the FCRP shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, except to the extent modified by the State Committee or by a majority vote of the county convention or the FCRP County Committee in session.

The County Chairman may call special called meetings of the Executive Board or the County Committee. If he/she elects to do so, he/she must use the best notice practicable under the circumstances.

A. Official meetings of the County Committee and the Executive Board may be attended in person, or by audio, video or electronic conference call. However, the FCRP shall conduct at least two official meetings annually of the County Committee and of the Executive Board with a quorum of the voting members present in person or by proxy.

B. Votes by County Committee or Executive Board members may be cast and taken by e-mail or other electronic means, provided a secret ballot is not taken. The question must be sent out by the Secretary and all responses must be sent back to the secretary. The question should be spelled out and request a yes or no / approved or disapproved answer. Questions that require discussion should not be voted by e-mail.

1. All votes cast and taken by electronic means shall have the same force as a vote in person and shall be cast and submitted to the Secretary within three business days of the call for such vote.

2. The Secretary shall, within five business days of the call of an electronic vote, circulate to all members of the County Committee or Executive Board a tally of all votes cast

C. Votes cast and taken requiring a secret ballot shall only be taken at an official meeting of the County Committee or the Executive Board where all members casting a vote are present in person or by proxy.

D. Votes cast and taken by audio or video conference call shall be taken pursuant to roll call vote.

5. RULES

5.1 COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND DISTRICT RULES. These rules are intended to be consistent with the rules of the GA State Republican Party and Congressional District Republican Parties whose boundaries include any portion of Fayette County. FCRP County Committee and Executive Board proceedings that are not specifically addressed within these Rules shall automatically be governed by rules of the Congressional Republican District Party with the most FCRP members and the GA State Republican Party rules. These Rules are subject and subordinate to the laws of the State of Georgia and the GA State GOP Rules. Any part of these Rules found to be in conflict with said laws, State or District Rules, shall be deemed void and invalid. If any parts of these Rules are found to be in conflict, such conflict shall not affect the validity of the remainder of these Rules.

5.2 APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT RULES COMMITTEE. The County Chairman shall nominate and the Executive Board shall approve a Permanent Rules Committee consisting of not less than five total members to serve under the Third Vice Chair who shall be the Chairman of the Permanent Rules Committee. The committee shall make a report concerning the Rules at each meeting of the County Committee upon request.

5.3 RULES FILING. The Third Vice Chair shall file a certified copy of these rules with the Board of Elections of Fayette County, the Chairmen of the Congressional District Republican Parties that include any portion of Fayette County, and with the Chairman and Secretary of the State

Committee. Any amendments to these Rules shall be similarly filed. All such filing shall be done within thirty days after the adoption of the Rules or the amendments, and notification shall be maintained by the Secretary.

5.4 AMENDMENTS TO RULE

These Rules may be amended at any county convention of the FCRP by a majority vote of a quorum present, or by the County Committee by a three-fourths vote of a quorum present. Any and all changes to these Rules to be considered by the county convention shall have been forwarded to the Chairman of the Interim Convention's Rules Committee no later than seven days prior to the date of the county convention. No rules change shall be in order at the county convention unless it has first been considered and reported out by the Convention Rules Committee. If the Rules are amended at a county committee meeting, the meeting must be duly held after written notice mailed, faxed, or emailed at least ten days prior to the meeting to all members of the county committee setting forth the proposed amendments.

5.5 EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULES

These Rules and any amendments thereto, shall become effective immediately upon their adoption unless otherwise provided.

6. ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGNS

6.1 ENDORSEMENT

Neither the County Committee nor the Executive Board as a whole, nor any of the members of the Committee or Board acting in their official capacities, shall officially support or oppose any candidate in a contested Republican primary. Involvement in a campaign as an individual, however, shall not constitute an endorsement. Violation of this Rule shall be grounds for removal from office.

6.2 SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION CANDIDATES

Neither the County Committee nor the Executive Board as a whole, nor any of the members of the Committee or Board acting in their official capacities, shall publicly advocate a split Party ticket or an opposition candidate in any election, Primary or General.

6.3 AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION TO CANDIDATES

Any and all FCRP information and resources that are of interest to Republican candidates for public or party office shall be made available on a fair, equitable, and timely basis to all such candidates that have been a dues-paid member in good standing of the FCRP for a minimum of six months prior to requesting access to any information and/or resources.

Republican candidates and their staffs must submit written requests for information to the Chairman, who will provide information about availability, additional procedures (if any), and applicable charges described in the FCRP Policies and Procedures manual maintained by the V/C of Rules.


7. RECORDS

7.1. CUSTODY. Members of the County Committee shall maintain custody of FCRP records within the purview of their positions, i.e. the Treasurer shall be the custodian of financial records of the FCRP, the Secretary shall be the custodian of meeting minutes, and Precinct Chairmen shall maintain custody of Precinct records.

Custodians shall make such records available for inspection or copy on request to members who have been dues-paying members for at least six months and are in good standing.


7.2 AVAILABILITY. Outgoing County Committee members and holders of records and property shall deliver all records and documents in their possession to their new counterparts within ten days of their election or appointment.

Original signed




RANDY C. OGNIO
Chairman

Original signed



CATE WRIGHT
Secretary

Original signed



LANE WATTS
First Vice Chair

ANNEX

A. Proxy Form

Annex A (Proxy Form)



Fayette County Republican Party

Proxy

Know All Members By These Presents that I, _____, will not be able to attend the meeting of the FCRP County Committee or Executive Board to be held on the _____ day of, _____ 20____ or at any adjourned meeting thereof; and:

A. As a voting member, I do hereby constitute and appoint _____ my true and lawful attorney, to vote at the meeting described above, and for me in my name, place and stead, to vote upon any questions that properly may come before such meeting, with all the power that I would possess if personally present, hereby revoking all previous proxies.

B. As a non-voting member, I request that my absence be recorded as a proxied absence for the purpose of compliance with attendance rules.

Should I be present at the above stated meeting, all powers of this proxy shall be revoked. This proxy may be assigned only to a voting member of the appropriate committee or board. The sitting chairperson is excluded from voting a proxy.

Signed _____