

The RULES OF THE COBB COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

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SECTION 1 – AUTHORITY

The Georgia Republican Party (GRP), a political organization and political party as defined by Georgia law, provides in its Rules that there shall be a committee in Cobb County officially known as the “Cobb County Republican Committee” hereinafter “CCRC.” The CCRC exercises countywide jurisdiction and control over Party affairs, as defined by and required O.C.G.A. § 21-2-113, whose powers may in part be delegated to a subcommittee of the CCRC called the “County Executive Committee.” The CCRC sets forth and adopts the following rules, which shall govern the affairs of the Republican Party in Cobb County.

SECTION 2 – RULES

- 2.1 Unless modified by these Rules, Robert’s Rules of Order, 10th Edition (copyright 2000) shall be followed in all meetings and conventions.
- 2.2 At each County Convention, rules shall be adopted consistent with the State Rules, and filed as outlined in Section 10.
- 2.3 These Rules may be amended by a majority vote at any County Convention of a quorum present, or by the CCRC (of a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of a quorum present).
 - 2.3.1 If the Rules are amended at a CCRC meeting, the meeting must be duly held after written notice is mailed at least twelve (12) days prior to the meeting to all Members of the CCRC setting forth in detail the proposed amendments.
 - 2.3.2 The amended Rules shall become effective when adopted unless otherwise provided.
- 2.4 If these Rules conflict with the State Rules or with the Rules of a pertinent Congressional District, then the State or Congressional District Rules shall govern.

SECTION 3 - DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 Alternate Delegate – an individual elected to represent the Precinct at the County convention should a Precinct Delegate be unable to attend.
- 3.2 Call – the notification by the State Executive Committee for the CCRC to organize and hold Mass Meetings.
- 3.3 Cobb County Republican Committee (CCRC) – the political organization charged by the Georgia Republican Party with implementing and exercising countywide jurisdiction and control over Republican party affairs.
- 3.4 Commission District – a geographic area determined by the Georgia State drawn commission districts within Cobb County. At present there are four commission districts

within Cobb County.

- 3.5 Commission Sub-District – a geographic area within a Commission District, determined by voter registration. At present, there are three Sub-Districts in each of the four Commission Districts in Cob County; therefore there are 12 Sub-District Chairs.
- 3.6 County Executive Committee – is a sub-committee of the CCRC formed to transact the administrative business of the CCRC.
- 3.7 Delegate – an individual elected at a Precinct Mass Meeting to represent the Precinct at the County Convention.
- 3.8 Elector – An elector is a person who possesses all the qualifications for voting prescribed by Georgia law and who is registered to vote in the area in which he/she resides. See O.C.G.A. § 21-2-2(6).
- 3.9 Executive Committee (EC) – See County Executive Committee
- 3.10 Georgia Republican Party (GRP) – the political organization and political party as defined by Georgia law representing the interests and beliefs of the Republican Party.
- 3.11 Mass Meeting – a gathering of CCRC members at selected locations for the purpose of electing Precinct Officers, Committeemen, Delegates, and Alternate Delegates.
- 3.12 Precinct – a geographical area within a Commission Sub-District determined by voter registration.
- 3.13 Unit Rule – All votes of the unit are cast in accord with the majority vote of the unit.
- 3.14 Vacancy – A condition in which any officer dies, resigns, is incapacitated, or fails to perform duties as defined in these rules.
- 3.15 Writing – Notice in writing is defined as notice by United States Postal Service, commercial courier service or electronic mail.

SECTION 4 –

MEMBERS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PARTY

- 4.1 All electors who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policy and are in sympathy with its aims and purposes may participate as members of the Georgia Republican Party (GRP) (hereinafter “GRP”) in its conventions or mass meetings.
- 4.2 All Chairs and members of Committees, delegates and alternates to conventions and voters in mass meetings shall be members of the GRP and must be electors of the respective units which they represent as chairs, members, delegates, alternates, or voters

in mass meetings.

- 4.3 Electors who are dues-paying members or have agreed to perform ten hours of volunteer work for the party and are specifically living in and registered to vote in Cobb County, shall be considered members of the Cobb County Republican Party, and shall have the right to participate as members of the Cobb County Republican Party in its mass meetings, conventions and committees.
- 4.4 The qualifications for participation in the GRP and the Cobb County Republican Party shall be published in all official Calls for mass meetings and conventions called pursuant to State Rules and Call of the Republican National Convention.

SECTION 5 – THE COBB COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE (CCRC)

5.1 The CCRC shall consist of the following voting members:

- County Chair
- First Vice Chair
- Second Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- The immediate past CCRC Chair
- Commission Sub District Chairs
- The CCRC's General Counsel
- The President or Chair of the Cobb County Republican Women's Club(s)
- The President or Chair of the Cobb County Black Republican Council
- The President or Chair of the Young Republican Club(s)
- Incumbent Republican officials elected in partisan elections who live in Cobb County
- The Chairs of the CCRC's Standing Committees
- Individual Precinct Officers
- Up to ten (10) designated "at-large" members appointed by the County Chair and approved by the CCRC.
- Any other member of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Republican Party shall be a non-voting member.

5.2 No voting member of the CCRC shall have more than one vote even if said member falls into more than one of the above categories.

5.3 The CCRC shall also include honorary non-voting members appointed by the County Chair and approved by the CCRC.

5.4 The CCRC shall allot County Convention Delegates and Alternates to Precincts and Committeemen to Precincts based on the results of the last Presidential Election. Each

- Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the County Convention.
- 5.5 Section 10.4 delineates the procedure for Precinct allocation of Delegates and Alternates.
 - 5.6 The CCRC shall exercise countywide control over party affairs. In the interim between County Conventions, the CCRC shall be vested with all the duties, power, and privileges possessed by the County Convention.
 - 5.7 The CCRC is charged with the duty of building and furthering the Republican Party in Cobb County. It shall cooperate with the State Committee and its District Committees in conducting all elections within Cobb County.
 - 5.8 The CCRC shall decide all controversies and contests arising within Cobb County with the right to appeal as outlined in State Rule 3.7.
 - 5.9 If no Precinct Officers have been elected at Mass Meetings, the CCRC may elect Precinct Officers.
 - 5.10 Meetings of the CCRC shall be held upon written notice mailed at least ten (10) days in advance, unless otherwise provided by the County Rules, on the call of the County Chair, or on the call of one-third (1/3) of the members.
 - 5.10.1 Such written notice shall contain an agenda for the meeting.
 - 5.10.2 Changes to the announced agenda shall require 2/3 vote of the Committee Members present at the meeting.
 - 5.11 The CCRC shall meet at least twice each year.
 - 5.12 A majority of the voting members of the CCRC present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, unless otherwise provided by the County Rules.
 - 5.13 County Rules permit members of the CCRC and Precinct Officers to be represented by proxy.
 - 5.14 A proxy may be given only to a member of a respective committee. No committee member may hold or vote more than two (2) proxies and no proxies shall be directed to or voted by the County Chair.
 - 5.15 Any officer or member of the CCRC or operating committees, may be removed from office for cause by his respective committee subject to the same terms and conditions as prescribed in State Rule 2.10.
 - 5.16 Per State Rule 3.15, the State Committee can invoke action should the CCRC fail to

remove officers or members for cause.

- 5.17 Vacancies created by death, resignation, removal from office, or other cause of any County Sub-District or Precinct Chair, officers, or Committee members shall be filled by a majority vote of quorum present of the voting members of the respective committee, unless otherwise provided by the County Rules.
- 5.18 The CCRC is authorized to provide rules or adopt regulations as it deems necessary or desirable to establish a municipal Executive Committee in each municipality principally located in Cobb County for the purpose of encouraging participation in any partisan municipal election including the nomination of Republican candidates therein. Said organization shall be consistent with the Rules of the Georgia Municipal Election Code.
- 5.19 Minutes of the previous CCRC meeting shall be presented and approved at each CCRC meeting.
- 5.20 The CCRC must approve, in advance, all expenditures in excess of \$3,000.00. Expenditures less than \$3,000.00 will be itemized and reported to the CCRC at the next scheduled meeting.
- 5.21 The CCRC provides for a subcommittee of the CCRC to be created called the “Cobb County Executive Committee” whose delegated powers are defined in the Rules.

SECTION 6 – OFFICERS OF THE COBB COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

6.1 County Chair:

- 6.1.1 The County Chair shall be the Chief Executive Officer and spokesperson of the CCRC and shall perform the duties required by these Rules, the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party, the County Convention, the CCRC, and the Executive Committee.
- 6.1.2 The County Chair shall convene the CCRC when the needs of the Party require, shall preside at all CCRC and Executive Committee meetings, and shall be an *ex officio* member of all committees.
- 6.1.3 The County Chair shall preside as Chair of the County Convention until a temporary organization is effected. The County Chair shall appoint Interim County Convention Committees and their respective Chairs subject to the approval of the CCRC. The County Chair shall be responsible for preparation and organization of the County Convention and shall provide for the timely distribution of all Convention-related notices required by these Rules and the Call.
- 6.1.4 The County Chair may participate in the County Convention, but shall not have a vote, if not elected to the Convention as a Delegate or an Alternate.

- 6.1.5 No person shall serve as County Chair for more than two consecutive terms.
- 6.1.6 The County Chair shall not act in any capacity in a manner that demonstrates support or partiality for any candidate in a contested race in a Republican Primary.

6.2 The First Vice-Chair:

- 6.2.1 The First Vice-Chair shall act in lieu of the County Chair in his/her absence.
- 6.2.2 In the event of a vacancy in the County Chair, the first Vice-Chair shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the County Chair until a Chair is duly elected at the next meeting of the CCRC.
- 6.2.3 The First Vice-Chair shall be the chief coordinator of the Cobb County Republican Party. He/she shall be responsible for coordinating the CCRC with the State and District Committees. These duties include coordinating details involved with the Mass Meetings, the County Convention, and handling arrangement for CCRC and Executive Committee meetings.
- 6.2.4 The First Vice-Chair shall arrange to have an adequate number of qualified Republican poll watchers for each Precinct and secure prior to each election from the Elections Board a list of poll workers to verify whether enough of them are Republicans.
- 6.2.5 The First Vice-Chair shall arrange training programs for poll watchers and select or have available poll watchers for each Precinct. He/she shall be available on election days to answer questions and dispatch assistance to possible trouble areas.
- 6.2.6 The First Vice-Chair shall participate in planning for the President's Day Dinner as well as perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the County Chair, the CCRC, or the Executive Committee.

6.3 The Second Vice-Chair:

- 6.3.1 The Second Vice-Chair shall have responsibility over Commission Sub District Chairs, directing their activities in their efforts to build their Commission Sub Districts.
- 6.3.2 The Second Vice-Chair shall undertake the education and training of Commission Sub District Chairs and their Precinct Chairs in building effective political organizations at the grass roots level.
- 6.3.3 The Second Vice-Chair shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him/her by the County Chair, CCRC, or the Executive Committee.

6.4 The Secretary

- 6.4.1 The Secretary shall be in charge and responsible for the County Newsletter, the County Web Site, the County Directory, and all media dissemination. All articles, postings, and news releases shall be approved in advance by the Secretary under the direction of the Chair.
- 6.4.2 The Secretary shall perform all duties assigned by the County Chair, CCRC, or the Executive Committee.
- 6.4.3 The Secretary shall exercise authority and control over the Communications and Information Committee under the direction of the Chair.

6.5 The Assistant Secretary:

- 6.5.1 The Assistant Secretary shall be the responsible for all records management.
- 6.5.2 The Assistant Secretary shall maintain records of attendance at County and Executive Committee meetings as well as a current listing of Committeemen and vacancies in the Party.
- 6.5.3 The Assistant Secretary shall arrange for registration of members and visitors at meetings, report the number of voting members at meetings, and shall take minutes at meetings.
- 6.5.4 The Assistant Secretary shall perform all correspondence duties, including the distribution of the Call, as well as other duties that may be assigned by the Secretary, the County Chair, CCRC, or the Executive Committee.

6.6 Treasurer:

- 6.6.1 The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Party.
- 6.6.2 The Treasurer shall have the custody of and responsibility for the funds, property, and financial records of the Party.
- 6.6.3 The Treasurer shall perform all fiscal responsibilities required by the CCRC and relevant laws.
- 6.6.4 The Treasurer shall render a written report to the Executive Committee at each meeting. The Executive Committee shall review said report and submit it to the CCRC.
- 6.6.5 The Treasurer shall be authorized to make all expenditures and to pay all just debts of the Cobb County Republican Party, according to the authorization and budget of the CCRC and as otherwise required by these Rules.
- 6.6.6 All pecuniary disbursements under \$3,000.00 shall be signed by either the Treasurer or County Chair.

6.6.7 Pecuniary disbursements over \$3,000.00 must be signed by two authorized County Party Officers, one of whom must be either the County Chair or the Treasurer.

6.6.8 Only the Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, and Treasurer shall be authorized to sign checks.

6.7 The Assistant Treasurer:

6.7.1 The Assistant Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all property of the Party, submit documents to the Secretary of the State Party, and assist the Treasurer by performing all duties assigned by the Treasurer or by the County Chair, CCRC, or Executive Committee.

6.8 The General Counsel:

6.8.1 The General Counsel shall be appointed by the County Chair and approved by the CCRC.

6.8.2 The General Counsel shall advise the County Chair on all legal and regulatory matters of concern to the Party.

6.8.3 The General Counsel shall familiarize himself with the Rules of the Cobb County Republican Party, the relevant District Committees, and the State Party and shall advise the County Chair on these rules as needed.

6.8.4 The General Counsel shall keep the County Chair advised on all pertinent election laws.

6.9 The Finance Chair:

6.9.1 The Finance Chair shall be responsible for raising the funds of the Cobb County Republican Party and for obtaining adequate financing for the Cobb County Republican Party.

6.9.2 The expenditure of such funds shall be the responsibility of the Cobb County Republican Party.

6.9.3 The finance chair shall have a voice, but be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

**SECTION 7 –
OPERATING COMMITTEES OF THE COBB COUNTY REPUBLICAN
COMMITTEE**

7.1 The following Permanent Standing Operating Committees are hereby authorized: Rules, Resolutions, Credentials and Ethics, Finance, Communications and Information, Membership, Military and Veterans Affairs, Hispanic Outreach, and the Executive

Committee.

7.2 Additional committees may be established and their Chairs appointed by the County Chair, subject to the approval of the CCRC.

7.3 Subcommittees of the Permanent Standing Committees may be established and their Chairs appointed by the Chairs of Standing Committees, subject to the approval of the CCRC.

7.4 Committee Chairs may appoint, subject to the approval of the County Chair, members to their committees as they determine necessary. Committee Chairs shall submit budgets for their committees to the Finance Committee when required.

7.5 The Rules Committee:

7.5.1 The Rules Committee shall periodically review the County Rules and suggest amendments when warranted.

7.5.2 The Rules Committee shall be properly versed on the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party, the Rules of relevant District Committees, and the Rules of the Cobb County Republican Party.

7.5.3 The Rules Committee shall review all suggestions for rules changes from members or other interested parties.

7.5.4 In accordance with the Georgia Election Code, a certified copy of the County Rules must be filed with the election superintendent of Cobb County. Upon completion of the County Convention, the Rules and Resolutions Committee shall submit to the County Chair a copy of the County Rules for signature.

7.5.5 Any amendments to such rules shall be similarly filed. All such filings shall be within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the Rules or Amendments as the case may be.

7.6 The Resolutions Committee:

7.6.1 The Resolutions Committee shall be responsible for reviewing, selecting, and presenting all resolutions during the county convention.

7.6.2 The Resolutions Committee shall periodically review all previous resolutions for appropriateness and currency.

7.7 The Credentials and Ethics Committee:

7.7.1 The Credentials and Ethics Committee shall be charged with maintaining the integrity of the Cobb County Republican Party.

7.7.2 The Credentials and Ethics Committee shall be responsible for the enforcement of Section 10.

7.7.3 The Credentials and Ethics Committee shall have jurisdiction over all controversies regarding credentials and ethics.

7.8 The Finance Committee:

7.8.1 The Finance Committee shall be the financial arm of the Cobb County Republican Committee with jurisdiction in all fiscal matters.

7.8.2 The Finance Committee, or a subcommittee within its domain, shall have responsibility for all fund raising activities.

7.8.3 The Finance Committee shall receive budgets from committees, Commission Sub Districts, and other Party apparatus requesting funding. The Executive Committee shall review all such requests and make recommendations to the CCRC.

7.8.4 All financial records of the CCRC shall be subject to a biannual compilations or review. These compilations or reviews shall be conducted by qualified personnel appointed by the County Chair and approved by a majority vote of the CCRC.

7.9 The Communications and Information Committee:

7.9.1 The Communications and Information Committee shall be under the authority and responsibility of the Secretary of the Cobb County Republican Committee.

7.9.2 The Communications and Information Committee shall have responsibility for all record keeping functions of the Cobb County Republican Party.

7.9.3 The Communications and Information Committee shall control all communication organs, and oversee all information technologies.

7.9.4 The Communications and Information Committee shall maintain a current list of registered voters and a list of Republican Primary voters for use by Mass Meetings and Conventions as well as by Republican candidates.

7.10 The Membership Committee

7.11 The Military and Veteran's Affairs Committee

7.12 The Hispanic Outreach Committee

7.13 The Executive Committee – see Section 8.

SECTION 8 – THE COBB COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 8.1 The Executive Committee is a subcommittee of the CCRC and therefore subservient to the CCRC.
- 8.2 The powers delegated to the Executive Committee shall not exceed those powers described in these Rules.
- 8.3 The County Chair shall serve as the Chair of the Executive Committee.
- 8.4 The Executive Committee shall consist of the following voting members:
- County Chair
 - First Vice Chair
 - Second Vice Chair
 - Secretary
 - Assistant Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Assistant Treasurer
 - The immediate past CCRC Chair
 - Commission Sub District Chairs
 - The CCRC's General Counsel
 - The President or Chair of the Cobb County Republican Women's Club(s)
 - The President or Chair of the Cobb County Black Republican Council
 - The President or Chair of the Young Republican Club(s)
 - Any other member of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Republican Party shall be a non-voting member.
- 8.5 The Executive Committee shall have the power to transact the administrative business of the Cobb County Republican Party, make recommendations to the CCRC, and to carry out all directives of the CCRC.
- 8.6 The Executive Committee shall report to the CCRC all correspondence and information received from the State and Congressional District Committees.
- 8.7 The Executive Committee shall meet at least once between CCRC meetings as well as at such times as the County Chair deems it necessary to conduct the administrative business of the Party.
- 8.8 Additionally, the Executive Committee shall meet at the call of five (5) or more of its voting members. Notice of meetings shall be issued to the above listed voting members at least seven (7) days in advance.
- 8.9 Except as to votes requiring a secret ballot, for issues requiring vote by the Executive

Committee either in favor or opposed to a certain proposition, the vote may be cast and taken by e-mail or other electronic means.

- 8.9.1 All votes cast by electronic means shall be cast within five (5) business days of submission to Members.
- 8.9.2 A tally of all votes cast by electronic means shall be circulated to all Members within eight (8) business days of submission to Members.
- 8.9.3 A vote cast by electronic means shall have the same force and effect as a vote cast by a Member casting a vote in person.
- 8.10 Each voting member of the Executive Committee shall issue a brief report at each Executive Committee meeting summarizing his activities. These reports shall be incorporated into the minutes of each Executive Committee meeting so as to keep the CCRC informed of all progress and activities.
- 8.11 Minutes of each Executive Committee meeting shall be presented to the CCRC at the CCRC's next meeting.
- 8.12 The voting members of the Executive Committee as listed in Subsection 8.4 of this Section shall not act in their official capacity in a manner that demonstrates support or partiality for any candidate in a contested race in a Republican Party Primary.
- 8.13 Notwithstanding Sub-section 8.11, the voting members of the Executive Committee shall not be prohibited from acting in their individual capacity to support candidates in a contested race in a Republican Party Primary with the following exceptions:
 - 8.13.1 A Commission Sub District Chair shall not act in any capacity in a manner that demonstrates support or partiality for a candidate in a contested Republican Party primary race for a State or County office in which the Commission Sub District is located.

SECTION 9 – REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

- 9.1 Any officer or member of a County, Commission Sub District or Precinct Committee may be removed from office for cause by his/her respective committee subject to the same terms and conditions as prescribed in State Rule 2.10.
- 9.2 Any member appointed by a Chair may be removed by that Chair subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Vacancies in appointed positions shall be filled in the manner provided for filling the positions originally.
- 9.3 Any County Officer having officially qualified to run for public office shall be deemed to have resigned.

- 9.4 An Officer or a Member may resign by submitting his/her resignation to either the County Chair, the CCRC or to his Commission Sub District Chair.
- 9.5 If a vacancy occurs as defined by Section 3.15, the committee chair shall notify the office holder by delivery confirmation mail that the position shall be declared vacant. If the vacancy occurs at the committee chair level, the next responsible level committee chair shall notify the office holder via delivery confirmation mail. The office holder shall be given an opportunity to respond and then the vacancy shall be filled or refilled as defined in the appropriate section of these rules. Vacancies of any County, Commission Sub District, Precinct Chair, Officers, or Committee members shall be filled by a majority vote of a quorum present of the voting Members of the respective committee, unless these Rules provide otherwise.
- 9.6 Any officer or member of the county committee may be removed from office, by a majority vote of the County Committee, for malfeasance, misfeasance or continued failure to perform his duties. Should the County Chairman be so removed, the First Vice-Chairman immediately should call a meeting of the County Committee to elect a new Chairman, in accordance with the procedures set forth in these Rules.
- 9.7 Any officer or member of the County/Executive Committee who is absent from two (2) meetings of said Committee within a calendar year, without submitting a valid written proxy in advance of each such meeting, automatically shall lose his membership thereon at the conclusion of the second such meeting. Such vacancies shall be filled in accordance with these Rules.
- 9.8 Any officer or member of the County/Executive Committee who is not a member in good standing (as defined in Section 3.12) of the Cobb County Republican Committee automatically shall lose his membership on said Committee (s) if he fails to become current in his dues within thirty (30) days after election thereto, if an officer, or, if a member, within thirty (30) days after written notice thereof is mailed to him by the County Secretary. Such vacancies shall be filled in accordance with these Rules. To remain in good standing, MEMBERS OF THE CCRC MUST RENEW THEIR COUNTY PARTY MEMBERSHIP EACH YEAR NO LATER THAN THE LAST DAY IN FEBRUARY.
- 9.9 If there is a Republican candidate for public office in a partisan general election, any officer or member of the County/Executive Committee who publicly announces his support of a candidate other than the official candidate of the Republican Party automatically shall lose his membership on said committee (s). Such vacancies shall be filled in accordance with these Rules.
- 9.10 Any officer or member of the County/Executive Committee who votes in a Democrat primary election, if there is on the same day a contested Republican primary election, automatically shall lose his membership on said committee (s). Such vacancies shall be

filled in accordance with these Rules.

- 9.11 Any officer or member of the County/Executive Committee removed from his/her position (s) thereon under provisions of this Section may appeal, within a period of sixty (60) days from the date of his removal, in person or through a representative of choice, directly to the County Committee, by requesting the County Secretary, in writing, to include notice of said appeal in the Call for the next meeting of the County Committee. Reinstatement shall require a two-thirds vote of the County Committee at said meeting.
- 9.12 In the event of a vacancy in the position of County Chair, the First Vice-Chair shall automatically serve as acting County Chair until the CCRC elects a County Chair.
- 9.13 In the event of a vacancy in the position of Treasurer, the County Chair shall immediately appoint an acting Treasurer until the CCRC elects a successor.
- 9.14 Whenever the State Committee determines that any County Committee person or Chair is subject to removal for cause and remedial action has not been taken within thirty (30) days after written notice has been mailed to the CCRC, the State Committee shall remove such old Committee members or Chairs and shall appoint a new Committee member or Chair.
- 9.15 The Committee member or Chair thus appointed shall perform the duties of the office until his successor is duly elected at a County Convention.

SECTION 10 – CONVENTIONS

10.1 THE CALL

- 10.1.1 The State Executive Committee shall issue an official Call in each odd-numbered year and each Presidential Election year for the purpose of holding Mass Meetings throughout the State of Georgia, which shall elect Delegates and Alternates, as set forth in the Call, to County Conventions. Said Call shall be issued a reasonable time prior to the Mass Meetings and shall include a copy of all forms to be used
- 10.1.2 Upon receipt of the Call, the Cobb County Chair shall cause a meeting of the CCRC to be held to issue a Call for all Mass Meetings in Cobb County, for the purpose of electing (in odd-numbered years only) Precinct officers, Committeemen, and (in both odd-numbered and Presidential Election years) Delegates and Alternates to the Cobb County Convention.
- 10.1.3 The County Chair shall cause to be printed, not less than ten (10) days prior, in a newspaper of general circulation in Cobb County, the notice of the time and place of each Mass Meeting and by such other notice as may be directed by the CCRC.
- 10.1.4 The time and place of the County and Congressional District Conventions should be

included in this notice if possible.

10.1.5 The County Chair shall send to the Secretary of the State Committee at the State Party Headquarters a copy of the publication, including the date of the publication, within three (3) days of publication.

10.1.6 The only required published notice shall be for Mass Meetings.

10.2 CONSOLIDATION OF PRECINCTS (COMMISSION SUB-DISTRICTS)

10.2.1 For organizational purposes, State Rule 5.11 shall be utilized in Cobb County. (State Rule 5.11 states, "Counties may use Precincts or other political subdivisions for holding Mass Meetings and electing Delegates and Alternates to County Conventions.)

10.2.2 If the plan for holding said Mass Meeting does not use Precincts, the plan must be submitted in writing by the County Committee to the State Executive Committee to the attention of the State Chair of the GRP headquarters at least forty-five (45) days in advance of the date of the Mass Meetings.

10.2.3 If the State Executive Committee takes no action on the plan at least thirty (30) days prior to the Mass Meeting, the County may proceed with this plan.

10.2.4 Cobb County shall be divided along Georgia State drawn Cobb County Board of Commissioner District lines to form County Commission Districts. Further, each Commission District shall be subdivided into three (3) approximately equal Commission Sub-Districts, based upon voter registration.

10.2.5 Precincts residing wholly in a Commission Sub-District shall be assigned to that Commission Sub-District. Precincts split between two or more Commission Sub Districts shall be assigned to one Commission Sub-District specified by the County Executive Committee. Precincts shall remain whole wherever they are assigned.

10.2.6 All Precincts assigned to a Commission Sub-District shall meet *en masse*, in a building appropriate for public use, where practical, within the geographic limits of the Commission Sub-District.

10.2.7 In odd-numbered years, members attending Commission Sub-District meetings shall elect a Commission Sub District Chair and a Commission Sub-District Secretary who shall both serve a term of two years.

10.2.8 Commission Sub District Chairs shall chair all meetings of their Commission Sub-Districts, coordinate the activities of their Precincts, and have general responsibility for organizing and furthering the Republican Party in their Commission Sub-Districts.

10.2.9 In the absence of a Commission Sub-District Secretary, the Commission Sub-District Chair shall appoint one. Commission Sub-District meetings shall be held on the Call of

the Commission Sub-District Chair or on the Call of one-third of the Precinct Chair of the Commission Sub-District.

- 10.2.10 Commission Sub-Districts shall meet at least once a quarter each year and participants will be notified at least ten (10) days in advance.
- 10.2.11 Commission Sub-District Secretaries are first in line of succession to Commission Sub District Chair and shall serve as Commission Sub-District Chair in his/her absence. Commission Sub-District Secretaries shall perform all duties assigned to them by their Commission Sub-District Chair.
- 10.2.12 In the absence of both a Commission Sub-District Chair and a Commission Sub-District Secretary, the Commission Sub-District Precinct Chairs shall elect a new Commission Sub-District Chair. If the Precinct Chairs fail to elect a Commission Sub-District Chair within 30 (thirty) days of a vacancy, then the County Chair shall fill said vacancy, subject to the approval of the CCRC.
- 10.2.13 In the absence of a Mass Meeting Chair, the County Chair shall appoint a Convener of the Mass Meeting, who shall preside until a temporary chair is elected. The Convener shall not necessarily be an elector of the Commission-Sub District in which the Mass Meeting is held.

10.3 – MASS MEETINGS

- 10.3.1 Members, as defined in Section 4, pursuant to the Calls outlined in Section 10.1, and organized by Commission Sub Districts, as outlined in Section 10.2, shall gather to hold Mass Meetings.
- 10.3.2 Mass Meetings shall be open to the public as spectators.
- 10.3.3 In odd-numbered years, the first order of business shall be to elect Commission Sub-District Chairs and Commission Sub-District Secretaries. Then, each Precinct shall caucus by individual precinct to elect Committee Members to the CCRC and to elect Delegates and Alternates to the Cobb County Convention. Each Precinct shall elect a Precinct Chair and other Precinct Officers it deems necessary. All Commission Sub-District Officers shall serve for two years beginning at the end of adjournment of odd-numbered year County Conventions.
- 10.3.4 Each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the County Convention. In addition each Precinct shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each 50 votes and major fraction thereof (26 or more) cast for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding general election. At the discretion of the County Committee, in Counties having population of over one hundred thousand (100,000), each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate for each one hundred fifty (150) votes and major fraction thereof (76 or more) cast for the Republican

candidate for President in the immediately preceding general election, with each Precinct having at least one (1) Delegate. Such determination must be made at least by the time of the Precinct Mass Meetings and the Executive Committee must be notified. If the county has had changes in precinct lines since the last Presidential Election, the vote totals cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in the immediately preceding general election shall determine allocation of county convention delegates. In such case the formula used to calculate the number of delegates and alternates for each precinct shall be the same as previously stated in this section.

- 10.3.5 In Presidential Election years, Mass Meetings shall be conducted by Commission Sub-District Chairs, and members shall caucus by their individual Precincts to elect Delegates and Alternates to the Cobb County Convention.
- 10.3.6 All rules for the conduct of Precinct elections shall be determined by a majority of members in attendance, except that no unit rule may be imposed by a Precinct on any Delegate, Alternate, or Committee member. Such rules may include, but are not limited to, accepting or not accepting Proxy Ballots, requirements that persons be present as qualification for election, etc.
- 10.3.7 The Precinct Chair shall chair all meetings of his/her Precinct, including the Mass Meeting; shall serve as the communication and organization link between his/her Precinct and the Sub-District chairs; shall designate Precinct members as neighborhood captains, block captains, and street captains as he/she sees fit.
- 10.3.8 Immediately after the adjournment of the Mass Meeting, the Chair of the Mass Meeting shall file a list, certified by the Chair and Secretary of the Mass Meeting, with the Secretary of the State Committee that includes the residence addresses and telephone numbers of Delegates and Alternates elected to the respective County Convention.
- 10.3.9 Included with the list in Section 10.3.8, the Chair of the Mass meeting shall also send to the Secretary of the State Committee the evidence of compliance with the requirements of published notice.
- 10.3.10 The Chair of the Mass Meeting shall likewise send a copy of the list per Section 10.3.8 to the County Chair along with (in odd-numbered years) a certified list of the Officers and Committee members of the organization(s) duly elected at said Mass Meeting.
- 10.3.11 One set of the lists will be retained by the Mass Meeting Secretary.
- 10.3.12 Per State Rule 4.7, the County Chair shall also send a copy of the list of delegates and alternates to the Secretary of the State Committee at GRP Headquarters.
- 10.3.13 Officers and members of a Precinct Committee or Commission Sub District or Delegate to County Conventions may be elected by primary election rather than

by Convention as per State Rule 5.10.

- 10.3.14 Each Mass Meeting shall transact all other necessary and proper business of the Party.
- 10.3.15 Where for any reason a Mass Meeting is not conducted on the date set in a Call, State Rule 5.21 provides remedies.
- 10.3.16 In the absence of a Precinct Chair, the Precinct Committeemen shall elect a new Precinct Chair. If they fail to elect a new one within thirty (30) days from said vacancy, then the Commission Sub District Chair shall fill said vacancy. Failure by the Commission Sub District Chair to act within an additional thirty (30) days shall authorize the County Chair to fill said vacancy.
- 10.3.17 No unit rule may be imposed by a Precinct on any Delegate elected by it.
- 10.3.18 Persons attending Mass Meetings shall receive a written notice from the County Chair providing the following information: a list of all Interim Convention Committees, their Chairs and members; the time and place of the public meetings of these Committees; the item and place of the County Convention; the time and place of the District Conventions; the time and place of the State Convention; and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of County Officers and Commission Sub District Chairs. This notice shall be mailed no later than ten (10) days after the Mass Meetings.

10.4 – COBB COUNTY CONVENTION

- 10.4.1 The CCRC shall Call and make arrangements for the County Convention and the Precinct Mass Meetings or County Primary, fix the basis of representation by Delegates to the County Convention, and the time and place for holding the County Convention consistent with the State Rules and the State Call.
- 10.4.2 The County Convention shall be held in a building appropriate for public use, where practical, in Cobb County.
- 10.4.3 The County Convention shall be open to the public as spectators, but only Delegates and Alternates elected at Mass Meetings may participate.
- 10.4.4 In odd-numbered years, the County Convention shall elect the officers and Committee members of the County Committee and shall organize the Cobb County Republican Party for the next two years.
- 10.4.5 The officers and Committee members elected shall begin serving at the adjournment of the County Convention and shall serve for two years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, unless sooner removed in accordance with these Rules.

- 10.4.6 The CCRC shall have the right to increase or alter membership as the CCRC determines is consistent with these and the State Rules.
- 10.4.7 In both odd-numbered and Presidential Election years, the County Convention shall elect Delegates and Alternate, as set fourth in the Call, to the Congressional District and State Conventions.
- 10.4.8 The County Convention shall transact all other necessary and proper business of the Party pertaining to the CCRC.
- 10.4.9 No official business shall be transacted at the County Convention while any of its Committees are in session.
- 10.4.10 The County Convention shall attempt to elect a number of Alternates equal to the number of Delegates for the District and State Conventions.
- 10.4.11 Delegates and Alternates to the County, District, State and National Conventions do not have to be present and in attendance or Delegates or Alternates to the Convention at which they are elected to serve as Delegates or Alternates to another convention.
- 10.4.12 Delegates and Alternates shall not be paired.
- 10.4.13 The Delegates of each delegation shall by caucus and by majority vote adopt a plan for the seating of Alternates for any missing Delegates of their delegation.
- 10.4.14 No unit rule may be imposed by a County Convention on any Delegate elected by it.
- 10.4.15 At each County Convention, rules shall be adopted for the County, not inconsistent with the Rules of the GRP.
- 10.4.16 The County Chair shall file a copy of the County Rules with each District Chair of the appropriate Districts and with the Secretary of the State Committee.
- 10.4.17 Any elector offering as a candidate for the position as an officer, Delegate or Alternate in the GRP shall be entitled to access to the lists of Delegates and Alternates who are certified to vote in the elections for these positions on an equitable basis.
- 10.4.18 Immediately after the adjournment of the County Convention, the new Chair of the County Convention shall file a list (including residence addresses and telephone numbers) of the Delegates and Alternates elected to the Congressional District and State Conventions, certified by the Chair and Secretary of the County Convention with the Secretary of the State Committee at GRP headquarters,

accompanied by (in odd-numbered years) a certified list of the Officers and Executive Committee of the CCRC duly elected by the County Convention along with evidence that the Call and notice were published as required in the State Rules, and with the Chair of each appropriate Congressional District, accompanied by (in odd-numbered years) a certified list of the Officers and Executive Committee of the CCRC duly elected at the County Convention. A copy of the lists will be retained by the Secretary of the County Committee.

- 10.4.19 Officers and members of the CCRC or Delegates to the State and District Conventions may be elected by primary election as per State Rule 5.10.
- 10.4.20 Where for any reason a County Convention is not conducted on the date set in a Call, State Rule 5.22 provides remedies.
- 10.4.21 The sitting County Chair of the CCRC shall appoint Interim County Convention Committees and their respective Chairs, subject to the approval of the CCRC, for the upcoming County Convention.

10.5 – COUNTY CONVENTION COMMITTEES

- 10.5.1 The County Chair shall appoint County Convention Committees and their respective Chairs subject to the approval of the CCRC.
- 10.5.2 The County Chair shall appoint convention committees no later than the last regularly scheduled CCRC meeting prior to the Mass Meetings in years County Conventions are held.
- 10.5.3 The County Chair must appoint Rules, Resolutions, Nominating, and Credentials Committees, and may appoint other Convention Committees, as he/she deems appropriate. The standing operating committees may serve in this regard.
- 10.5.4 A Member of each Commission Sub District shall be appointed to the Convention Credentials Committee.
- 10.5.5 Convention Committee Chairs must provide notice to all committee members of their committees' schedule of meetings.
- 10.5.6 The Convention Nominating Committee shall nominate eligible candidates for all positions to be filled at the County Convention, as required by these Rules and the State Rules.
- 10.5.7 The Convention Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of nominees for the CCRC from the Committee members elected at Mass Meetings. The Convention Nominating Committee shall complete this slate at least seven (7) days prior to the County Convention. This Slate shall be available upon request from the County Secretary and a

- copy shall be mailed to County Officers and Commission Sub District Chairs.
- 10.5.8 The Convention Nominating Committee's slate of nominees shall be distributed to each delegate at the beginning to the County Convention.
- 10.5.9 The Convention Credentials Committee shall ascertain whether each County Convention Delegate and Alternate satisfies qualifications required by these Rules and the State Rules. Reasonable efforts will be afforded to persons determined not to satisfy qualifications to present facts establishing their right to serve as Delegates or Alternates.
- 10.5.10 The Convention Credentials Committee shall present its report on Delegate and Alternate qualifications to the Convention. Only Delegates and Alternates properly registered and qualified according to the Interim Credentials Committee report may vote on the report.
- 10.5.11 Persons not seated as a Delegate or Alternate believing themselves to have been properly chosen and qualified who wish to address the Convention may do so. Such address must precede any vote to accept or reject the Convention Credentials Committee report, must not exceed two (2) minutes, and must pertain specifically to facts showing proper qualifications and right to serve of such person. Such person may address the Convention only once unless otherwise permitted by the Convention.
- 10.5.12 The Convention Credentials Committee shall review the CCRC nomination from the Mass Meetings to ascertain if those persons satisfy the qualifications required by these Rules and the State Rules and report its findings to the Convention Nominating Committee in a timely manner so as to permit that committee to fulfill its duties.
- 10.5.13 The Convention Credentials and Nominating Committees shall make reasonable efforts to provide any person nominated for the CCRC who may not satisfy qualifications an opportunity to present facts establishing their right to serve as a Committee member.
- 10.5.14 The Convention Rules and Resolutions committee shall prepare recommended rules and resolutions, and order of business for the conduct of the County Convention for submission to the County Convention. Such Convention rules would remain in effect only from adoption to the end of the Convention.
- 10.5.15 The Convention Nominating Committee shall nominate a slate of Delegates and Alternates for each District and State Convention. After submitting said slates to the Convention, the Convention Nominating Committee shall recess. Upon its return, additional slates may be placed in nomination from the floor. Alternate slates are to be in writing and, wherever possible, distributed to the Convention before votes are taken. To be in order, alternate slates must have nominations for all authorized delegated positions and at least as many alternate positions per

Convention.

- 10.5.16 After all slates are placed in nomination and are in order, nominations shall be closed and no further changes or amendment to any slate shall be allowed. After nominations are closed, an election shall be held among the slates. Proponents of each slate shall be permitted to speak for not more than ten (10) minutes per slate. Debate shall be in the same order as the slates were placed in nomination. After debate ends, each slate shall be voted on in the same order as they were placed in nomination. The slate receiving a majority shall carry. If no slate receives a majority, then the two top finishers shall have a runoff.

10. 6 – DISTRICT (CONGRESSIONAL) AND STATE CONVENTIONS

- 10.6.1 The Cobb Convention shall elect Delegates and Alternates to the District and State Conventions, as set forth in the Call, to represent Cobb County.
- 10.6.2 Delegate Strength shall be determined in accordance with the Call and the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party (GRP).
- 10.6.3 The County Chair shall call a meeting at least two (2) days prior to the District and State Conventions of all Delegates and Alternates to the respective Conventions to present and discuss pertinent information. Said meetings shall be held in Cobb County.

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