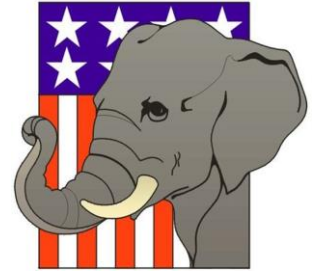




UNION COUNTY



REPUBLICAN PARTY RULES

ARTICLE I: NAME, TERRITORY, PURPOSE AND FUNCTION:

A. NAME: This organization shall be known and referred to as the Union County Republican Party. In this document, the Union County Republican Party is referred to as “UCRP” or the “Party.”
The official name is (Union County Republican Party, Inc.)

B. TERRITORY: The geographical area that the UCRP represents shall be that area within the borders of Union County, Georgia, including all incorporated and unincorporated areas.

C. PURPOSE: The purpose of the UCRP shall be to develop, foster, advance, and perpetuate the principles of the Republican Party, to support and otherwise do all within its power to insure the election of all Republican nominees for public office whose names appear on the general election and any special election or other regular election ballots in Union County, to fill such vacancies as may occur by virtue of death or inability of any Republican nominee to serve as such nominee or as an official of the Republican Party, to manage the affairs of the Republican Party, and to engage in other such activities and perform such functions and services as may from time to time be necessary to further the cause of the Republican Party, its principles and its candidates.

D. FUNCTION: The UCRP, consisting of all its members, shall serve as the central and unified authority and representative body of the Republican platform and policies within Union County. It shall function to assist and endeavor to develop, implement, encourage, educate, and create Republican principles within Union County, and it shall strive to recruit and elect qualified Republican candidates to every available public office.

E. GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. Fair and minimum, local, state, and federal taxation for Union County citizens.
2. Open and honest government at all levels.
3. Individual freedom and responsibility.
4. Family centered-values.
5. Quality education.
6. Traditional Marriage = 1 man + 1 woman
7. Pro-Life
8. Demand fair elections

ARTICLE II: PARTY MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:

A. MEMBERS: All legal and qualified registered voters residing within Union County, Georgia, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policies, are in sympathy with its aims and purposes, and support its candidates, are eligible to be members of the UCRP and eligible to participate in all regularly scheduled meetings and functions as well as all Mass Meetings and County Conventions. All Members are encouraged to satisfy the requirements in Article II-B and participate in leadership positions within the Party so as to promote the Party agenda.

B. ACTIVE MEMBERS: An Active Member is defined as any member who has attended at least 3 scheduled party activities in the immediately preceding twelve (12) month period.

C. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: Upon approval of the Executive Committee, individuals who are interested in supporting the UCRP and its aims and purposes may be extended honorary membership into the UCRP. For honorary membership, it is not necessary to fulfill residency, voter qualification, or dues requirement.

D. PARTICIPATION: All persons thus eligible shall be admitted to membership in the UCRP. All such qualified members are expected to participate in the primary and general elections of the Republican Party in Union County and to attend Mass Meetings and County Conventions, pursuant to the rules of conduct thereof, held under the auspices of the UCRP.

E. TERMINATION OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

1. Any member may be suspended and/or removed from the active membership roll of the Party upon findings by the Executive Committee that said Active Member has engaged in conduct detrimental to the Party. In case of suspension, the decision of the Executive Committee shall be final. In case of removal, any aggrieved Active Member may appeal the decision to the full active membership of the UCRP at the first subsequent regular meeting. The appeal shall be decided by a majority vote of Active Members present at the meeting and shall be taken by secret ballot.

2 The UCRP believes in and endorses Due Process of law thus further believes in Due Process via our bylaws. Should this happen, the accused has the right to face their accuser, and the right to be heard by the executive committee prior to the vote and produce evidence, and witnesses to counter any claim to make sure that it is fair and impartial decision based on all facts presented from either side. This should be done in Executive Session for legal reasons and protections of both parties related to the accusations

3. “Findings” and “Conduct detrimental to the Party” as used herein may include:

a. Public support of any candidate or nominee, other than a Republican candidate, in a primary, run-off, or general election by any member may be prima facie evidence of conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Party.

b. Findings by the Executive Committee that said member has acted in such a manner as to bring discredit upon the Party. This shall include illegal acts, illicit behavior, or public acts that disgrace, discredit, or obstruct the causes of the Party.

ARTICLE III: FISCAL ADMINISTRATION:

A. FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year shall be from March 1st through the last day of February of each successive year.

B. DUES: The amount of optional annual dues for the membership at large shall be established by the Executive Committee and may be changed at any time by the Executive Committee. The terms of dues requirements shall be concurrent with dates of the fiscal year.

C. VOUCHERS: All claims by individuals for reimbursement shall be submitted to the Treasurer in a timely manner in the form of a written and signed statement with appropriate receipts attached. All requests for reimbursement shall be submitted prior to March 1st of each year. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS. All requests for reimbursement are subject to review and approval by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer and the Chairman must sign all checks. The establishment of the UCRP bank account shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee and the account shall be placed within Union County.

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

A. NUMBER AND TYPE OF OFFICERS: The County Committee of the Union County Republican Party shall be known as the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the UCRP elected Officers and other members as follows:

1. County Chairman
2. 1st Vice Chairman
3. 2nd Vice Chairman
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Media Specialist
7. Coordinator of Membership recruitment and involvement
8. Chairman of each School District
9. Immediate past outgoing Chairman's of UCRP
10. Parliamentarian
11. Sergeant at Arms
13. Chaplain - Optional, non-voting member appointed by County Chairman

B. NOMINATION/APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Only Active Members may be nominated to the UCRP Executive Committee. The installment of said member shall be in a hold/pending status until dues are paid. Dues are to be paid no later than the next regularly scheduled meeting. Failure to pay dues at or before the next regularly scheduled meeting shall make said nomination null and void. Under no circumstances will an Executive Committee member be allowed to vote unless his/her dues are current. The Chairman, whether elected at County Convention or by Executive Committee, shall have served on the immediate past Executive Committee up until the time of his/her election as Chairman. Should there be no accepted nominations from the Executive Committee for the position of Chairman, then the nomination for Chairman shall be opened to Active Members. With the exception of the Chairman's position, any Active Member in good standing shall be considered eligible for any other elected office.

C. TERM OF OFFICE: The officers of the Executive Committee shall normally be elected at the County Convention. The normal term of office shall be for a period of two (2) years beginning upon adjournment of

the County Convention except for officers elected between County Conventions to fill vacancies, in which case the term shall begin at the time of election. All terms of office shall extend until the convening of the next odd year County Convention unless an officer is unable to serve or is removed in accordance with these Rules.

D. TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS:

1. All members of the Executive Committee shall have one vote with exception of the members stated above in Section A, which are Precinct Chairman (who do not vote).

2. Official findings and recommendations of the Executive Committee, with a quorum present, shall be determined by a majority vote (50% + 1) unless specifically required elsewhere requiring a two thirds (2/3) vote.

3. The Executive Committee shall transact UCRP business in the interim between Mass Meetings/County Conventions, be vested with all duties, powers, and privileges possessed by the Party, shall act as the Party for the membership, and shall be the governing body of said Party, as provided for in these Rules and defined by Georgia law (O.C.G.A. 21-2-113).

4. The Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly.

5. Additional Executive Committee meetings, or general membership meetings may be called by the County Chairman, or upon written notice requesting a meeting, presented to the Secretary by 2/3 majority of the members of the Executive Committee.

6. All Executive Committee meeting notices shall be in writing, either by regular mail or electronic means, or by phone unless the meeting place, date and time were established at the last Executive Committee meeting.

E. QUORUMS: A quorum for the transaction of UCRP business shall consist of a minimum of 50 + 1 of the voting positions filled by the Executive Committee in person or by proxy.

F. PROXIES: Proxies shall be in written form acceptable by facsimile or electronic transmission substantially as prescribed in Addendum (A) attached to these rules, shall specify the meeting for which they are given, and shall be assigned by the maker. No verbal proxies are permitted. No proxies shall be allowed at the County Convention or Mass Meeting. A Committee member's proxy shall be revoked by said member upon his attendance at the Committee meeting for which it was given. No member shall hold more than two (2) proxies at any single Committee meeting. Each member shall be responsible for submitting his own proxy to the representative of his choice. No member shall submit more than four (4) proxies in lieu of his/her attendance in any consecutive twelve (12) month period.

G. VACANCIES:

1. In the event a vacancy is created in the office of Chairman, the 1st Vice Chairman shall immediately vacate his/her office, assume the office of Chairman automatically, immediately become acting Chairman, and shall serve as same with all duties, powers, and prerogatives of the County Chairman until the Executive Committee shall fill such vacancy at its next regular or special called meeting by a majority vote. The intention to fill such vacancy shall be set forth to the membership at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. In the event that the 1st Vice Chairman is unable to discharge this responsibility, the 2nd Vice Chairman shall function as outlined above.

2. In the event a vacancy is created in the office of any other officer on the Executive Committee, the Chairman shall have the authority to appoint someone to fill that vacancy with the approval of the Executive Committee. The intention to fill such vacancy shall be set forth in a written notice to the membership at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

3. When any officer vacates his/her office for any reason, all moneys, property, and documents rightly belonging to the Party shall be delivered to the Chairman or his designee within fifteen (15) days.

H. REMOVAL FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

1. Any officer may be removed from office for cause by the Executive Committee, subject to the terms and conditions prescribed herein, by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the quorum present at a duly called meeting of the Executive Committee, provided that such individual shall have been given:

- a. Written notice of such meeting sent by certified mail at least thirty-two (32) days prior to such meeting, setting forth the grounds for removal.
- b. An opportunity to be present at such meeting and or to be heard in person and or by any representative of his/her choice.
- c. Any officer removed from office may appeal the decision of the County Executive Committee to the District Executive Committee.
 1. Should an appeal be desired by the accused Notice should be given to the Chairman, and Secretary in writing within 30 days of request of hearing with the following content:
 - a. Witnesses desired to attend
 - b. Evidence wished to produce
 - c. Dispute of the accusations in writing from the accuser
 2. The Executive Board through recommendations from the Chairman and Secretary should set a reasonable date for hearing

I. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

1. CHAIRMAN: The County Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Party, shall preside at all meetings thereof, shall have the general supervision of the affairs of the Executive Committee, shall convene County Conventions, and shall be the official spokesman for the Party. The Chairman, whether elected at County Convention or by Executive Committee, shall have served on the immediate past Executive Committee up until the time of his election as Chairman. The Chairman shall be responsible for providing a meeting location with the necessary agendas for the Executive Committee meetings, all regularly scheduled monthly meetings, and any other meetings as may be required. The Chairman shall oversee the administration of the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all committees excluding the Nominating Committee. The Chairman shall be responsible for executing the following and additional acts as necessary:

a. The County Chairman may appoint special committees and their chairmen as he/she deems desirable, and he/she may dissolve such committees. Appointment by the Chairman of representatives on county boards and commissions such as the Republican members of the Union County Board of Elections shall

require approval by a majority of the Executive Committee. The County Chairman shall appoint temporary County Convention Committees and their respective chairmen, subject to the approval by a majority of the Executive Committee, not less than twenty (20) days before a County Convention. When the Rules provide that the County Chairman shall have the power to appoint, this power does not transfer to another officer presiding over meetings as acting chair.

b. The County Chairman shall be responsible for coordinating the UCRP with the State and District Committees. These duties shall include, but are not limited to, coordinating details involved with Mass Meetings and the County Convention.

c. The County Chairman shall be responsible for coordinating all programs for the UCRP but have the authority to delegate the same to a competent Executive Committee member should the Chairman desire, and also revoke that delegations should it be deemed necessary or desired.

2. FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN: The 1st Vice Chairman shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the Chairman. He/she shall perform duties and special assignments as requested by the County Chairman.

3. SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN: the 2nd Vice Chairman shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the County Chairman and the 1st Vice Chairman. He/she shall perform duties and special assignments as requested by the County Chairman.

4. SECRETARY: The Secretary shall be the official record keeper of the UCRP. The secretary shall keep and maintain an accurate record of the proceedings of all official meetings, including an accurate attendance record. The Secretary shall maintain an accurate list of Active Members and a list of Members, if available, as well as lists of members of all committees and their functions. The Secretary shall notify members of upcoming meetings, events, and conventions. The Secretary shall be the custodian of Party records, including a property inventory book, but not including the Treasurer's records. No records or minutes shall be released to anyone without prior approval by the Executive Committee.

5. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the UCRP and shall be the custodian of all financial matters of the Party. The Treasurer shall collect all monies due to the UCRP and the Treasurer shall be authorized to make payment of all just debts of the UCRP with the approval of the Executive Committee. Records of all collections and expenditures from the UCRP treasury shall be reviewed and signed by the Treasurer. The Executive Committee may audit the Treasurer's ledgers, books, and records at any time. A report of all revenues and expenditures shall be made available to all members of the Party. He/she shall perform other such duties as requested by the County Chairman. No financial records shall be released without prior approval by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall maintain an accurate record of all members whose dues are current. The Treasurer shall also maintain a separate list of the status of Executive Committee members' dues.

6. Media Specialist: The Media Specialist will maintain social media platforms. He/she will perform web site updates as well as print and bill board ads, He/she shall perform duties and special assignments as requested by the County Chairman.

7. Coordinator of Membership recruitment and involvement: The Coordinator of Membership will serve as Chairperson of the Membership Committee. He/she will work with other members of the Executive Committee to ensure new comers to Union County are welcome. He/she shall perform duties and special assignments as requested by the County Chairman.

8. PRECINCT and SCHOOL DISTRICT CHAIRMAN/~~VICE CHAIRMAN~~: This Chairman's primary duty shall be to increase Republican voting strength within the realm of his/her jurisdiction. Additionally this Chair shall provide the County Chairman with names of persons who are willing to serve in positions on boards and/or committees. He/she shall perform other such duties as requested by the County Chairman. This Chair must reside in his/her respective Precinct/School District. This Chair shall be responsible to the County Chairman for the "grassroots" political activity and party growth within his/her territory and present issues within this territory to the Executive Committee.

9. Immediate past outgoing Chairman's of UCRP: The immediate past outgoing Chairman will work with the Executive Committee to ensure on going activities continue. He/she will help by giving advice based on his/her experience.

10. SERGEANT AT ARMS: The Sergeant at Arms shall maintain order during meetings of the Party and shall be elected at the County convention.

11. PARLIAMENTARIAN: The Parliamentarian shall interpret UCRP Rules, State Party Rules and Roberts Rules of Order, and shall be elected at the annual County convention.

12. CHAPLAIN: The Chaplain will open all official meetings with prayer and will minister to the spiritual needs of the UCRP as needed, and shall be appointed by the Chairman.

J. RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN ENDORSEMENT: In the event a person qualifies for election to public office as "a Republican," the Party reserves the Right to Engage in Endorsement in the GENERAL ELECTION when it is a binary choice of a Republican, Democrat, or Independent candidate. Consistent with furthering the cause of the Party, as stated in Article I, and opposing conduct or activity that is detrimental to the Party as stated in Article II, the Executive Committee may, at its discretion, exclude non-endorsed candidates for public office from receiving Party funds in any election and may make publicly known that the Party does not recognize or support such candidate(s) running on the Republican ticket. A decision to exercise the Right to Engage in Endorsement shall require the majority vote of the Executive Committee and shall be recorded in the official minutes of the meeting. The Executive Committee and/or the Party shall not be held liable for its exercise or omission of this right. This right shall in no way prohibit nor prevent any person from exercising his/her right to qualify for office as "a Republican" as provided for by Georgia law and is intended to encourage candidates for public office to have active participation in the Party before seeking office consistent with furthering the cause of the Party.

K. BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS: The Union County Board of Elections Members shall be appointed by the County Chairman and approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Duties of the Elections Board Members, shall be governed by the State Election Code, State Laws, and the State Elections Board. The Elections Board Members shall report Election Board activities at regular meetings. The Chairman of the Union County Republican Party shall certify the Election of the aforesaid members to the governing authority of Union County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Union County in accordance with Georgia Laws 1986 volume 2, NO. 774 at pages 3533-3539. Certification shall be within five (5) days of the aforesaid appointment of the two (2) members.

ARTICLE V: SCHOOL DISTRICT/PRECINCT COMMITTEE:

A. OFFICERS: The officers of the School District / Precinct Committee shall be comprised of its Chairman, Vice Chairman and its Secretary.

B. ELECTION: Unless by authorized primary, officers shall be elected at the individual School District/Precinct Mass Meeting prior to the County Convention. The current School District/Precinct Chairman if any shall conduct the election.

C. SUBJUGATION: School District/Precincts, their officers, committees, terms, rules, vacancies and all subsequent activities shall be subject to the rules and requirements of the official Party Rules and the presiding Executive Committee.

D. PURPOSE: The School District/Precinct Committee shall conduct timely meetings and maintain the rolls of active Republican residents so as to enhance the Party’s ability to mobilize members and voters in times of need.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS:

A. GENERAL MEETINGS: There shall be a general meeting held at least once each month throughout the year unless the Executive Committee by majority vote cancels a meeting.

B. SPECIAL MEETINGS: The Chairman and/or the Executive Committee may call a special meeting at such time, date, place, and method as they may consider appropriate.

C. NOTICE: Notices which may be required for meetings shall be governed by the applicable Article and Paragraph of these Rules.

D. ORDER OF BUSINESS: The order of business for Party meetings may follow this guideline:

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll call of officers
5. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
6. Committee Reports
 - Standing Committees
 - Nominating Committee
 - Program,
 - Candidate
 - Membership
 - Legislative
7. Report of election Board Member
8. Announcements
9. Treasurer’s report
10. Reports of officers including minutes from committee meetings
11. Program (if any)
12. Old Business (if any)
13. New Business
14. Adjournment

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES:

A. SPECIAL COMMITTEES: The Chairman shall, whenever necessary and appropriate, appoint special committees and their Chair to perform specific and limited duties. The tenure of each special committee shall be for the duration of the specific duty assigned to it, but shall not exceed beyond the end of the term of the appointing County Chair, except that any special committee may be continued by a succeeding Chairman with a mere statement on the minutes of the new Chairman of the continued service acknowledging the committee and its chair and members after taking office at the next officially called regularly general meeting.

B. STANDING COMMITTEES: The Executive Committee may appoint Active Members by a majority vote to the following standing committees: Program, Candidate, Membership, and Legislative. The Executive Committee may appoint a replacement in the event of any vacancy on standing committees. The Chair of each standing committee shall be as outlined in Article IV, Paragraph (G) Duties of Officers. Standing Committees have a specific job description and their respective responsibilities shall be as follows:

1. Program: The Program Committee shall meet as necessary and shall be responsible to the Executive Committee for the development and presentation of programs for the Party. The scope of programs shall encompass both new and long-standing activities that enrich the credibility, visibility, membership and income of the Party to include: fund-raising, speakers, training, and networking opportunities. The Committee may employ special subcommittees to effectively accomplish its tasks, particularly for established events such as the annual Barbecue, and Christmas party, etc.

2. Candidate: The Candidate Committee shall meet as necessary and shall be responsible for seeking out, screening, training, and otherwise developing a slate of candidates for public office.

3. Membership: The Membership Committee shall meet as necessary and is responsible for the active recruitment of new members and the retention of present members. The Committee shall identify and develop skills and traits within the membership and assist members in becoming active in the appropriate activities, projects or committees of the Party.

4. Legislative: The Legislative Committee shall meet as necessary and shall be responsible for keeping in touch with elected officials, keeping abreast of proposed and pending bills in both the House and Senate chambers, keeping the Executive Committee informed of proposed legislation that may impact the Party and/or citizens locally and statewide, and visiting Representatives and Senators when the Legislature is in session to share the views of the Party in support of desirable bills and opposition to undesirable bills. The Legislative Committee shall report the results of their meetings to the Executive Committee and assist the Party with any further communications needed with the legislators concerning action on any bill.

ARTICLE VIII: COUNTY CONVENTIONS & MASS MEETINGS:

A. THE CALL:

1. SCHOOL DISTRICT/PRECINCT MASS MEETINGS: The School District/Precinct Mass Meetings shall be convened at the appointed time as mandated by the Call of the Georgia Republican Party by the present School District/Precinct Chairman for the purpose of electing a new School District/Precinct Chairman and Secretary as well as Delegates to the County Convention. The meeting shall be conducted in compliance with these Rules.

2. COUNTY CONVENTION: In odd-numbered years the Active Members shall elect Executive Committee officers and organize the Party in the respective Precincts for the next two years. In

both odd-numbered and Presidential Election years Delegates and Alternates shall be elected, as set forth in the Call to the Congressional and State Conventions, respectively.

3. NOTIFICATION: The Executive Committee shall send a copy of the Call to each Executive Committee member. The County Chairman, upon receipt of this Call from the Georgia Republican Party, shall cause a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held to issue a Call for Mass Meetings, for the purpose of electing (in odd-numbered years only) Executive Committee officers and School District/Precinct officers and (in both odd-numbered and Presidential Election years) Delegates and Alternates to the County, District, and State Conventions.

B. INTERIM CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

1. POST CONVENTION COMMITTEES: The County Chairman shall appoint subject to the qualifications of these rules all interim committees no less than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the County Convention. The Chairman must appoint an Interim Rules Committee, Interim Nominating Committee and Interim Credentials Committee and may also appoint other committees as appropriate. Appointments to the Interim Nominating Committee shall be subject to approval by majority vote of the Executive Committee. At least one representative from each School District/Precinct will be appointed to the Interim Credentials Committee when possible.

2. NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS: The Chairman of each Convention Committee shall provide notice to the Executive Committee reflecting the meeting schedule for their respective committees. The Executive Committee shall provide written notice at least ten (10) days in advance to all appointees of said committees the time, date and place of Convention Committee meetings.

3. INTERIM COMMITTEE DUTIES:

a. RULES COMMITTEE: The Interim Rules Committee shall prepare the Rules and Order of Business for the conduct of the County Convention in advance thereof and submit them to the Executive Committee for its consideration and report at the County Convention. The Executive Committee shall make a copy of the rules and proposed changes available to all delegates and alternates upon their registration at the County Convention.

b. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Interim Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one eligible candidate for each Executive Committee position to be filled at the County Convention.

C. PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF MASS MEETINGS: Pursuant to Rule 5.12 of the Georgia Republican Party, the only required published notice shall be for Mass Meetings and said notice shall specify that Mass Meetings and County Convention will be held at separate times on the same date and at the same place. The Executive Committee shall cause to be printed in a newspaper of general circulation in Union County the notice of time, date, and place of said meeting not less than ten (10) days before the date of same. The Secretary shall send to the Secretary of the State Committee at the Georgia Republican Party a copy of the publication, including date, within five days of the close of the Convention.

D. COMMITTEES IN SESSION: No official business may be transacted at any Convention or Mass Meeting while any of its temporary or permanent committees are in session.

- E. VOTING:** Only Active Members in good standing, as defined in Article II-B, may hold an office in the respective School District/Precinct. Any member, as described in Article II-A, may be elected as a Delegate or Alternate and therefore eligible to participate in State, District and County Mass Meetings.
- F. SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS:** The County Chairman shall appoint a temporary Chairman of the Mass Meeting in the absence of a permanent Chairman of the political subdivision used to conduct the Mass Meeting.
- G. LOCATION AND TYPE OF MEETING:** Precinct Mass Meetings and the County Convention shall be held in buildings appropriate for public use within the geographic and political boundaries of Union County. All Mass Meetings and Conventions shall be open to the public as spectators only.
- H. ORDER OF BUSINESS:** The following order of business shall be followed for all Mass Meetings and County Conventions:
- 1. Call to Order:** At the time mandated by the Georgia Republican Party Call, following the School District/Precinct Mass Meetings, the County Chairman shall call the County Convention to order for the purpose of electing a Temporary Convention Chairman and Convention Secretary. Upon the close of electing the same, the County Chairman will relinquish the Chair of the County Convention to the Temporary Convention Chairman.
 - 2. Permanent Convention Officers:** The Temporary Convention Chairman shall hold the election of the permanent County Convention Chairman and other officers.
 - 3. Convention Appointments:** The Convention Chairman may appoint a Parliamentarian and Sergeant-at-Arms.
 - 4. Permanent Appointments:** The Convention Chairman shall make all Interim Convention Committees permanent.
 - 5. Committee Reports and Motions:** The Convention Chairman shall recognize the Convention Committees (e.g., Rules Committee, Nominating Committee, etc.) and ask for their full reports. The Convention Chair shall then ask for motions regarding the Committee Reports and shall oversee the vote on the motions from the floor.
 - 6. Nomination of Officers:** The Convention Chairman shall open the convention to nominations for elected positions of the UCRP Executive Committee for the coming respective two-year term.
 - 7. Nominating and Seconding Speeches:** The convention may allow for up to five (5) seconding speeches by supporters of each candidate, which shall not exceed five (5) minutes in length. The candidates for office shall then be allotted ten (10) minutes each to address the delegates to the County Convention.
 - 8. Balloting:** There shall be a secret ballot for the office of County-Chairman. Open balloting shall elect all other officers. For uncontested offices, winners may be declared by a vote of acclamation by the Convention Chairman.
 - 9. Run-Off Balloting:** In the event of a contest involving two (2) candidates with no one candidate receiving more than fifty-percent (50%) of the vote, there shall be a run-off between those candidates with the greatest number of votes until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast. Item number 7 above may then be repeated.

10. Election of Delegates and Alternates to District and State Conventions: The Convention Chairman shall accept nominations from the floor for Delegates and Alternates to the District Republican Convention and to the Georgia Republican Party State Convention and conduct the election of same.

11. New Business: The Convention Chairman shall ask if there is any new or additional convention business that needs to be addressed and shall satisfy those motions and votes.

12. Installation of Office: The Convention Chairman shall recognize and turn over the convention to the newly elected County Chairman.

13. Motion to Adjourn: The new County Chairman shall then call for the motion and adjourn the County Convention.

ARTICLE IX: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:

A. RULES OF CONDUCT: Except as modified by these Rules, current edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all deliberations, County Conventions, Precinct and Mass Meetings, and their respective committees.

B. SEVERABILITY: To the extent that any rule herein, or section thereof, is or becomes in conflict with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party or the Georgia Election Code, such rule or section thereof is superseded thereby and void, and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

C. AMENDMENTS: These Rules may be amended or replaced in their entirety as follows:

1. At any County Convention of the Union County Republican Party by a majority vote.
2. At any Executive Committee meeting of the Union County Republican Party by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum being present after a second reading of the proposed amendment being conducted at the prior regularly scheduled meeting. Executive Board Members shall be given notice at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting setting forth the intention to amend or replace the Rules and details of the proposed amendment(s) or replacement.

D. OATH OF AFFIRMATION FROM CANDIDATES. Any candidate for elective office running as a Republican Party candidate shall submit to the Executive Committee the following oath affirming his/her allegiance to the Party by writing, signing, and submitting the following oath. Failure to submit said Oath will allow the Party the option to disavow its support of, and association with, said candidate running for public office within the electoral boundaries of Union County:

I do solemnly swear or affirm my allegiance to the Union County Republican Party that I shall adhere to and uphold its Rules and Principles and that of the Georgia Republican Party and the Republican Party of the United States.

Signature of Candidate _____

Name and title of Executive Committee Witness _____

Date _____

E. CANDIDATE QUALIFYING QUESTION Any candidate for elective office running as a Republican Party candidate shall submit to the Executive Committee an answer to the following question.

Is there anything, any threat against you, your family, your property or possessions that would cause you to shrink back from or recant your oath to uphold the US Constitution and the Georgia Constitution against all enemies both foreign and domestic? (There is no answer that would disallow the candidate to be prevented from qualifying.)

ARTICLE X. EFFECTIVE DATE

These Rules and any amendments thereto, shall become effective immediately after their adoption. Ratified and adopted this 17th day of April, 2021, by a majority vote of the Union County Republican Party at its Annual Convention and attested to by the undersigned.

Chair: s/ Dena Gooch

Secretary: s/

These Rules were filed with the Office of the Probate Judge of Union County, Georgia, before or on **May 3, 2021**.