

**RULES OF THE WALKER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
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Article I
Name, Purpose, and Function of the Organization

- Section 1. This organization shall be known and referred to as the Walker County Republican Party.
- Section 2. The purpose of the Walker County Republican Party 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 Walker County, to fill such vacancies as may occur by virtue of the 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 such 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.
- Section 3. The Walker County Republican Party, consisting of its members shall serve as the central and unified authority and representative body of the Republican platform and policies within Walker County. It shall function to assist and endeavor to develop, implement, encourage, educate, and create Republican principles within Walker County; and it shall strive to recruit and elect qualified Republican candidates to every available public office.

Article II
Governing Authority

- Section 1. To the extent that any rule or section herein 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conflict with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party or the Georgia Election Code; such rule or section thereof is superseded thereby, void and the remainder of these Rules shall not be affected.
- Section 2. The County Committee may alter the Walker County Republican Party Rules or Platform according to the following provisions:
- A. Notice of the change shall be mailed or emailed to each County Committee member 10 days before a meeting.
 - B. If a Rule is to be changed other than as proposed in the mailing, a second meeting will be held.
 - C. The amended proposed change shall be mailed or emailed to each County Committee member.
 - D. Upon a vote to change the rule as mailed, it shall be passed and the Rules will have been changed.
- Section 3. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, latest edition, shall govern meetings of the County Committee, the Executive Committee and the County

Convention, except where inconsistent with the Rules of The Walker County Republican Party, the Fourteenth Congressional District Republican Party, or the Georgia Republican Party.

**Article III
Membership**

- Section 1. All legal and qualified voters residing within Walker County, Georgia, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of its policies, are in sympathy with its aims and purposes and who support its candidates are eligible to be members of the Walker County Republican Party and are hereinafter referred to as “functional members.” Functional members may participate as members of the Walker County Republican Party in its Conventions or Mass Meetings in their respective precincts. Functional members are always welcome at general meetings.

- Section 2. In order to vote in meetings of the Executive Committee of the Walker County Republican Committee, hereinafter referred to as the “Executive Committee, or the meetings of the Walker County Republican Committee, hereinafter referred to as the “County Committee,” a person must be placed on said committees as provided in these Rules.

- Section 3. Upon approval of the County Committee, individuals who are interested in supporting the Walker County Republican Party and its aims and purposes, may be extended honorary membership into the Walker County Republican Party. For honorary membership, it is not necessary to fulfill residency or voter qualification requirements of functional membership.

**Article IV
The County Committee**

- Section 1. There shall be a committee officially known as the "Walker County Republican Committee," which shall be the governing body of the Walker County Republican Party and shall act as the Walker County Republican Party in the interim between County Conventions.

- Section 2. The County Committee shall consist of the following members:
 - A. The Officers of the Executive Committee.
 - B. The immediate past Chairman of the Walker County Republican Party.
 - C. Precinct Chairmen from all Precincts which have been organized under these Rules.
 - D. Members of the Fourteenth District Committee who are from Walker County.
 - E. Members of the Republican State Committee of Georgia who are from Walker County.

- F. Any appointed individual or committee chairman as provided for in these rules.
- G. Persons specified in Article IV, Sections 3 and 4, as provided by those sections.

Section 3. The following persons are ex-officio voting members of the County Committee only if Walker County units of the organization, or its successor organization, are operational.

- A. The Walker County Director of the Georgia Federation of Republican Women (GFRW)
- B. The Walker County Director of the Georgia Federation of Young Republican Clubs (GFYRC)
- D. The Chairmen of clubs of the Georgia Association of College Republicans (GACR).
- E. The Chairmen of clubs of Georgia Teen Republicans (GATRS).*

The Directors or Chairmen specified in this section shall be selected in accordance with the rules of their respective organization.

Section 4. Any elected official serving as a Republican representing all or part of Walker County and who is a resident thereof is an ex-officio, non-voting member of the County Committee, and may not count toward a quorum.

Section 5. Members of the County Committee serving by virtue of their membership in the Fourteenth District Republican Committee or of the Republican State Committee of Georgia shall be elected at the District and State Conventions as specified in the State Call or, if appointed by the Fourteenth District Chairman or State Chairman, shall serve at the discretion of those Chairmen in accordance with their respective Rules.

Section 6. The County Committee shall, in the interim between County Conventions, be vested with all the duties, powers, and privileges possessed by the County Convention and shall act for the Walker County Republican Party during such periods.

Section 7. The County Committee shall have the authority to allocate and to contribute funds of the Walker County Republican Party.

Section 8. The County Committee shall call all County Conventions and Mass Meetings, fix the basis of representation by delegates to the County Conventions and the time and place for holding same. The County Committee shall also call all primaries.

Section 9. The County Committee shall cooperate with the State Committee and the Fourteenth District Committee in conducting all elections within the County.

Section 10. The County Committee shall decide all controversies and contests within its jurisdiction, with the right of appeal to the District Committee. Appeals shall be taken to the District Committee within thirty (30) days after the decision appealed from by petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified Republican voters of the political unit affected. A further appeal to the State GOP may be followed by applicable Georgia code.

Article V
The Executive Committee

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the County Committee, which shall have the power to transact the administrative business of the Walker County Republican Party pursuant to these Rules and the direction of the County Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of all the following Officers:

- A. The Chairman of the Walker County Republican Party, who shall be the Chairman of the County Committee.
- B. First Vice-Chairman of the Walker County Republican Party.
- C. Second Vice-Chairman of the Walker County Republican Party.
- D. Secretary of the Walker County Republican Party.
- E. Treasurer of the Walker County Republican Party.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall have the power to transact the administrative business and policy of the County Committee, and make recommendations to the County Committee for its consideration.

Article VI
Member and Officer Qualification; Election; Term of Office

Section 1. Officers of the Executive Committee and members of the County Committee must be registered voters in Walker County.

Section 2. Officers of the Executive Committee and members of the County Committee shall serve without compensation.

Section 3. Officers of the Executive Committee and members of the County Committee shall be elected as provided for in these Rules.

Section 4. A term of office for a committee member shall begin upon adjournment of the County Convention except for officers and members elected between 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 and until their successors are duly elected and

qualified, unless unable to perform their duties, qualify for membership, resignation, or sooner removed from office in accordance with these Rules.

Article VII Office of the Chairman

- Section 1. The Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer and spokesman of the Walker County Republican Party and shall perform the duties required by these Rules, the County Convention, the County Committee and the Executive Committee.
- Section 2. The Chairman shall issue calls for the County Conventions at least ten (10) days prior thereto, and shall preside until a temporary organization is effected. The Chairman shall convene the County Committee when the needs of the Party may so demand, and shall preside at all meetings of said committee. He or she shall also appoint interim convention committees prior to the County Conventions, and shall provide for the timely distribution of all Convention-related notices required by these Rules and the Rules of the Republican Party of Georgia.
- Section 3. The Chairman shall insure that the process of elections are monitored and protected by appointing poll watchers as available to all elections of a partisan nature in the county.
- Section 4. The Chairman may designate from anyone reaching the functional membership requirements to one or more standing committees as needed to promote the Walker County Republican Party. Such committees shall fulfill such duties and exercise such powers as the Chairman shall request or delegate. Chairmen of such committees shall be entitled to a vote on the County Committee upon a confirmation vote by the County Committee.
- Section 5. In addition, the Chairman may appoint anyone reaching the functional membership requirements to various individual positions as needed to promote the Walker County Republican Party. Such positions shall fulfill such duties and exercise such powers as the Chairman shall request or delegate. These individuals shall be entitled to a vote on the County Committee upon a confirmation vote by the County Committee.
- Section 6. Appointed positions, standing committee chairs and members shall serve at the discretion of the Chairman. They may be appointed or removed at any time.
- Section 7. The Chairman shall be authorized to spend up to \$300 as needed to promote the Walker County Republican Party between meetings, but the disclosure of such expenditure must be made at the next subsequent meeting.

Article VIII
Office of the First Vice-Chairman

- Section 1. The First Vice-Chairman shall act for the County Chairman in his or her absence.
- Section 2. The First Vice-Chairman shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the County Committee or the County Chairman.

Article IX
Office of the Second Vice-Chairman

- Section 1. The Second Vice-Chairman shall act for the County Chairman and First Vice-Chairman in their absence.
- Section 2. The Second Vice-Chairman shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the County Committee or the County Chairman.
- Section 3. In the absence of the Secretary, the Second Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Secretary until such time as the Secretary shall resume the duties of the office.

Article X
Office of the Secretary

- Section 1. The Secretary shall take minutes of the County Committee and Executive Committee meetings and shall be the custodian of all records, which are the property of the County Committee.
- Section 2. The Secretary shall serve as secretary to all County Conventions until temporary organization of the convention is completed.
- Section 3. The Secretary shall send out minutes of the County Committee and Executive Committee meetings along with all other important information about events in the party to its members and other interested parties.
- Section 4. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the County Committee.

Article XI
Office of the Treasurer

- Section 1. The Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the Walker County Republican Party and shall deposit said funds in a bank selected by the Executive Committee, which funds may be drawn against as prescribed by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Treasurer will make a Treasurer's Report to the County Committee at every meeting.

**Article XII
Offices of the Precinct Chairmen**

Section 1. Precinct Chairmen shall assist in selecting poll watchers for each election, compile lists of volunteers to work in the precinct in promoting interest in the Republican Party, its platform, and its candidates within the precinct.

Section 2. Precinct Chairmen shall be elected by a majority of the participants in the Precinct Mass Meeting, or shall be selected as provided for in Article XIV.

**Article XIII
Meetings of the Executive Committee and the County Committee**

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every calendar quarter. The County Committee shall meet at least twice a year.

Section 2. Official meetings of the County Committee or the Executive Committee shall be held on written notice mailed or e-mailed not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting on the call of the Chairman or the call of one-third (1/3) of the members of the respective Committee.

Section 3. Forty percent (40%) of the voting members of the respective Committee in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. E-mail will be deemed acceptable correspondence at the request of the County Committee member.

Section 4. Written minutes of all business transacted at the County Committee or Executive Committee meetings shall be mailed or emailed upon request to every member of the County Committee within ten (10) days after each meeting.

Section 5. The members of the County Committee may be represented in all official matters by proxies, subject to the condition that any officer or member may direct his or her proxy only to another member of the County Committee and no committee member may vote more than two (2) proxies. No person shall have more than one vote, unless aided by a proxy in accordance with these Rules. At meetings of the Executive Committee, proxies may be directed only to another member of the Executive Committee. Proxies may only be cast on behalf of committee members who attended one of the previous two meetings. Proxies are not allowed at conventions.

Section 6. A vote may be conducted by e-mail. Motions made must be sent to every email address on record for committee members. Motions made have 1 day to be seconded. After a second, debate will be for 48 hours. After debate, votes are allowed for 24 hours. Quorum will be considered 25% of membership, as determined by the number of votes received. Any motion made with less votes than 25% of membership fails due to lack of quorum. Disclosure of the vote and the results will be made at the next subsequent meeting and included as part of that meeting's minutes.

Article XIV Vacancies

Section 1. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal of any officer, the County Committee shall fill such vacancy by a majority vote at any properly constituted meeting of said County Committee within sixty (60) days of the occurrence of such vacancy. The First Vice-Chairman shall immediately fill the office of Chairman. Other offices may be temporarily filled by appointment by the Chairman, until the next regularly scheduled meeting. The written notice of such meeting shall disclose the existence of such vacancy and the purpose of the meeting. A resignation shall be deemed complete when it has been presented to the committee and accepted by such.

Section 2. In the event a Precinct was not organized at the time of the Precinct Mass Meeting held prior to the County Convention or its Chairman dies, resigns or is removed, the County Committee may appoint a Chairman for that Precinct by a majority vote at any properly constituted meeting of said County Committee. The written notice of such meeting shall disclose the purpose of the meeting.

Section 3. Any officer or committee member may be removed from office for cause by the County Committee subject to the same terms and conditions as prescribed in Rule 2.12 of the State Rules, or its successor Rule, for removal of officers and members of the State Committee. Public support of any candidate in opposition to the official Republican candidate in a general election by an elected officer of the County Committee shall constitute conduct detrimental to the best interest of the party.

Section 4. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of votes of a quorum of any County Committee meeting shall be required for the removal of an officer.

Section 5. Members shall automatically lose their Executive and County Committee membership if they miss three (3) consecutive meetings without sending a proxy and shall be notified of such by the Secretary.

Article XV County Conventions

- Section 1. There shall be held in each odd numbered year a county convention for the purpose of reorganizing the Walker County Republican Party and for the purpose of transacting all necessary and proper business of the party pertaining to the subject matter of the convention, including the election of officers and election of Delegates and Alternates to the Fourteenth Congressional District and State Conventions. There shall be held in each Presidential election year a county convention for the purpose of electing Delegates and Alternates to the Fourteenth Congressional District and State Conventions.
- Section 2. Calls for county conventions shall state the purpose of the convention, as well as the time and place of such convention, and shall notify each Precinct Chairman of the number of delegates and alternates to which each Precinct is entitled.
- Section 3. The qualifications for functional membership in the Walker County Republican Party, as stated in Article III herein, shall be published in all official calls for mass meetings and conventions and as may be prescribed by the State Committee, and pursuant to the rules of the Republican National Committee.
- Section 4. No official business shall be transacted at any convention while any of its committees are in session.
- Section 5. The number of representatives per precinct at county conventions shall be in accordance with Rule 4.3 of the state rules or its successor rule.
- Section 6. The County Committee shall prepare the Rules and Order of Business for the conduct of each county convention in advance thereof.
- Section 7. The election of officers and members of the County Committee shall be conducted at the county convention in the following manner:
- A. The entire report of the Nominating Committee shall be made.
 - B. Individual elections of the Officers and Members shall be conducted.
 - C. In each election process the Nominating Committee's nominee shall be placed in nomination first and then nominations for that position shall be accepted from the floor.

- D. If more than two candidates are nominated for the same position and no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, there shall be a run-off election between the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes.
- E. In each election, speeches shall be permitted, but limited in the following manner:
 - 1. A total of five minutes shall be allotted to each nominee.
 - 2. A maximum of two persons shall speak on behalf of each nominee, with each such speech being limited to one minute.

Section 8. The election of delegates and alternates to the district and state conventions shall be conducted in the following manner:

- A. The entire report of the Nominating Committee shall be made.
- B. Individual elections of the delegates shall be conducted, followed by individual elections of the alternates.
- C. In each election process the Nominating Committee's nominee shall first be placed in nomination and then nominations for that position shall be accepted from the floor.
- D. If more than two candidates are nominated for the same position and no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, there shall be a run-off election between the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes.
- E. In each election, speeches shall be permitted, but limited in the following manner:
 - 1. Each nominee shall be permitted to speak for not more than one minute, provided that if a nominee has spoken in one election, he or she shall not be permitted to speak as a nominee in any subsequent election.
 - 2. One nominating speech and one seconding speech for each nominee shall be permitted, each speech not to exceed thirty seconds.

Section 9. Voting in all contested races shall be by secret ballot. No proxies shall be allowed. Fifty percent plus one of the votes cast shall constitute a majority for election. If a majority is not obtained on the first ballot, the two candidates receiving the most votes will be the candidates in a runoff election.