

Joint Rules of the Franklin County Republican Central and Executive Committees

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Article I

Name and Purpose

- Section 1. These Rules shall govern the organization and activities of the Franklin County Republican Central Committee [herein after, "Central Committee"] and the Franklin County Republican Executive Committee [herein after, "Executive Committee"].
- Section 2. It shall be the purpose of and duty of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee to manage the affairs of the Republican Party in Franklin County and perform all duties required of them by law or these Rules. The Executive Committee shall direct the general policy of the Party organization, direct and conduct campaign activities, promote the best interests of the Party, and recommend to the Secretary of State the Appointment of persons to the Board of Elections of Franklin County, as provided by law.

Article II

Organization and Officers

- Section 1. The first meeting of the Central Committee subsequent to its election at the primary election held in even numbered years shall be held as provided by law not earlier than six (6) nor later than fifteen (15) days following the date of the certification of the results of the primary election. At such meeting the temporary chairman and Secretary called for by section 3517.04 of the Ohio Revised Code shall be the retiring Chairman and retiring Secretary of the Executive Committee who shall conduct an election, by a majority vote of all members of the Central Committee, of a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as the Central Committee may deem necessary.
- Section 2. Other than as is provided by law, and as provided herein with respect to endorsements and conventions, all power and authority of the Central Committee is vested in the Executive Committee which shall consist of all of the members of the Central Committee and such additional persons as the Central Committee may from time to time determine, not to exceed 75% of the membership of the Central Committee, with the exception that all Columbus, Franklin County and district non-judicial officeholders serving in an office in which the Franklin County Republican Party endorses shall automatically become an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee. Such ex-officio members shall not be counted in meeting the requirements that appointed members of the Executive Committee

not exceed 75% of the membership of the Central Committee. At the meeting of the Central Committee referred to in Section 1 of this Article, the Central Committee may elect persons to the Executive Committee in addition to all the members of the Central Committee.

- Section 3. Upon completion of such elections, the meeting of the Central Committee shall be adjourned and thereupon a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened. Notice of such intended meeting of the Executive Committee shall be given to all outgoing members of the Executive Committee. The retiring Executive Committee chairman shall preside at such meeting until the election of a new Chairman of the Executive Committee.

At such meeting the Executive Committee shall elect its officers by a majority of all its members, provided, however, that only members of the Central Committee shall be eligible to vote for chairman of the Executive Committee and that a majority of members of the Central Committee shall be required to elect the chairman of the Executive Committee. In addition, the chairman of the Executive Committee shall appoint a county chairwoman, a general counsel and parliamentarian.

- Section 4. Any officer of the Central Committee and the chairman of the Executive Committee may be removed by a majority vote of all of the members of the Central Committee. Any officer of the Executive Committee except the chairman may be removed by a majority vote of all the members of the Executive Committee.

- Section 5. Persons who have served the Franklin County Republican Party as Chairman of the Executive Committee for a continuous period of time of no less than 10 years, shall be designated Chairman Emeritus upon retirement from that office. A Chairman Emeritus shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee, with all rights and privileges of a member.

Article III

Duties of the Officers

- Section 1. The chairman of the Central Committee shall call such meetings as are prescribed by law and as prescribed by Section 1 of Article V hereof. The officers of the Central Committee shall perform all duties prescribed by law.
- Section 2. The chairman of the Executive Committee shall maintain and direct the operation of headquarters for the Central Committee and Executive Committee in Franklin County, Ohio, which shall be open during ordinary business hours to Republicans and other citizens who have business with it. He shall also manage the affairs of the Executive Committee, direct and conduct campaign activities, appoint a staff, call meetings, preside at meetings, seek advice from the Policy Committee as provided in Article IV hereof, and perform all other duties prescribed by these Rules or usually exercised by the Chairman and not inconsistent with these Rules.
- Section 3. The vice-chairman of the Executive Committee shall perform the duties of the chairman in the case of his death, resignation or incapacity, and until a new

chairman of the Executive Committee is elected. If it becomes necessary for the vice-chairman to perform the duties of the chairman, the secretary of the Executive Committee shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days following the Chairman's death, resignation or incapacity, such meeting to be held within fifteen (15) days after such call, for the purpose of electing a new chairman.

At such a meeting, the Executive Committee shall elect a new Chairman provided, however, that only members of the Central Committee shall be eligible to vote for Chairman of the Executive Committee and that a majority of the members of the Central Committee shall be required to elect the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The secretary of the Executive Committee shall keep minutes of all meetings and be the custodian of the permanent books and records of the Committee, except the financial records.

Section 5. The treasurer of the Executive Committee shall receive all funds belonging to the Committee, keep proper books of account of all moneys received and paid out. Moneys in the custody of the treasurer of the Executive Committee shall only be paid out by check bearing the treasurer's signature or that of an assistant treasurer, who shall be designated by the treasurer with the approval of the chairman, and countersigned by either the chairman, vice-chairman, or the secretary. The treasurer of the Executive Committee shall render proper accountings to the Committee as directed by the chairman or upon the written request of ten (10) Committee members. The treasurer shall be fully accountable for his acts and deeds as such treasurer and shall be bonded in such amount as shall be fixed by the Audit Committee, and in no case for less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). The Executive Committee shall pay the premium for such bond.

The treasurer of the Executive Committee shall file all reports required by law. The treasurer shall render full and proper accountings to the Executive Committee at least once a year.

Article IV

Standing Committees

Section 1. The Standing Committees of the Executive Committee shall be selected from the Executive Committee and shall be: Budget, Audit, Policy, Candidate Screening, and Nominating. The chairman may from time-to-time establish Special or ad hoc Committees. All Standing Committees shall serve for a term of two (2) years. All committees, except the Audit Committee, shall be appointed by the chairman of the Executive Committee. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall serve as chairman of each committee, except the Audit Committee, unless he shall designate some other person as chairman. The Audit Committee shall be elected by the Executive Committee and shall serve at its pleasure.

The Candidate Screening Committee shall be selected by the Chairman of the Executive Committee from a candidate screening committee pool. The pool shall be made up of those members of the Executive Committee who notify the

Chairman of the Executive Committee, in writing from year to year, of their interest in serving on a Candidate Screening Committee. Except for the Policy Committee and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of each Candidate Screening Committee, no member of the Executive Committee shall serve consecutive terms on these standing committees. A term is considered to be consecutive unless separated by a period of one or more years. The Policy Committee shall be made up of no more than seven (7) members of the Central Committee and no more than six (6) members of the Executive Committee, who are not also members of the Central Committee.

- Section 2. The Budget Committee shall make up the budget, pass upon recommendations of the chairman as to staff salaries, and authorize expenditures.
- Section 3. The Audit Committee shall examine the accounts of the treasurer for which purpose it shall have the authority to employ a certified public accountant and shall make an annual report to the Executive Committee.
- Section 4. The Policy Committee shall act on all matters for the Executive Committee during the interval between meetings of the Executive Committee. The Policy Committee shall meet with the Chairman of the Executive Committee a minimum of two times per year, once before the primary election and once before the general election.
- Section 5. The Nominating Committee Shall, prior to the meetings described in Article II hereof, determine and make recommendations for persons desiring to serve as officers of the Central Committee and as officers and members of the Executive Committee.
- Section 6. The Candidate Screening Committee(s) shall meet for the purpose of screening those persons who seek public office and make recommendations for endorsement to the Central Committee. The committee may recruit other persons who may be qualified and eligible to seek public office.

Article V

Meetings

- Section 1. The Central Committee shall meet as prescribed by law or upon call of its chairman at the request of the chairman of the Executive Committee, or upon the call of twenty-five (25) members of the Central Committee. Written notice setting forth the time and place and purpose of each meeting of the Central Committee shall be mailed to each Committee member at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting, unless otherwise specified by state law or applicable municipal charter. All meetings shall be held in Franklin County, Ohio. Unless provided otherwise herein or by law, a majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum and a majority of the quorum shall have the power to transact any business.
- Section 2. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at least once each year and at such times as the chairman of the Executive Committee may determine or upon call of thirty (30) members. Written notice setting forth the time and place

and purpose of each meeting of the Executive Committee shall be mailed to each Committee member at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting, unless otherwise specified by state law or applicable municipal charter. All meetings shall be held in Franklin County, Ohio. Unless provided otherwise herein or by law, a majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum and a majority of a quorum shall have the power to transact any business.

Article VI

Endorsements and Convention

- Section 1. The Central Committee reserves the right to itself to make all endorsements on behalf of the Executive Committee and Central Committee and only the Central Committee shall have the authority to convene a County Convention. It may do so for the purpose of seeking advice and assistance in making its determination as to which candidates shall be endorsed and may authorize the Convention to act on behalf of the Central Committee in the making of endorsements. Voting on contested endorsements by the Central Committee shall be by secret ballot.
- Section 2. When a vacancy in a Republican county administrative office occurs either through death or resignation, a 15 person select committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Central Committee. The purpose of the committee will be to recommend a candidate to the Central Committee to fill the vacancy and also, if necessary, to recommend to the Central Committee the selection and certification of a candidate to the ballot for the unexpired term.
- That committee shall be composed of nine members of the Franklin County Central Committee and six members of the Franklin County Republican Executive Committee and Franklin County Republican officeholders.
- Section 3. A majority of the Central Committee members of a suburban municipal corporation shall decide whether to endorse, whom to endorse and when to endorse for elective office within that municipal corporation.
- Prior to deciding whom to endorse, the Central Committee members of a suburban municipal corporation shall give reasonable public notice of their screening meeting and shall conduct such a screening meeting.
- If a municipal corporation has only one Central Committee member, then that Central Committee member, the chair of the Central Committee and the chair of the Executive Committee shall decide whether to endorse, whom to endorse and when to endorse for elective office within that municipal corporation. That vote must be unanimous.
- Section 4. A majority of the Central Committee members whose wards encompass any portion of a suburban school district shall decide whether to endorse, whom to endorse and when to endorse for an elective office of the suburban school district.
- Prior to deciding whom to endorse in a suburban school district race, the Central Committee members of the school district shall give reasonable public notice of their screening meeting and shall conduct such a meeting.

Article VII

Rules of Order

- Section 1. The chairman of the Executive Committee shall have the duty of determining the agenda and order of business at each meeting of the Executive Committee. The chairman of the Central Committee shall have the duty of determining, in consultation with the chairman of the Executive Committee, the agenda and order of business at each meeting of the Central Committee.
- Section 2. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the proceedings of the Central Committee and of the Executive Committee where provisions therefore are not specifically covered by law or by these Rules.

Article VIII

Amendments

- Section 1. These Rules may be amended at any meeting of the Executive committee or Central Committee provided that only members of the Central Committee shall be eligible to vote. If prior notice of action on a proposed amendment is provided pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of these rules, a simple majority of all the members of the Central Committee shall be required in order for an amendment to carry, otherwise, a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all the members of the Central Committee shall be required.