

2022-2024 BYLAWS OF THE  
CAMERON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

ARTICLE I --- NAME

The name of this organization is the "Cameron County Republican Party."

References to this organization in these Bylaws and other documents may be by its proper name as written in this article or the "CCRP", "CEC", or the "Party".

This organization is established by these Bylaws and the Texas Election Code, Section 171.021.

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ARTICLE II --- OBJECT

Section 1.

The object of this political organization shall be to perform the duties assigned to it in the TEC, to support, assist, and elect Republican candidates to public office, and to establish, promote, and educate the voting public on positions and issues consistent with the State and/or National Republican Party Platforms.

The Cameron County Republican Party as a unit does not endorse in primary elections.

The Cameron County Republican Party may endorse in non-partisan elections in the event the candidate makes contact with the County Chairman and requests the endorsement of the party. The County Chairman may call a meeting to seek approval of the CEC which would require a simple majority to authorize use of party resources and an official endorsement.

Though the Cameron County Republican Party is not subject to the Open Meetings Act, all reasonable efforts may be made to ensure transparency and adequate information delivery to Republicans in Cameron County. The CCRP retains many rights and protections consistent with a private entity outside of what is explicitly provided for in the Texas Election Code.

Section 2.

The CEC is charged with the responsibility of observing all state and federal laws in fulfilling the purposes stated in this Article.

### ARTICLE III --- MEMBERS

Section 1. Voting membership on the Cameron County Republican Party's Executive Committee shall be limited to the County Chairman and the Precinct Chairmen from each county election precinct pursuant to Sec. 171.022 of the TEC (See Secs. 171.021 – 171.054 of the TEC).

Section 2. Voting members of the County Executive Committee who wish to inspect the financial records of the Cameron County Republican Party shall make a written request to the County Chairman to schedule an appointment with the County Chairman and Treasurer to inspect such records. While members shall have the ability to inspect financial records, members shall not be permitted to make or obtain copies of records that have been designated as confidential or proprietary by the County Chairman.

### ARTICLE IV --- OFFICERS AND STAFF

Section 1. Officers of the CEC shall be the County Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Sergeant at Arms, and Chaplain.

A. Appointed Officers. A Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, and Chaplain shall be appointed by the County Chairman. The Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, and Chaplain are required to be registered voters in Cameron County. All appointed officers shall serve at the pleasure of the County Chairman. The County Chairman may also appoint assistants to each role as needed.

B. Elected Officers. The Secretary shall be elected by the CEC and is required to be a registered voter in Cameron County.

C. County Chairman's Staff. The County Chairman, at the County Chairman's discretion, may appoint Executive Directors, Communications Director, Assistant Chairman, Special Assistant(s), Parliamentarian, and/or General Counsel. The Asst. Chairman and Executive Director, should the County Chairman make appointments to those positions, are required to be registered voters in Cameron County. The Parliamentarian and General Counsel, due to the specialized expertise required to effectively carry out the duties of these positions, are not required to be registered voters in Cameron County. Any other staff members appointed by the County Chairman are not required to be registered voters in Cameron County. All County Chairman's Staff members shall serve at the pleasure of the County Chairman.

Section 2. Duties of officers and staff shall be those prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the CEC and by these bylaws, as listed below:

A. County Chairman. The County Chairman shall be the CEC's presiding officer and shall be the official spokesman for the Cameron County Republican Party. They shall perform any duties required by statute, by these bylaws, and by the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas. They shall be a member of all CEC Standing and Special Committees. The County Chairman shall have the usual powers of supervision and management necessary to maintaining a well-ordered County Party. The County Chairman shall also be a signatory on all party bank accounts. The

County Chairman shall assign the agenda of all meetings and may allow for additions to the agenda such as announcements submitted up to one hour prior to the start of the meeting.

B. Executive Director and or Assistants to the Chairman. The Executive Director(s)/Assistants to the Chairman, if applicable, shall assist the County Chairman and other officers in carrying out any duties deemed necessary by the County Chairman for the carrying out of the business of the Cameron County Republican Party, and shall assist with any special projects assigned by the County Chairman.

C. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping systematic records and for complying with any applicable state and federal statutes with regard to reporting contributions and expenditures. The Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee(s), shall prepare a current report of financial conditions for presentation to the CEC at each regularly scheduled meeting. The Treasurer shall be a signatory on all party bank accounts.

D. Secretary. The Secretary shall carry out the usual duties of that office, keeping an up-to-date role of the CEC's members and ensuring that each member receives timely notices of meetings. A permanent file containing minutes of the CEC meetings shall be maintained.

E. Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian shall advise the presiding officer on matters of parliamentary procedure upon request.

F. Sergeant at Arms. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall enforce order at the direction of the Chairman and assist in practical details in organizing meetings. The Chairman may appoint more than one.

G. General Counsel. The General Counsel shall advise the Chairman of the Party's legal responsibilities and statutory obligations.

H. Chaplain. The Chaplain shall give the invocation at each meeting of the Executive Committee and at official gatherings of the County Party, when appropriate.

I. Assistant Chairman and Special Assistants. The County Chairman may appoint one or more Assistant Chairmen or Special Assistants to assist the County Chairman with any duties or projects as assigned by the County Chairman.

J. Communications Director. The Communications Director shall assist the County Chairman with communications strategy, public relations, social media, and/or other activities to publicize the work of and advance the goals of the Cameron County Republican Party.

#### ARTICLE V --- CEC MEETINGS

Section 1. The CEC shall meet at the discretion of the County Chairman as necessary to carry out official party business. Executive Committee meetings may be held electronically at the discretion of the County Chairman, provided that the meeting call and electronic meeting service meet the requirements of Article V Section 3.

Section 2. At CEC meetings, one-fourth (1/4) of the membership, excluding vacancies,



shall constitute a quorum regarding all non-statutory matters. Regarding all statutory matters, such as the adoption of bylaws, a quorum shall consist of those members present.

Section 3. All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by electronic mail.

A member may receive meeting notices by regular US Postal Service mail if that member provides a written request to the Secretary to receive Executive Committee meeting notices by regular US Postal Service mail.

Meeting notices shall be transmitted or postmarked, at least seven (7) calendar days before the meeting, except in the event of a stated emergency, in which case it shall be sent at least three (3) calendar days beforehand.

Section 4. Any CEC meeting that is held electronically shall be held in a manner that considers any applicable Republican Party of Texas Rules.

Section 5. Electronic Recording is allowed in accordance with Rule 8(g) of the Republican Party of Texas rules.

#### ARTICLE VI --- OTHER MEETINGS/EVENTS

The County Chairman may call for other meetings or events, such as public educational meetings, candidate informational meetings, grassroots training meetings, or fundraising events.

#### ARTICLE VII --- COMMITTEES

Section 1. The County Chairman shall appoint the chairmen and members of any committees deemed necessary to carry out policies of the local Party.

Section 2. A committee member or members may be removed from a committee upon request of the committee chairman to the County Chairman.

Section 3. The standing committees will be as follows: Vacancy Committee.

Section 4. The County Chairman shall appoint any special committees as deemed necessary in the carrying out of the Party's activities.

Section 5. The Vacancy Committee shall seek, recruit and interview legally qualified persons to fill precinct chairman vacancies and shall determine by majority vote the applicant whom it recommends for each precinct. The vacancy committee shall consist of five (5) voting members, appointed by the County Chairman, with one of the voting members designated by the County Chairman as the Chairman of the Vacancy Committee. The Vacancy Committee shall meet as deemed necessary by the Chairman of the Vacancy Committee. All meetings of the Vacancy Committee shall be held at least three (3) calendar days after being called by the Vacancy Committee Chairman. Recommendations of the Vacancy Committee of candidates to fill precinct chairman vacancies shall be presented to the CEC in the form of a Committee Report. Any Committee Report of the vacancy committee regarding the approval of candidates to fill precinct chairman vacancies is not amendable by the CEC. At an organizational meeting of the

CEC, the CEC may fill precinct chair vacancies as recommended by the Chairman of the Vacancy Committee from the prior term.

#### ARTICLE VIII --- PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the CEC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules promulgated by the Republican Party of Texas, or any state or federal statutes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, these bylaws may only be suspended by unanimous consent of the CEC.

#### ARTICLE IX --- AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote with previous written notice provided by the County Chairman in connection with a CEC meeting call, except an amendment to bring the Bylaws into compliance with federal or state statutes may be effected by a majority vote without notice. Any proposed changes by the body must be submitted to the County Chairman and General Counsel to be reviewed with recommendations from General Counsel to be issued as needed.