

DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY RULES



Adopted April 17, 2021

Party Membership and Participation

1. All citizens qualified to vote under the laws of the State of Georgia who reside in Douglas County, Georgia, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policies and are in sympathy with its aims and purposes, may participate as members of the Douglas County Republican Party in its conventions and mass meetings in the county.
2. All chairpersons, precinct officers and delegate to conventions and voters in mass meetings must be residents and registered electors of Douglas County. Precinct officers and delegates must also be residents of their respective precinct.

County Committee

3. The Douglas County Republican Committee, hereinafter called the County Committee, shall be responsible for formulating the policy of the Party in the county, shall convene county conventions and mass meetings, and shall resolve disputes arising within its jurisdiction. The County Committee shall act as the Republican Party between conventions with the duty to enhance the prestige and build the strength of the Party, except that such portions of this duty as the Committee sees fit may be delegated to an Executive Committee.
4. The County Committee shall include:
 - A. County Chair, who shall be the chief executive and public spokesperson for the County Committee and serve as Chair of the Executive Committee. He/she shall issue calls for county conventions and shall preside over such conventions until a temporary organization is effected. He/she shall convene the County Committee when the needs of the Party so demand, when a majority of the Executive Committee petitions or when one-fifth (1/5) of the County Committee membership petitions. He/she shall appoint such additional officers and committees as prescribed by these rules, as he/she deems appropriate.
 - B. First Vice-Chair, who shall assume the duties of the Chair in his/her absence or termination and shall perform other duties as assigned. He/she shall succeed as Chair in the event of its vacancy and shall serve on the Executive Committee.
 - C. Vice-Chair, who shall assume the duties of the Chair and First Vice-Chair, and shall perform other duties as assigned and shall serve on the Executive Committee.
 - D. Secretary, who shall maintain Party records, files and correspondence and shall serve on the Executive Committee.

E. Treasurer, only Party member who shall be responsible for collecting, disbursing and accounting for all Party revenues and shall serve on the Executive Committee.

F. Members-at-Large, in the numbers selected by the nominating committee, shall serve on the Executive Committee

G. The Chair from each precinct.

H. All members of the Executive Committee are also members of the County Committee.

5. The officers and members of the County Committee are also members of the County Committee. The county convention and shall hold office for two (2) years, or until their successors are duly selected, unless sooner removed by these Rules. Upon the death, resignation or removal from office of any officer or member of the County Committee, the Committee vacancy not specified in succession selection may be filled by a majority vote of the quorum present at a meeting called for such purpose, providing at least ten (10) days notice of the meeting and purpose have been given to Party members. The requirement of notice may be satisfied by a consent of notice, or newspaper or radio notice.

6. The County Chair may not hold any elective public office.

7. The County Committee shall meet at least every other year, but more often if voted in a regular meeting, or called with ten (10) days notice by either the Chair or by one-third of the Committee membership. A quorum for any meeting shall be a majority of the Committee membership.

Executive Committee

8. Officers and Members-at-Large elected to the Douglas County Republican Committee are members of the Executive Committee. The Chair of the County Committee may appoint additional individuals to the Executive Committee from its membership and from other members of the county party as appropriate. No more than 15 individuals may serve on the Executive Committee. Such an Executive Committee shall have all the powers of the full County Committee between County Committee meetings, except that it may not exercise the powers granted in paragraph/Rule 11, and it shall be responsible for executing the policy established by the full County Committee.

9. The County Executive Committee will have the power to investigate each and every person wishing to run for public office in Douglas County as a Republican candidate and to determine if said person is a bonafide candidate for the office that he/she is seeking, and that person is and has been affiliated with the beliefs of the Republican Party . If any person is

found not to be any of the above, the Executive Committee shall have the power to not allow said candidate to qualify to run for office as a Republican candidate.

Retention of Committee Membership

10. Members of the County Committee or of the Executive Committee may lose their membership on said committee or committees (1) if they relocate to a residence outside of Douglas County or (2) if they are absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings without notice unless their absence is excused by the County Chair or by vote of the County Committee.

11. Any elected county or precinct officer may be removed from the office for cause by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the County Committee, provided the officer has been given at least thirty-two (32) days written notice of the alleged cause and the date and place at which the vote will be taken. He/she shall have the opportunity to respond if he/she so desires. "Cause" may include continued failure to perform prescribed duties, or may be actions or conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Republican Party.

Precinct Officers

12. Each precinct shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. These officers will perform precinct duties as necessary. The Chair will also serve on the County Committee.

Precinct Mass Meetings and the County Convention

13. The County Chair will cause to be printed in the newspapers, not less than 10 days before the appointed date, a notice of the time and place the Mass Meetings and/or County Convention will be held. A copy of the published notice, including the date of publication, shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Committee of the Georgia Republican Party (GRP) within three (3) days of publication.

14. The Mass Meetings and County Convention shall be held in buildings appropriate for public use. Both meeting events shall be open to the public as spectators.

Precinct Mass Meetings

15. Precinct Mass Meetings will convene to each elect a temporary Mass Meeting Chair and Secretary who will preside to accept nominations and conduct an election of permanent Precinct Officers and Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention, conducting any additional business as necessary.

16. Precinct Mass Meetings will then adjourn and verify all credential forms or elected Delegates and Alternates. These forms will then be presented by the newly elected Precinct Officers to the County Chair prior to the convening of the County Convention.

County Convention

17. At the appointed time and place following the precinct Mass Meetings, the County Chair will call to order the County Convention Delegates and newly elected Precinct Officers, and will then accept nominations and conduct an election for a temporary Convention Chair, Parliamentarian, and Secretary. Upon effecting this temporary organization, the County Chair shall relinquish the chair to the temporary Chair.

18. The temporary Chair will appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms and will then accept nominations from the nominating committee and conduct the election of a County Chair; First Vice-Chair; Vice-Chairs; Secretary; Treasurer, and Members-at-Large.

19. Nominations and election of Delegates and Alternates to the District and State Conventions will then be accomplished.

20. The temporary Chair will then relinquish the chair to the newly elected County Chair. New County Chair may choose to appoint additional Party members to the Executive Committee to assist in the executing of Party business.

21. Rules, if necessary, will be proposed and adopted, and additional business will be conducted if necessary.

Rules

22. A Rules Committee may be appointed by the County Chair to formulate and propose County Rules for adoption at the county convention. Such Rules are intended to bind the County Committee during the term of said organization and to serve as a working base for the Rules Committee report to subsequent organizational County conventions.

23. The County Committee may change the Rules by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Committee members during a regularly scheduled meeting or duly called special meeting.

24. These County Rules shall be filed with the Elections Superintendent of Douglas County, with the Chair of the Republican District Committee of the appropriate Districts, and with the Republican State Committee, all within thirty (30) days after adoption.

25. These Rules, as adopted by the Douglas County Republican Committee, shall not be inconsistent with the laws of the State of Georgia, with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party and with the Rules of the Republican Party's appropriate Districts . If in conflict, the District and GOP Rules shall control or provide guidance not otherwise specifically included in the foregoing. The Douglas County Republican Party adopts as specified in the Georgia Republican Party Rules the 'OATH OF AFFIRMATION OF CANDIDATES'.

26. Except to the extent modified, if any, by the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be followed in all mass meetings and conventions.

These Rules were adopted effective the 17th day of April, 2021.

Robert Proctor, Convention Chairman

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