

7	5.03 (add new section)	<p>A. The El Paso County Republican Central Committee does not recognize and shall not accommodate fractional votes or voting in any of its meetings. For example, if a constituency (district) elects or appoints multiple vice chairmen, only one shall be recognized as having a vote either in person or by proxy.</p> <p>B. Should a constituency (district) elect or appoint multiple chairmen, vice chairmen, or secretaries, the one(s) assigned as the voting member(s) must be identified to the El Paso County Republican Party Secretary immediately upon election or appointment.</p>	<p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Now that we have several multi-county districts which typically have more than one vice chairman, it is important that we don't have fractional voting or have more than 3 officers voting as members of our county central committee.
10	16 (add new section)	<p>Article XVI: Formal Censure Section 16.01 Formal Censure Procedure</p> <p>A. Causes for censure and/or removal of an individual from party recognition shall include, but not be limited to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reasons stated in the State Election Laws. 2. Public opposition to or violation of the Republican Party Platform or the Constitutions of either the United States or the State of Colorado. 3. The Chairman believes there is malfeasance or misfeasance on the part of the individual. <p>B. In the event that an individual member is to be censured or removed for cause, the following procedure shall be followed:</p>	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who determines what is opposition to the Republican Party Platform or Constitutions of the USA or State of Colorado? For example: if a legislator votes on whether a business has a right to not allow someone to carry a gun into their business. If you vote yes, you can be accused of opposing the 2nd Amendment, but if you vote no, you are opposing personal property rights that are in our party platform. – Therefore, you can be censured either way you vote. Multiple other examples related to legislation and to ballot initiatives. - How do you violate the party platform or a constitution? - Chairman believes there is malfeasance or misfeasance is vague and open ended.

	<p>1. The cause(s) shall be specifically described in writing in a complaint and signed by no fewer than 25 Republican voters in good standing.</p> <p>2. The above-described complaint shall be delivered to the Chairman either electronically, fax, or hard copy.</p> <p>3. Upon the receipt of a properly received complaint, the Chairman shall convene a five-member panel as described in section 8.03 (H)(2) of these bylaws.</p> <p>4. A reasonable amount of time not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date the complaint is received by the Chairman shall be afforded to the respondent to provide a response to the complaint.</p> <p>5. The rights of the respondent to address the charges/allegations shall be assured. The rights of the complainant(s) to present information concerning the basis for censure/removal shall also be assured.</p> <p>6. The Central Committee shall act upon the recommendation of the panel and affirm the recommendation by a two-third (2/3) majority of the members present and voting. A successful vote to censure/remove is immediate, final, and unappealable except as described in section 16.02 below.</p> <p>Section 16.02 Formal Censure Probation Procedure</p> <p>A. The El Paso County Republican Party, and its officers, are not obligated to help or promote any person who was censured for a period of one (1) year from the date the censure was approved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With 140,000 registered Republicans in El Paso County, I can get 25 of them to sign anything. Much too small - The panel is picked by the Chairman so can be neutral or could be biased - The last two times there was an effort to remove precinct leaders, they were denied the opportunity to appear before the 5 member panel and to present information. The information was presented to the full executive committee, in violation of the bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order (Section 63). In the first situation, it was unclear whether the accused had been even informed of the meeting. In the second situation, the accused sent representatives to plead their case and present information and they were denied entrance into the meeting. What confidence is there that procedures will be followed in the future? - Information is sent publicly to the entire central committee and could open the central committee to charges of libel. - The “probationary” period is not one year but actually unlimited. Precinct leaders and elected officials are elected in accordance with state statute. Overturning the will of the voters who
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11	17 (add new section)	<p>Article XVII: Probation Section 17.01 Probation Upon Formal Censure</p> <p>A. Any individual, irrespective of membership with the El Paso County Central Committee, upon having been formally censured in accordance with Article XVI above, shall serve a minimum of a one (1) year probation period.</p>	<p>NO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Violates state statute. You cannot legally prevent someone from being elected as a precinct leader at caucus and by state statute, they are members of the central committee, unless removed in accordance with section 8 of our county bylaws.

		<p>1. El Paso County Central Committee members who are serving a probation shall lose voting rights in any committee to include serving as a proxy and shall be ineligible to run for any position within any committee until the probation has been lifted as described in Section 16.02 of these bylaws.</p> <p>2. Individuals who are serving a probation not holding a position within the El Paso County Republican Central Committee shall be ineligible to become members until the probation has been lifted as described in Section 16.02 of these bylaws.</p> <p>B. The Colorado Republican Central Committee, may, at its discretion, similarly enforce the provisions of probation at its committee meetings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will open the central committee up to lawsuits
12	7.02	<p>Section 7.02 Audit Committees</p> <p>A. An audit committee appointed by the Chairman shall report to the Central Committee at least once every two (2) years. The Audit Committee shall be composed of three (3) members, none of whom shall be a Republican county officer (as outlined in Section 6.01), and at least one (1) of whom shall be a certified public accountant. Appointments to the Audit Committee must be approved by the Executive Committee, and members thereof may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee. The Audit Committee shall examine the books and records and review the procedures of the Central Committee office before the organizational meeting and shall report at that meeting. It shall also examine the books, records, and procedures at any other time requested by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>B. The Audit Committee shall provide a year-to-date Financial Statement to all members of the Executive Committee at least fourteen (14) days in advance of each Executive Committee meeting. The Financial Statement should include line-items for</p>	<p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increases transparency. - Allows the Executive Committee time to review financials before the meeting – - often they have just been shown on the screen. The print is hard to see and you can't scroll down – just what portion is shown on the screen. Can't make an informed opinion or properly question so that expenses and income are understood.

		major categories of revenue and expenses, as well as line items for starting cash and ending cash balances.	
14	6.02	11. The Chairman shall submit a budget for his term of office to the Executive Committee on or before May 15, following his election. This budget shall be revised and resubmitted at successive Executive Committee meetings held no more than 60 days after the prior meeting until approved. If the Chairman determines that it is necessary to revise the budget during the course of his term in office, he shall submit a revised budget to the Executive Committee for approval.	YES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provides the mechanism to revise the budget over a Chairman's term since the budget limits what can be spent in different categories.
	2.03	<p>A. No candidate(s) for any designation or nomination for partisan public office shall be endorsed by the El Paso County Republican Central Committee, acting as an entity, or by its elected officers individually or as a group, or any committee, acting as an entity, before the Primary Election, unless such candidate is unopposed in the Primary Election or unless such candidate has gained access to the primary election ballot by garnering 30% delegate endorsement via the authorized Republican Assembly/Convention. The elected officers shall supervise staff to prevent the appearance that these provisions are being violated. [Source: CRC Bylaws III C].</p> <p>B. Prior to the primary, Senate, House, and Commissioner district chairs shall not use their title as district chair to endorse, support, or oppose any Republican candidate for the district for which they are chair, unless such candidate is unopposed in the Republican primary.</p> <p>B. The El Paso County Republican Central Committee and the various Republican district central committees have no obligation to support, and may oppose, any candidate who has gained access to the primary election ballot outside of the Assembly/Convention process.</p>	NO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is a re-do of the endorsement provision that was defeated in the earlier Central Committee session. As such, it needs a 2/3rds vote to consider. - This is pre- primary endorsement. - This is divisive. - We need all Republicans and a good percentage of the Unaffiliates to defeat the Democrats in the general election. How can we ask them to unify if you have angered or turned off a significant portion of the Republicans by weighing in on the primary? - Allows the party to oppose our nominees in the general election, which is against the purpose of a political party.

		<p>C. While chairing any meeting occurring prior to the primary, no individual shall endorse, support or oppose any Republican candidate unless such candidate is unopposed in the Republican Primary. Such individual may temporarily relinquish the chair in order to make such a statement. This provision applies to all Republican meetings of any type, including district, division, and committee meetings and precinct caucuses.</p> <p>C. Personal contributions of time or money to candidates by El Paso County Republican Central Committee officers or members shall not be considered to be “endorsements” or “support” or “opposition” in violation of this section unless the officer or committee member uses their official position to encourage other people to support or oppose a pre-primary candidate going through the Assembly/Convention process.</p> <p>D. After the primary election is over, nothing in this section shall restrict or compel the El Paso County Central Committee in support of the Republican nominee to the general election ballot.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What could happen is what happened in the gubernatorial race with Dan Maes. He received the nomination through the caucus and assembly process and won the primary. A well-known conservative Republican, Tom Tancredo filed as a candidate with the Conservative Party. Dan Maes only received 11% of the vote – putting us within 1% of becoming a minority party in Colorado. So just because someone is the Republican nominee, it does not guarantee that Republicans will vote for them.
	3.03 (add new section)	<p>Conflict of Interest During Committee Vote</p> <p>Any member of any El Paso County Republican Committee must recuse themselves or be recused from any vote that stands to benefit them personally or professionally.</p>	<p>NO – recommit to bylaw committee for further drafting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is an attempt at re-doing the conflict of interest provision that was defeated at the earlier session. As such, needs a 2/3 vote to even consider. - Too vague. Says they will be recused – but who decides if there is a true conflict of interest? - No due process on determination of conflict of interest

	7.01	<p>Section 7.01 Executive</p> <p>A. Policy 1. The Central Committee shall select an Executive Committee at its organizational meeting which shall exercise any and all powers conferred upon it by the Central Committee.</p>	<p>YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clarifies the language so that there is no conflict in interpreting the powers of the Executive Committee versus the Central Committee
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