

BYLAWS
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF ELLIS COUNTY TEXAS

As adopted on June 18, 2024

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 or ECREC.

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

Section 2. Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected biennially.

Section 3. 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 Chair 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. The County Chair 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 complaint has merit, the Officials Committee shall conduct a hearing on the conduct of the County Chair.

Section 6. A vacancy in the office of Secretary shall be filled by the Executive Committee by 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 7. The County Chair or any Executive Committee member may nominate a person to fill a Precinct Chair vacancy if that person:

1. meets the qualifications for filing to run as a Precinct Chair in a Primary; and
2. has been vetted by the Precinct Chair Vetting & Development Subcommittee.

The nomination must be approved by majority vote of the CEC. A Precinct Chair vacancy shall not be filled while there remains pending statutory duties for filling a nomination vacancy for public office on an upcoming ballot.

Section 8. Precinct Chair 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 a County Chair removal. 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.

Section 9. A Precinct Chair may nominate a Precinct Vice-Chair that meets the same qualifications as needed to fill a Precinct Chair vacancy; the nomination must be approved by majority vote of the CEC. A Precinct Vice-Chair is not a voting member of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III

DUTIES OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The County Chair shall be the chair of the Executive Committee and shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Republican Party of Ellis County; the County Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, coordinate the political activities of the Republican Party in Ellis County, including nominating all Subcommittee Chairs for approval by the Executive Committee. Executive Committee approval shall be by a 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 Chair shall be an ex-officio member of the committees and shall represent the Executive Committee in its official capacity.

Section 2. The County Chair shall nominate a Vice-Chair and other officers whose terms shall coincide with that of the County Chair. The County Chair 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 Chair.

In the event of the County Chair's absence, the Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the County Chair. In the event of the County Chair's resignation, disqualifications, or death, such vacancy for County Chair shall be filled by the Executive Committee at a meeting called by the elected Secretary of The Ellis County Republican Party or the State Chair for the purpose of filling such vacancy. The authority calling the meeting shall designate a Committee member to serve as a temporary chair, 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, for no less than 24 months after each meeting.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the carrying out of 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 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 Chair from working for, or endorsing, any Republican candidate he/she chooses. 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 Chair. The postmark date will be considered the notification date. No meeting will be called by telephone. Furthermore, such meetings shall be posted on the ECREC website, at <https://elliscountygop.org>, with at least seventy-two (72) hours notice.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall adopt a schedule of regular meetings to be posted on the ECREC website. Monthly meetings may be skipped by majority vote at the previous meeting, provided that at least one regular meeting shall be held per calendar quarter. All regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the County Chair 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 Chair 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 Chair, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chair, of the Republican Party of Ellis County, in writing, not less than five (5) weekdays prior to the requested special meeting. The Chair 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 seventy-two (72) hours notice will be required. Emergency notice shall identify, in detail, the situation requiring an emergency meeting.

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

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

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

Section 2. The County Chair shall nominate the Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Sergeant-at-Arms, subject to approval by the Executive Committee. Executive Committee approval shall be by a 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 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 Chair, 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 majority vote of those present and voting provided a quorum of the full Committee membership is present. The rights of the County Chair and Secretary to dispense funds as required for Primary Elections shall not be abridged.

ARTICLE VI STANDING AND TEMPORARY SUBCOMMITTEES

Section 1. The Standing Subcommittees shall be as follows:

1. Budget & Finance,
2. Precinct Chair Vetting & Development,
3. Communications & Marketing,
4. Headquarters & Volunteers,
5. Events & Fundraising,
6. Victory, and
7. Legislative & Political Priorities

The County Chair shall appoint committee chairs for each Standing Subcommittee, and committee chairs serve at the pleasure of the County Chair.

Section 2. The County Chair may establish temporary subcommittees as deemed necessary to carry out the policies of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Subcommittee chairs may appoint members of their respective Subcommittees to serve at their pleasure.

Section 4. The County Chair shall maintain a listing of all Subcommittee assignments, available on the ECREC website.

Section 5. Each Subcommittee shall meet at the call of the County Chair or the chair of that particular Subcommittee. Subcommittees shall endeavor to meet and conduct work relative to their subcommittee between meetings of the Executive Committee. Subcommittee chairs will give updates, request approval of actions and submit funding requests to the Executive Committee during scheduled meetings thereof.

**ARTICLE VII
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Section 1. The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, 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 Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These Bylaws 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 Bylaws 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 Bylaws 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 _____, 2024 by the Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Ellis County.

Chair, Republican Party of Ellis County

Date

Secretary, Republican Party of Ellis County

Date