



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 of the UCRP is the Union County Republican Party, Inc.

B. TERRITORY: The geographical area that the UCRP represents shall be all the 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 promote election of Republican nominees for public office in Union County, to manage the affairs of the UCRP, and to engage in other 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 authority and representative body of the Republican platform and policies within Union County. It shall function to assist, develop, implement, encourage, educate, and create Republican principles within Union County. It shall strive to recruit and elect qualified Republican candidates to available public offices.

E. GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

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

ARTICLE II: PARTY MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:

A. MEMBERS: All legal and qualified registered voters residing within Union County, Georgia, who support Republican Party principles, policies, aims, purposes, and candidates, are eligible to be members of the UCRP. Members may participate in meetings, county conventions, and other public functions. All UCRP members are encouraged to satisfy the requirements in Article II-B, to participate in UCRP leadership positions, and to promote the Party agenda.

B. ACTIVE MEMBERS: An Active Member is defined as any member who has a) paid membership dues and b) attended at least three scheduled Party activities in person in the preceding 12 month period. UCRP County Committee members are required to be Active Members.

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

D. PARTICIPATION: All UCRP members are encouraged to participate in all primary, general, and special elections in Union County, and to attend all UCRP general program meetings, county conventions, and other functions, in accordance with the rules of conduct thereof.

ARTICLE III: COUNTY COMMITTEE:

A. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE: The UCRP County Committee shall be the governing body of the UCRP and perform as the Board of Directors for the Union County Republican Party, Inc. The County Committee shall establish the operating policies of the UCRP. No duties, powers, or privileges specifically assigned to the County Committee by the Georgia Republican Party, or the laws of the State of Georgia shall be delegated to the Executive Committee. The County Committee delegates duties, powers and privileges regarding the implementation of UCRP policies and the day-to-day activities of the UCRP to the Executive Committee. The County Committee is responsible for the State Call, per state rule, and shall decide all controversies arising within its jurisdiction, per State Rule 8.8. The UCRP County Committee shall meet a minimum of once per quarter.

The duties of the County Committee include but are not limited to:

- Amending the UCRP rules per Article IX.C
- Establishing policy for dispensing of funds
- Considering and establishing of fundraising projects
- Discussing and participating in District events, other Organization's events, and donations
- Discussing future programs
- Suggesting subcommittees and special committees, and their leaders to the Chairman, recognizing that control and execution is in the hands of the Chairman
- Any other items not specifically assigned to the Executive Committee shall be the responsibility of the County Committee

B. MEMBERSHIP: The County Committee shall be composed of the following voting officers elected at the most recent County Convention (except as noted below):

1. County Chairman

2. First Vice Chairman
3. Second Vice Chairman
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Media Specialist
7. Membership Chair
8. Prior Chairman of UCRP
9. Parliamentarian
10. Sergeant at Arms
11. Precinct Chairs
 - Precinct 1 – Blairsville
 - Precinct 2 – Jones Creek
 - Precinct 3 – Owltown
 - Precinct 4 – Ivy Log
 - Precinct 5 – Suches
 - Precinct 6 – Trackrock
 - Precinct 7 – Dooley
 - Precinct 8 – Gumlog
 - Precinct 9 – Pat Colwell
 - Precinct 10 – Coosa
 - Precinct 11 - Choestoe
12. Chaplain: Optional, non-voting member appointed by County Chairman

C. 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 general supervision of the Party UCRP committees, including the County Committee and Executive Committee, shall convene County Conventions, shall be the official spokesman for the Party, and shall have all rights and powers ancillary to these activities. The Chairman, whether elected at County Convention or by County Committee, shall have served on the immediate past County Committee up until the time of his election as Chairman. The County Chairman will oversee the administration of the County Committee, and determine and provide agendas for County Committee meetings, general program meetings, and other meetings as may be required. The County Chairman shall be a member or an ex-officio member of all UCRP committees. The County Chairman shall be responsible for executing the following and all related activities:

(a) The County Chairman may appoint special committees and their chairmen as he or she deems desirable and may dissolve such committees. Appointment by the County Chairman of representatives on county boards and commissions (such as Republican members of the Union County Board of Elections) shall require approval by a majority of the County Committee. The County Chairman shall appoint temporary County Convention Committees and their respective chairmen, subject to the approval by a majority of the County Committee, not less than 45 days before the convention. Where these Rules give the County Chairman power to appoint, this power does not transfer to another officer presiding over any meeting as acting chair or otherwise.

(b) The County Chairman shall be responsible for coordinating the UCRP with the Republican Party State and District Committees, including, without limitation, coordinating details and activities of general program meetings and the County Convention.

2. **FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN:** The First Vice Chairman shall preside over UCRP meetings in the absence of the County Chairman and shall represent the UCRP at 9th District and State Party meetings and activities when needed, establish topics and secure speakers for general program meetings, provide speaker/participant bios to the Media Specialist, and provide the Volunteer Manager with timely information to ensure appropriate meeting and event facilities. He or she shall perform additional duties and special assignments as requested by the County Chairman.
3. **SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN:** The Second Vice Chairman shall preside over UCRP meetings and activities in the absence of the County Chairman and First Vice Chairman, and represent the UCRP at 9th District and State Party meetings and activities when needed. He or she shall manage Party headquarter facilities and shall supervise its activities and location, schedule and train workers, ensure adequate and appropriate inventory, and provide merchandise and materials at meetings and events, and develop and oversee processes for handling money, membership signups and ancillary functions of the headquarters. The Second Vice Chairman shall establish a process to collect contact information for interested individuals visiting the headquarters and shall provide these to the Secretary for additions and updates to mailing lists. He or she shall perform additional 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 maintain an accurate record of the proceedings, per Article VI, of all official meetings, including an accurate attendance record. The Secretary shall maintain 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. During election years, he or she will manage the poll watcher process for UCRP. No UCRP records or minutes shall be released beyond the procedures stated in these rules, without prior approval of the County Chairman and County Committee.
5. **TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the UCRP and shall be custodian of all financial records of the Party. The Treasurer shall collect all monies due to the UCRP and is authorized to make payment of all obligations of the UCRP. Records of all collections and expenditures from the UCRP treasury shall be reviewed and signed by the Treasurer. The County Committee may audit the Treasurer's ledgers, books, and records at any time. A report of all revenues and expenditures may be made available to any member of the Party with the prior approval of the County Chairman. The Treasurer will coordinate with Membership on the recording of member/sponsor receipts, and renewal status. He or she shall report UCRP revenues and expenditures to the County Committee or Executive Committee, as applicable, on a monthly basis. The renewal list will be provided to the Secretary for notices to members. The Treasurer shall maintain banking and payment processing relationships on behalf of the UCRP. He or she shall perform additional duties and special assignments as requested by the County Chairman.
6. **MEDIA SPECIALIST:** The Media Specialist will maintain social media platforms, including a UCRP website and local news sources. He or she will post timely updates to social media regarding upcoming activities and meetings, will develop news articles and advertisements about activities and events sponsored by the UCRP, and will actively seek out and post timely Union County news regarding elections and events relating to UCRP and its purpose. He or she shall perform additional duties and special assignments as requested by the County Chairman.
7. **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:** The Membership Chair shall manage the recruitment of UCRP members. He or she shall manage sponsorship and membership programs, market benefits to

Union County businesses and residents, and design membership programs to enhance recruitment. The Membership Chair will work with the Media Specialist to develop marketing information and materials for use on social media platforms. The Chair shall maintain an accurate list of Active Members and a list of UCRP members, if available and will coordinate with the Secretary on such lists. The Membership Chair will provide regular reports on membership levels and related financial results. The Membership Chair will coordinate with the Treasurer on the recording of member/sponsor receipts, renewal status, and will notify members at renewal time of dues to be paid. He or she shall perform additional duties and special assignments as requested by the County Chairman.

8. **PRIOR CHAIRMAN OF UCRP:** The immediate past UCRP Chairman will work with the County Committee to ensure continuity of on-going activities and plans and, to the extent possible, shall provide ongoing advice based on experience.
9. **PARLIAMENTARIAN:** The Parliamentarian shall interpret UCRP Rules, 9th District Rules, State Party Rules, and Roberts Rules of Order.
10. **SERGEANT AT ARMS:** The Sergeant at Arms shall maintain order during meetings and functions of the Party.
11. **PRECINCT CHAIRS:** Each Precinct Chair shall represent the Union County voting precinct in which he or she resides and shall be elected at County Conventions as per The Call, by a majority vote of all UCRP members present who reside in such voting precinct. A Precinct Chair is responsible for increasing Republican voting strength within his or her precinct and, upon request, will provide the County Chairman with names of people willing to participate in UCRP activities or to serve on boards and/or committees. Each Precinct Chair is responsible for the “grassroots” political activity and party growth within his or her territory, will make reports of his or her efforts to the County Committee (and to the County Chairman from time to time upon request), and will present issues within the precinct to the County Committee. Precinct Chairs shall perform additional duties and special assignments as requested by the County Chairman.

The Precinct Chair Representative of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the County Convention by and from the newly elected Precinct Chairs.

12. **CHAPLAIN:** The Chaplain will open all official meetings with prayer and will minister to the spiritual needs of the UCRP as needed. He or she will be appointed by the Chairman, as a non-voting member of the County Committee.

D. TERM OF OFFICE: Each officer of the County Committee shall be elected at the County Convention for a term of approximately two years, beginning upon adjournment of the County Convention and continuing until adjournment of the next odd year County Convention. If an officer resigns, is unable to serve due to incapacity or death, or is removed from office in accordance with these Rules, the County Chairman shall have the power to appointment a replacement for the remainder of the officer’s term and the replacement must be confirmed by a majority vote at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the County Committee or Executive Committee, whichever comes first.

E. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS: All meetings of the County Committee shall follow the guidelines in Article VI, Meetings.

The meetings of the County Committee are to be open to the membership of the UCRP with the exceptions of:

- i. Meetings with a lawyer with respect to actual or potential litigation involving the UCRP.
 - ii. Meetings involving removal of officers and members (see section G).
 - iii. Entering into lease or purchase agreements.
 - iv. At request and vote, by County Committee members, during a County Committee meeting.
1. Each voting member of the County Committee shall have one vote. Official findings and recommendations of the County Committee, with a quorum present (as defined in VI.D & VI.E), shall be determined by a majority vote (i.e., 50% + 1 of members voting), except as otherwise specifically provided in these Rules. If quorum of the County Committee is not present, the item may be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and vote.
 2. Additional County Committee or special meetings may be called by the County Chairman in his or her discretion and shall be called by the County Chairman upon the Secretary's receipt of a written request for a meeting, signed by five of the County Committee voting members.

F. VACANCIES:

1. If a vacancy is created in the office of County Chairman, the First Vice Chairman shall immediately vacate his/her office and assume the office of acting County Chairman automatically, and shall serve in such capacity with all duties, powers, and prerogatives of the County Chairman until the County Committee shall fill such vacancy by majority vote at its next regular or specially-called meeting attended by a quorum (as defined in VI.D & VI.E) of voting members of the County Committee. Notice of the intention to fill such vacancy shall be provided to the membership at least 10 days prior to the meeting. If the First Vice Chairman is unable to discharge this responsibility, the Second Vice Chairman shall function as outlined above.
2. If a vacancy is created in the office of any other officer on the County Committee, the County Chairman may appoint someone to fill that vacancy with the approval of the County Committee or Executive Committee at its next meeting. Notice of the intention to fill such vacancy shall be provided to the membership at least 10 days prior to the meeting.
3. When any officer vacates his/her office for any reason, all moneys, property, and documents belonging to the Party shall be delivered to the County Chairman or his/her designee within 15 days.

G. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS:

1. An officer of the UCRP may be suspended and/or removed by the County Committee in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Ninth District Republican Party of Georgia Rules ("9th District Rules") for failure to attend at least three Party activities in the preceding twelve months and, in the case of County Committee officers, for failure to attend applicable committee meetings as described in 9th District Rule 2.6.B.1 or for engaging in conduct in his or her official capacity that is detrimental to the Party as described in 9th District Rule 2.6.B.2. Such removal must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of a quorum (as defined in VI.D & VI.E) present at a duly called meeting, provided the individual is given (a) written notice of such meeting sent by certified mail to his or her address shown in the UCRP membership records, at least 32 days prior to such meeting, setting forth the grounds for removal, and (b) an opportunity to be present at such meeting and to be heard in person and or by a representative of his or her choice.

2. Any individual removed from office may appeal the decision to the District Executive Committee. Should an appeal be desired, notice must be delivered by such individual to the District Chairman and District Secretary in writing within 30 days following the County removal hearing. Such notice must include the following content: (a) witnesses desired to attend, (b) evidence to be produced, and (c) the individual's written dispute of the accusations resulting in removal. The District Executive Committee, through recommendations from its Chairman and Secretary, will set a reasonable date for hearing and its determination of the appeal shall be final.

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

A. NUMBER AND TYPE OF OFFICERS: The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the following County Committee members:

1. County Chairman
2. First Vice Chairman
3. Second Vice Chairman
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Media Specialist
7. Membership Chair
8. Prior Chairman of UCRP
9. Parliamentarian
10. Sergeant at Arms
11. Precinct Representative
12. Chaplain: Optional, non-voting member appointed by County Chairman

B. DUTIES OF OFFICERS: The duties of the officers of the Executive Committee shall be the same as those duties described for the County Committee with the addition of the Precinct Representative.

The Precinct Representative shall be a Precinct Chair elected, at the County Convention, to be the single representative of the Precinct Chairs to the Executive Committee.

C. TRANSACTION OF UCRP BUSINESS: The Executive Committee shall transact UCRP business in the interim between County Committee meetings, be vested with the powers and privileges as directed by the County Committee.

D. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS: All meetings of the Executive Committee shall follow the guidelines in Article VI, Meetings.

1. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote. Official findings and recommendations of the Executive Committee, with a quorum (as defined in VI.D & VI.E) present, shall be determined by a majority vote (i.e., 50% + 1 of members voting), except as otherwise specifically provided in these Rules.
2. All Executive Committee meeting notices shall be in writing, either by regular mail or electronic means, or by text unless the meeting place, date and time were established at the last Executive Committee meeting. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the County Chairman, on a monthly basis, or more frequently in the County Chairman's discretion. The County Chairman

shall call an Executive Committee meeting upon the Secretary's receipt of a written request for a meeting, signed by two-thirds of the Executive Committee voting members.

ARTICLE V: FISCAL YEAR, DUES AND EXPENSES:

- A. FISCAL YEAR:** Each UCRP fiscal year shall begin on the first day of each March and continue through the last day of February in the succeeding year.
- B. DUES:** The amount of dues for the membership at large shall be established by the County Committee and may be changed at any time by the County Committee. The terms of dues requirements shall be concurrent with dates of the UCRP fiscal year. Individual member dues may be waived by the County Chairman upon evidence of an inability to pay. The dues requirement may be waived by the County Committee for high school students, as well as full time college and graduate students.
- C. EXPENSES:** All claims by individuals for reimbursement of expenses, presented within 10 business days after incurred in the conduct of UCRP business, 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 of expenses incurred during any UCRP fiscal year must be submitted prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year on March 1. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS. All requests for reimbursement are subject to review and approval by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer and 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 VI: MEETINGS:

- A. COUNTY COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** This item applies to all scheduled meetings of the County Committee, and Executive Committee. The agenda of the next scheduled meeting, together with the minutes of the previous meeting, shall be made available five days prior to the next scheduled meeting. The agenda and minutes should be published to the County Committee via email.

The agenda for County Committee and Executive Committee meetings shall include membership comments, on Agenda items only, and will occur:

- Immediately after approval of the Agenda;
- Will be limited to members only; and
- Will be limited to 3 minutes for each speaker.

- B. GENERAL PROGRAM MEETINGS:** The agenda for the General Program Meeting shall include reports of all standing and special committees, and should be published to all members via email.

The General Program Meeting shall be held at least once each calendar month unless the County or Executive Committee by majority vote cancels the meeting. All business-related discussions may be referred to the County Committee meeting. Any official action taken by the membership at a general meeting shall require approval by 50% + 1 of the Members in attendance.

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

D. QUORUM: A quorum for the transaction of UCRP business at any County Committee or Executive Committee meeting shall consist of a minimum of 50% + 1 of the filled voting positions, in person or by proxy.

E. PROXIES: A proxy shall be in written form signed by the maker, shall specify the particular meeting for which it is given, shall be dated no more than one month prior to such meeting, and shall be delivered in person to the Secretary by the proxy holder before commencement of the applicable meeting. No verbal proxies are permitted. The Secretary, in his or her discretion, may accept a proxy received by him or her via electronic transmission. No proxies are allowed at a County Convention. A proxy shall be automatically revoked by the maker's attendance at the meeting for which it was given. No member shall hold more than two proxies at any particular meeting. No member shall send more than four proxies in lieu of his or her attendance in any consecutive 12-month period.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES:

A. SPECIAL COMMITTEES: The County Chairman may, whenever necessary and appropriate, appoint special committees and their chairs 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 extend beyond the term of the appointing County Chairman; provided, however, that a special committee may be continued by a succeeding County Chairman through his or her statement acknowledging the committee and its activities, made at and recorded in the meeting minutes of the next County Committee, Executive Committee or general program meeting following appointment of such new County Chairman.

B. STANDING COMMITTEES: The County Committee may appoint Active Members by a majority vote to the following standing committees: Program, Candidate, Membership, and Legislative. The County Committee may appoint a replacement in the event of any vacancy on standing committees. Standing Committee responsibilities are to be as follows:

- 1. Program Committee:** The Program Committee, lead by the 1st Vice Chair, shall meet as necessary and shall be responsible to the County 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, including fund-raising, speakers, training, and networking opportunities. The Committee may employ special subcommittees to effectively accomplish its tasks.
- 2. Candidate Committee:** The Candidate Committee shall meet as necessary and shall be responsible for seeking out, screening, training, and otherwise developing a potential slate of candidates for public office.
- 3. Membership Committee:** The Membership Committee, lead by the Membership Chair, 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 Committee:** 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 the Georgia State Legislature, keeping the County 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 County 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: County Conventions and Mass Meetings shall be conducted, in odd numbered years and Presidential Election years, according to the Call of the Georgia Republican Party presented by the State Committee and the rules of the Republican Party which is available on the Georgia State GOP website. The County Committee shall make the membership aware of the Call and shall post it on the Union County GOP website. All other procedures not included in the State Call are provided in the rules below.

B. CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

1. **PRE- 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.

At least one representative from each Precinct will be appointed to the Interim Credentials Committee when possible.

2. INTERIM COMMITTEE DUTIES:

- a. **RULES COMMITTEE:** The Interim Rules Committee shall review The Call and any State rules and instructions. They may also develop further Rules, Procedures, and Order of Business not specified in The Call, for the conduct of the County Convention in advance thereof and submit them to the County Committee for its consideration and report at the County Convention. The County Committee shall make a copy of the rules and proposed changes available to the membership at least 20 days prior to the convention. The County 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 prepare a report including all interested parties who qualify for each County Committee position. Only Active Members are qualified for County Committee positions. Candidates should provide the Nominating Committee their submission at least 15 days before the convention and, once qualified, shall have access to the Union County Republican Party membership list per Article 9.10.E of the Georgia GOP State Rules. The Nominating Committee Report should be made available to membership at least 10 days prior to the convention. The presented candidates shall be allowed up to 250 words in the report, to identify their credentials, intentions, and vision. An individual may only run for one County Committee position.

- c. **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:** The Interim Credentials Committee shall consist of at least one representative from each precinct, if available. They shall follow the rules of The Call and any associated state rules to implement procedures and reports that assure that all Convention Delegates are eligible.

C. ORDER OF BUSINESS: The following order of business shall be followed for all Mass Meetings and County Conventions:

1. **PRECINCT CAUCUS:** The Precinct Caucus shall follow The Call. After the Precinct Caucus, each of the Precinct Chairs shall assemble to recommend a Precinct Representative for a position on the Executive Committee. This Representative shall be included in the list of officers voted during the County Convention. Nominations from the floor, for this Representative, must be a Precinct Chair.
2. **CALL TO ORDER:** At the time mandated by the Georgia Republican Party Call, following the 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.
3. **PERMANENT CONVENTION OFFICERS:** The Temporary Convention Chairman shall hold the election of the permanent County Convention Chairman and other officers.
4. **CONVENTION APPOINTMENTS:** The Convention Chairman shall appoint a Parliamentarian and Sergeant-at-Arms.
5. **PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS:** The Convention Chairman shall make all Interim Convention Committees permanent.
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MOTIONS:** The Convention Chairman shall recognize the Convention Committees (e.g., Rules 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.
7. **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:** For each remaining position of the County Committee (all positions except those already voted Precinct Chairs),
 - i The nominating committee will report on the candidates for the position.
 - ii The Convention Chairman shall then open the position to nominations from the floor for the position. The nominees from the floor must be present to accept the nomination or submit a letter stating they will serve in the position if elected.
 - iii The convention may allow Each candidate up to 5 minutes to address the delegates of the County Convention.
 - iv The Convention Chair shall conduct the voting for the position before moving on to the next position.

8. **BALLOTING:** There may be a secret ballot, upon request, 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 more than two (2) candidates with no one candidate receiving more than fifty-percent (50%) of the vote, there shall be a run-off between the top two candidates.
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. **APPLICATION OF RULES:** These Rules shall not be inconsistent with the 9th District Rules or the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party. In the event of any conflict among these rules, the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party shall prevail, then the 9th District Rules shall govern, and only nonconflicting Rules herein shall apply. Except as modified by these Rules, the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all deliberations and meetings of the County Committee, Executive Committee, general membership, County Convention, precinct, standing and special committees, and other UCRP bodies.
- B. **SEVERABILITY:** To the extent that any Rule herein, or section thereof, is prohibited by the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party, the Georgia Election Code, or any other applicable law, 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 County Committee meeting of the Union County Republican Party by a two-thirds vote of a quorum being present, following first and second readings of the proposed amendment at prior regularly scheduled meetings. Committee members shall be given notice at least 10 days prior to each such 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 County Committee the following oath affirming his or 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 County Committee Witness _____
Date _____

E. CANDIDATE QUALIFYING QUESTION: Any candidate for elective office running as a Republican Party candidate shall submit to the County 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 prevent the candidate from qualifying).

ARTICLE X: EFFECTIVE DATE:

These Rules (including any amendments thereto) shall become effective immediately after their adoption. Ratified and adopted this 16th day of March, 2024, by a majority vote of the Union County Republican Party at its Annual Convention and attested to by the undersigned.

County Chairman: s/ Dena Gooch

Secretary: s/ Linda Hill

These Rules were filed with the Office of the Probate Judge of Union County, Georgia, before or on March 31, 2024

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March 19, 2016

March 18, 2017

March 9, 2019

April 17, 2021

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Previous dates unknown

March 14, 2015

March 19, 2016

March 18, 2017

March 9, 2019
April 17, 2021
March 11, 2023
March 16, 2024