



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Republican Party of Bexar County

12 October 2022, Registration: 5:00 pm, Meeting Convened: 6:04 pm

Location: 10300 Heritage Boulevard, Suite 240, Board Room, SATX 78216

Last revision: 17 October 2022

Members present: Jeffrey R. McManus (County Chair), Rose Farias (Vice Chair), Joe Leatherwood (Secretary), Lille Gough (Treasurer), Teresa Bollin (At-large), Jerry Pierce (At-large), Emily Nino (BCCP – 1), Manny Garcia (BCCP – 1), Brandi Jo Newman (BCCP – 2), Rosario Zarb-Cousin (BCCP – 3), Steve Jordan (BCCP – 3), Yvonne Clouser (BCCP – 4), and Warrington Lee Austerman (BCCP – 4).

Members not present: Ed Reeves (BCCP – 2)

Visitors: Jack Finger and Ray Rodriquez

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the County Chair at 6:07 pm.

Agenda accepted: The County Chair moved the adoption of the agenda as outlined on the white board without objection. It was so ordered. The agenda as approved was:

- Call to order
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the Minutes
- Secretary's Report
 - Note to Record
 - Motion to resend previous motion on RPT Rule 43 (New Precinct Chairs)
 - Adherence to the Rules
 - Vetting of New Precinct Chair Applications
 - Minutes Submitted to RPB Executive Committee in Material Error
 - New Class - Precinct Chair applicants
 - Resolutions
 - Precinct Trends
 - Standing Committee Reports
- Chairman's Initiative: Be the One
- New Business
- Adjournment

Approval of the Minutes: The County Chair called on the Secretary to outline and summarize the 9 August 2022 Meeting Minutes. After the summary, the County Chair asked if there were any changes. Hearing none, the Chair called for their acceptance without objection. Mr. Pierce moved adoption of the Minutes as presented without objection and his motion was seconded by Ms. Bollin. The Chair asked for discussion, there was no discussion, and the question was called by Mr. Leatherwood and the minutes were adopted.

Secretary's Report: The County Chair asked the Secretary to present his report to the Committee.

NOTE TO RECORD: The Secretary began with the September Meeting for which there was confusion as to meeting date. The Secretary noted he had 7 September 2022 on his calendar and other members stated they did not see it on the RPBC calendar or had no date set. Some had assumed the meeting had been cancelled. The County Chair stated there was a meeting on 6 September 2022 and many members of the Committee attended. However, there were no minutes taken. Mr. Jordan noted that since there were no minutes there was no meeting. Mr. Leatherwood asked if we were going to establish a set meeting day. The County Chair said yes, we will be meeting on the second Wednesday of every month from here on out, and this was so ordered without objection. A NOTE TO RECORD will be entered into the official minutes book to that affect.

MOTION TO RESCIND PREVIOUS MOTION: Mr. Leatherwood then cited his motion to rescind a previous motion by the Management Committee requiring new precinct chairs to read the Republican State Platform and then sign a pledge to support the platform. He argued it was not "equal adherence" because sitting precinct chairs elected before October 2022 were not required to submit to this requirement. He also pointed out the RPBC Executive Committee would not even hold Senator Cornyn or Congressman Gonzales (and others) accountable under Rule 43 (censure), but we were now calling for all new precinct chairs to be held accountable under the rule? Lastly, he argued nearly every precinct chair believes and supports Rule 43, but they wonder about its usefulness given that election officials, e.g., congressmen, were not being held accountable for violating the rule. After all, the rule was filtered up from the grassroots (2016), e.g., precinct chairs and convention delegates, to hold "elected officials" accountable. RPT Rule 43 was purposed at "elected officials," e.g., legislators and executive officers.

Mr Jordan then cited the rule and stated it included the County Chairman administering the rule to those applying for offices at the local level, including precinct chairs. Mr leatherwood agreed with Mr Jordan's statement but noted such an application of the rule during the biennium needs to be across the board and not pointed toward only new precinct chairs. He stated he would withdraw his motion and *substitute a motion requiring (1) application the rule be made across all precinct chairs, be they active or newly recruited, (2) under the signature of the County Chair the distribution of an electronic copy of the Texas State Republican Platform to all precinct chairs, and (3) a letter accompany the distribution asking all precinct chairs to affirm they have read the platform, sign the form saying they support the platform, and return the form to the Secretary to file.*

Ms. Gough then noted she would pull the form required by candidates saying they have read and support the platform. Ms. Gough agreed to supply the Secretary with the form.

Both Ms. Clouser and Ms. Bollin spoke to the substitute and moved adoption by the Committee. The County Chair called for the vote - the substitute motion passed without objection.

ADHERENCE TO THE RULES: Mr Leatherwood then introduced his motion calling upon the Management Committee to instruct the County Chair to follow the rules as written and stop intervening in matters defined under the responsibilities of the Secretary. He noted he was not there to disagree with the County Chair but to make a managerial decision, that is the purpose of this Committee.

The Secretary cited the following RPBC Bylaws: Article III Section 4, Paragraph c (membership); Article IV, Section 1, paragraph c.4 (Secretary duties); Article III, Section 7, paragraph g (meetings of the executive committee); Article V, Section 3, paragraph c (management committee meetings); and Article VI, Section 4, Paragraph d (standing committee); and why he thought the County Chair was in violation or overstepping his powers.

In his defense, the County Chair admitted he had overstepped his authority; but believed he was not being fully and adequately informed about new precinct chairs and their status. The Chair noted that he returned all materials to the Secretary's office soon after realizing his error. The County Chair argued he felt he had a role in vetting precinct chairs but believed the Secretary was not being as forthcoming with the information as he thought he (the Secretary) should be. The Chair believes he should be allowed to call each candidate as part of the process and then offer his comments and recommendations.

Mr. Leatherwood noted the Precinct Chair Application Book is available to anyone who wishes to access it. It is open in his office. He noted the vetting process includes research on each candidate from determining if the precinct is

vacant to their overall rating by GOPdata center. He vets on objective criteria. The Secretary acknowledged he and the County Chair had a pointed disagreement on the action but understood he may have been too possessive of the process and agreed the Chairman Chair should have a part in vetting candidates, particularly calling, and interviewing each candidate.

Ms. Clouser offered up the point that while the Secretary is responsible, the Secretary should be flexible allowing the County Chair to be involved in the process in calling precinct chair candidates.

Mr. Leatherwood withdrew his motion and the Committee agreed to a consensus that the County Chair must adhere to the rules, but the Secretary must inform the County Chair of the new applicants and the vetting of the candidates.

VETTING OF PRECINCT CHAIR APPLICANTS AND DULY SUBMITTED MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: Mr. Leatherwood moved that no member of this administration¹, members of the Management Committee, or the Management Committee-as-a-whole has the power to withdraw (veto) an individual applicant's name from consideration for the office of precinct chair or withdraw or veto duly submitted motions / resolutions to the Secretary (Executive Committee). Motion would not interfere with a review by any member of the Executive Committee of precinct chair vacancy applications or duly submitted Motions / Resolutions.

Mr Jordan suggested an amendment to the language from "for the office of precinct chair" to "*to fill the office of precinct chair in a vacant precinct.*" The Secretary acknowledged he would accept this friendly amendment without objection.

The County Chair spoke to the motion saying he felt those precinct chairs who did not return phone calls and did not respond should be put on hold. The Chair said he was only trying to identify precinct chairs who would only be bench warmers and wanted the ability to hold up a nominee until he talked to the candidate.

Mr. Jordan said we do not have the right or ability to hold up a nominee once they have filed. Once filed, we are bound by Texas Election Law to bring them before the Executive Committee and vote them up or down. We can amend the motion by placing a candidate that does not respond in the pending category for 30-days but regardless we must take up their nomination. The Secretary agreed to the amendment.

The amendment would read: *Any Precinct Chair candidate to fill a vacant precinct may be placed on hold until the nominee is properly vetted, this "hold period" shall not exceed 30 days.* The amendment was accepted by vote of the Management Committee.

This motion does not exclude the County Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, any member of this Committee or any member of the Executive Committee from recommending a NO VOTE on any candidate.

The Vetting motion reads as: No member of this administration², members of the Management Committee, or the Management Committee-as-a-whole has the power to withdraw (veto) an individual applicant's name from consideration *to fill the office of precinct chair in a vacant precinct* or withdraw or veto duly submitted motions / resolutions to the Secretary (Executive Committee). Motion would not interfere with a review by any member of the Executive Committee of precinct chair vacancy applications or duly submitted Motions / Resolutions. *Any Precinct Chair candidate to fill a vacant precinct may be placed on hold until the nominee is properly vetted, this "hold period" shall not exceed 30 days.*

MINUTES SUBMITTED IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CALL (FOR 18 OCTOBER) IS IN MATERIAL ERROR: The Secretary then stated the minutes submitted with the call for the 18 October 2022 RPBC Executive Committee Meeting was in material error. The minutes as submitted excluded an entire section of the minutes dealing with the subject of censure. While mechanisms exist for dealing with excluding sensitive information, no explanation was offered.

¹ Defined as County Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, or any personnel, paid or volunteer.

² *Ibidem.*

The Secretary moved the “Minutes’ as submitted to the Executive Committee covering the 16 August 2022 Executive committee be withdrawn and the “Secretary’s Minutes” for that meeting be resubmitted as the minutes for that meeting.

The County Chair thought publishing the final section of the minutes could be construed as detrimental to the RPBC. He cited the misinformation published by *The San Antonio Report* gleaned from one of the members involved in the debate. Additionally, he noted he could not vouch for the accuracy of the events or outcome of one of the votes. So, prudence being the better part of virtue, he excluded that section.

Mr. Jordan cited the Bylaws Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph C and D as the mechanisms for excluding sensitive information.

The Secretary argued he could vouch for the accuracy of the minutes and the events because he recorded the meeting. He acknowledged the sensitivity of the debates and how they might be twisted by Fake News. He argued that minutes are a history of the organization and everything, be it the good, the bad or the ugly needs to be in the official record. He stated he would withdraw his motion and substitute a new motion that would accommodate the situation. The Secretary then moved that *the “unredacted minutes” be placed in the official record with the “redacted minutes” (as published) and both would be accompanied by a citation that the Management Committee approved the redaction.* The motion was seconded by Ms. Clouser. The Chair agreed and asked for discussion. There being no discussion, Mr. Pierce called the question and the substitute motion passed.

INCOMING CLASS OF PRECINCT CHAIRS: The Secretary then introduced the incoming class of precinct chairs to the Committee. Each precinct chair is vetted based on objective criteria: Is the precinct vacant? Are they a registered voter in Bexar County? What is their partisan designation? Did they vote in the 2022 Republican Primary Election? How many Republican Primaries have they voted in? What is their overall rating? He noted that the 26 new precinct chairs elected in this biennium (vacancies), except for one, were all HRs (Hard Republicans). The exception was a WR (Weak Republican).

He felt two of the nominees in this class needed to sign an Oath of Affiliation: Mr. Blood and Mr. Dominguez. The reason cited was no voter or partisan information on either gentleman could be obtained. The County Chair asked if there might be some concern about “equal adherence” under the rules requiring them to sign the Oath and not the others? *Motion was made to hand out the Pledge to support the Platform (RPT Rule 43) and have all New Precinct Chairs sign the pledge at the meeting.* The Chair called for passage of the motion without objection and there being no further discussion, it was so ordered.

DULY SUBMITTED MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS: The Secretary noted the only motion or resolution submitted for consideration was the substitute resolution resubmitted by Jonathan Melendez (3084) for perfection of language. The censure resolutions were not resubmitted.

He then asked if there were any question with respect to his RPBC Trends report? There were none. He acknowledged receipt of ten Standing Committee Reports, and they would be filed with the minutes.

The Secretary then concluded noting that he had not submitted all of this information or motions for pride of authorship or other reasons, only to protect, defend, and better define the rules and protect the office of the Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee	Chair	JU22	JL22	AG22	SP22	OT22	NV22	DC22
Secretary	Joe Leatherwood	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Budget	Lille Gough		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Finance	Karen Newton					Y		
Campaign Activities	Edward Nino, Jr.					Y		
Candidate Recruitment	Paul James							
Volunteer	Joe Garza					Y		
Precinct Organization	Janie Garza							

Communications	Deana Abiassi					Y		
Technology	Steve Jordan					Y		
Data Analytics	Caleb Johnson					Y		
Bylaws	Warrington Austerman					Y		
Election Integrity	Melinda Roberts					Y		
Community Outreach	Sandra Crocker					Y		
Special Projects	Lora Lane		Y					
Records	Teresa Bollin							

Chairman’s Initiative: The County Chair then outlined his “Be the One” initiative dealing with building analytics to gauge precinct chair activities and performance with respect to working their precincts and turning out the vote. He urged each Committee Member to reach out to their precinct chairs and enlist them into the initiative.

The Chair asked each Committee Member to briefly summarize what they were doing with respect to the initiative and in their districts to get precinct chairs engaged and turning out the vote.

Brandi Joe Newman (BCCP – 2) stated that she was calling all precinct chairs in her district to ascertain what they are doing and what they might need. She noted **Redline Conservatives** had gone to a lot of expense and work to stage a roundtable discussion. She noted that precinct chairs and volunteers just don’t turn out.

Lille Gough (RPBC Treasurer) noted that she was sending out postcards to all the voters in her precinct and would be following up with phone calls.

Manuel Garcia (BCCP – 1) stated they (he and **Emily Niño**) were pulling together the precinct chairs in their district to do what Brandi was doing in Precinct 2.

Emily Niño (BCCP – 1) confirmed what Manuel had just said and they were also working with the RNC office at 6128 Pecan Valley to recruit volunteers and hold meetings with volunteers to walk the precincts.

Warrington Lee Austerman (BCCP – 4) said he was working with **Yvonne Clouser** and others in Precinct 4 to coalesce precinct chairs and volunteers to work their precincts. He was trying to recruit new precinct chairs and get resources into the hands of his precinct chairs and volunteers. He noted he had hurt his back recently and this had slowed his activities.

Yvonne Clouser (BCCP – 4) said she was working with Warrington to secure resources for their precinct chairs and volunteers. She noted both she and Warrington we're working with Stan Torvik and Jeannie Melendez, and they're coordinating with **Engage, For Freedom** to organize get out the vote campaigns. Beyond that she was working with several of the Republican Women’s clubs to mobilize volunteers to get out the vote. Ms. Clouser told the group she was recovering (grieving) from the death of her grandson.

Rosario Zarb-Cousin (BCCP – 3) was contacting all the precinct chairs in precinct 3 to determine their needs. She was hosting Precinct 3 Workshops at Grant Moody’s headquarters every Saturday to stuff plastic door hangers, deal with questions from precinct chairs or volunteers, and identify vacant precincts so they can be adopted and worked. She also noted she was active on the Bexar County Election Integrity Task Force Training Poll Watchers, recruiting new election judges/clerks, and working on proofing the voter rolls as part of Texas Vote Project.

Joe Leatherwood (Secretary) published the **Bexar Conservative’s Research Guide to the Republican Candidates running in 2022**. He has developed and distributed templates for every precinct chair in the county to use in walking their precincts. Template contains letter, list of candidates running for office (can be tailored to their precinct and districts) and voting information. To date he had tailored 103 pamphlets for precinct chairs across the county. He had cut numerous walk and phone books for precinct chairs and volunteers to work their respective precincts. He developed and published his Partisan Voter Index for each precinct to determine their partisan status for targeting purposes. He had shared these data with several campaigns and will be publishing his report next week. In his precinct, he and his volunteers had reach 900 households and were following up with a texting campaign. He and his volunteers had

adopted precincts 3059 and 3001 and would be working those precincts into the election. In his spare time, he does *The Bexar Conservative* newsletter to keep precinct chairs and conservative activists informed.

Teresa Bollin (At-large) is working with precinct chairs across the county to supply them with the needed information and resources to do their job most effectively. She is working with **PASA** (Patriotic Activists of San Antonio) to target and walk precincts. She is helping other Management Committee Members as a backup in reaching their precinct chairs and volunteers.

Jerry Pierce (At-large) is concentrating his work in the Alamo Heights – Terrell Hills area to mobilize the vote. He is supporting the efforts of both **Rosario Zarb-Cousin** and **Joe Leatherwood**.

Steve Jordan (BCCP – 3) is working to mobilize the precinct chairs and volunteers in the eastern part of precinct 3 to get them more engaged and active in working their precincts.

The County Chair closed out the discussion about the need to mobilize the precinct chairs and volunteers in getting out the vote. He again reiterated his desire to have the precinct chairs enlist in the “Be the One” initiative.

New Business: The County Chair announced he would be appointing Paul James to be Chairman of the Candidate Recruitment Committee and Caleb Johnson as Chairman of the Data Analytics Committee.

Ms. Newman asked for advice on working precincts and getting people to turnout for events. **Mr. Leatherwood** advised her to not be discouraged; it simply takes time to build a list of volunteers in any precinct (area) as well as a following within the party. He recommended **Russell Pierce** (2084) to her as a contact in Precinct 2 based on his hard work and organizational skills.

Ms. Clouser noted the election was less than four weeks away and we needed to be unified and working with purpose in these closing days.

Ms. Bollin announced she was organizing for the Veteran’s Parade and would be asking for volunteers.

Adjournment: **Mr. Leatherwood** moved adjournment of the meeting. Without objection, it was so ordered by the County Chair. Meeting closed at 7:36pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, 9 November 2022 6:00 pm

Participation rate: 13/14 (92.9%)

Elapsed Meeting Time: 89 minutes

Jeffrey R. McManus, County Chairman

Joseph D. Leatherwood, Secretary

RPBC Election Integrity Standing Committee Report – Prepared 11/23/22

Our last meeting was October 3, 2022, held at RPBC.

Most of our discussion was centered around recruited election workers, confirmations and training. Also discussed was a strategy to equally place Republican and Democrat judges in polling sites.

E&O insurance was discussed and needs more follow-up.

Recap:

For the November election, we placed Watchers in 50 of the 51 early voting sites for open and close. Watchers also covered random day shifts throughout the county during early voting. Election Day sites were covered for open and close as well as all 5 RSS sites. Total: we placed approximately 200 watchers covering 173+ different shifts throughout the election.

We met with Senator Bob Hall regarding the upcoming legislative session and discussed his proposals for election reform.

Current activity:

- Continue collecting Affidavits
- Attend the partial manual recount
- Still collecting data from the current election

Upcoming Projects:

- Plan and prepare Judge's Appreciation
- Working on legislation regarding election laws

Election Integrity never stops and is always changing based on what shoe has just dropped.

Most counties in the state of Texas have problems and we have a team that's working with many counties across the state and sharing information.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 5th at RPBC, at 10:30 AM.

Republican Party of Bexar County Budget Committee

- Current Number of Members: Nine Members
 - Vicki Durst, Betty Eckert, Lee Salinas, Lupe Hernandez, Vangie Mathis, Marian Stanko, Sue Solcher, (Ed Reaves, Resigned as Pct Chair, no longer a member).
 - Budget Chair, Lille Gough, & Finance Chair, Karen Newton
- Date of Last Meeting: 7 October 2022
 - Subject Discussed: CEC Meeting scheduled for 18 October 2022
 - Date of Next Meeting: January 2023, Date to be Determined
 - Location of Meetings: Rep Party HQtrs Office, 10300 Heritage Blvd, SATX

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- Assist with all CEC Meetings, help Vicki Durst with the snacks, drinks, & food donations. The Budget committee will assist with fundraising events, collection of donations, and reporting these to the RPBC Treasurer.
- Assist with the 20 December 2022, CEC meeting. Set up a merchandise table, collecting donations on behalf of the Rep Party.
- Ensuring we stay on target with the approved budget. Please submit your supply and or supply requests to the Chairman for approval and Treasurer for recording prior to obligating the Rep Party to an expense, specifically if these are not on the approved budget.
- Continue to support the Rep Party as needed to execute the approved budget. Thanks to everyone for your contributions, monetarily and volunteering (work force).

V/r,
Lille Gough
Budget Chair/Treasurer

Campaign Activities Committee Report **December 2022**

- **Current Number of members - 7**
Joey Galvan, Emily Nino, Andrew Vicenzio, Manny Garcia, Dawn Baamonde, Vanessa Alvarado, Megan Hedges-Poole
- **Date of Last meeting** – November 2nd
 1. The Campaign Activities Committee discussed how to effectively dress the polls for the Nov 8th election.
 2. No meetings scheduled at this time
 3. Current meetings have been held via Zoom and at Bexar GOP Headquarters.
- **List of most recent activities and projects**
 1. The Campaign Activities Committee spent time updating the Candidate Contact List.
 2. The Campaign Activities Committee worked together to dress the polls at multiple locations for the Nov 8th election.
- **Current activities and projects under way**

No current activities and projects under way at this time.
- E. **List of planned activities and projects**

The next item for the Campaign Activities Committee will be to reflect on what events were successful this election cycle and what improvements can be made. The committee will also start brainstorming on what events they should consider for the May elections.

Edward Nino
Campaign Activities Committee Chairman
Precinct Chairman #3028

Communications Committee Report

December 2, 2022

1. Current Number of current members - 5
2. Any needed additional members and with what skills or focus of involvement -
 1. Web Page information gatherer
 2. Events Photographer
 3. Writers for topics of interest to the party
 4. Weekly newsletter writer
 5. Photo Editor
 6. Legislative Issues Watchmen/Reporters
1. Date of Last meeting: October
2. Date of next meeting - None scheduled at this time
3. List of most recent activities and projects
 1. Promote the party
 2. Branding on all social media
 3. Social Media Campaign to get out the vote
 4. Social Media Campaign to support candidates
 5. Social Media Campaign to Register
 6. Candidate Interviews (YouTube and website)
 7. Business cards for chairs
 8. Weekly Newsletter
 9. Website updating: news, events and needed information

Data Analytics Committee Report

December 2022

1. Membership Currently 2 members: Caleb Johnson (chair) and Jim Craven.
2. Meetings We have not held a formal committee meeting since the last report.
3. Recent Work Voter Reports: fulfilled requests for reports and automated the generation of per-precinct lists for the 2022 general election. This consumed most of the time and effort available through election day. Election Integrity: data sharing and collaboration with Bexar County Election Integrity (BCEI). Obtained and processed jurisdiction data and per-precinct turnout and votes from BCED. Election summary report table.
4. Ongoing Work Detailed post-election analysis using fine-grained data obtained for the 2022 General Election. Working on processing ballot images and streamlining the process to double-check election results for BCEI. Integrating Jim's access volunteer DB (there is some

difficulty due to software compatibility).

5. Planned Work Volunteer targeting: identifying precinct chairs, neighborhood/street leaders, etc. based on activity. Centralized database to aggregate the mess of disparate data sources available. Aggregate bill information from Legiscan to keep precinct chairs informed of their reps' legislative activity. Access to live bill and representative data opens up new possibilities for committee projects.

Very respectfully,

Caleb Johnson

Data Analytics Committee Chairman Republican Party of Bexar County

Republican Party of Bexar County Finance Events and Online Giving

Karen Newton Chair

December 1, 2022

The Finance Committee for Events and Online Giving includes Hannah McManus, Jimmie Balling, Shannon Murphy, and Felicia Baldwin.

Our next committee meeting will be Friday December 9, 2022 at 3:30 PM at my home.

Joe Garza has been helping the committee look for volunteers to help man the Precinct Chair Dinner.

The following events are in the works:

- The **Chairman's Skeet Shoot and BBQ** re-scheduled for Wednesday April 12, 2023 at the San Antonio Gun Club. A new Save the Date is being created by the committee and we will start promoting the event in the weekly newsletter and through constant contact starting on January 12, 2023. The Skeet Shoot committee, which is being developed, will meet at Headquarters on a biweekly basis and as needed.
- The **Precinct Appreciation Christmas Gathering** will be held on December 13, 2022 5:30 until 8:00 PM at Bigz Burgers on 1604 with a cost of \$15.25 per guest plus gratuities. I am getting the cost of beer and wine, possibility of serving one drink per person then a cash bar. Awards will be given to Precinct Chairs and the overall best volunteer in 2022.
- **Lincoln Day Dinner** will be discussed in the next few months to determine its future.

Online Giving was given a facelift in August to include additional giving buttons. Thank you notes have been issued to donors.

Technology Committee Report – December 1st, 2022

Membership and Attendance at 11/14/2022 Meeting:

Present: Steven Jordan, David Westbrook, Stan Fisher, Marilyn Jowdy, Laurie Atanacio
Absent: Jon Melendez, Cesario Garcia, Liza Chism

Next Meeting: 18:30 on 12/5/2022 at County HQ: 10300 Heritage, Suite 240, San Antonio, Texas 78216

Votes (Cumulative):

- **By the direction of the committee, I move that CEC Meetings, which require technology support, be held at a facility adequate to the purposes of the body, which also meets minimum technical requirements including: High Speed Internet, Sound Equipment, and Projection Equipment. – Passed without objection.**
- **I motion to proceed with beginning backups of Office 365 accounts for \$3 a month per user in order to allow recovery of data in the event of accidental or intentional loss of data. - Passed without Objection**

Open Discussion Items and Initiatives:

- **Sharepoint**
 - Meeting with Chairman regularly to plan
- **Phone Banking / SMS for Election**
 - Setup 2 switches and 6 extra phones plus the 6-7 we already had for Phone banking. Sent 7,000 SMS messages.
- **Find a person on Comms to give SMS to**
 - Spoke to Brenda, she is willing to take it. Scheduling Handoff. Got the Chairman signed into account as well.
 - We were having a problem with an unacceptable Bounce Rate – Fixed temporarily by getting an extra number
- **Jeff Desktop:**
 - Received a requested a Desktop with Dual Monitor Mount, Monitors are fine. Got quote. (\$823 + \$100 Stand)
- **Data Analytics**
 - Worked with Caleb on Database concept. He is carrying the ball on this one.
- **Training:**
 - Held a Training for O365 at the SUURV office a couple months ago. Meeting with Jeff regularly.
- **Treasurer:**
 - She moved to her new laptop. Her desktop ready for repurposing.
 - Will be wiping it and moving to desk in Secretary's office for volunteers to use.
- **Projector:**
 - We have had one donated in kind.
- **O365 Use**
 - We need to catch any Committee Chairs / Officers and get them logged in.
 - Got the Vice Chair and the Outreach Chair set up recently.
- **Website Forms / Mailgun**
 - Emails sent from the website were going to spam

- Stan made a list of groups who receives forms and we set them up for use by Mailgun.
- Chairman needed to see who receives each email, so Stan added that to the body of each form submission.

Editorial Comment:

Please note the first vote listed which is highlighted in red. We would like the CEC to consider holding future meetings in better facilities which meet certain base requirements for holding a large but organized event. Volunteers outside the committee have valiantly attempted to run AV equipment at recent meetings held at the Fireman's Hall for instance, but without internet access or an area to use a projector it is difficult for them to show the body motions which are under consideration. This will become more critical in coming meetings.

Please reach out to me with any questions. Thanks! Steve Jordan

Volunteer Committee report: November 30, 2022

- Current Number of current members - 2
 - Any needed additional members and with what skills or focus of involvement - the committee is active and able to perform with the current members
- Date of Last meeting - 11/2/2022
 - Subjects discussed - planning and discuss future opportunities to market the RPBC.
 - Date of next meeting - None scheduled at this time
 - Location of meetings - via phone
- List of most recent activities and projects
 - Veterans Day Parade
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- Current activities and projects under way
 - Call for Precinct Chair Appreciation volunteers - need two to work sign-in table, and 4 to help decorate
 - Ensuring the reception desk is staffed at headquarters.
- List of planned activities and projects
 - Call will be made for Freedom Walk participants for a booth and to walk the march
 - Call will be made for the MLK Walk for walkers in the march
 - Call will be made to have a booth at the flea markets
- Editorial Comment – what ever you want to communicate to the Members
 - the time is not appropriate to have political events, so we are waiting to ramp things in January.
 - We will be needing to order more RPBC t-shirts for future events.

Candidate Recruitment & Appointment Committee Report

Republican Party of Bexar County
Candidate Recruitment & Appointment Committee

December 2, 2022

Current Number of current members

As it stands, the committee is comprised of 12 total members. 9 out of 12 committee members were present at first meeting.

If we were to add another committee member, it would be Lora Lane because she was also tasked by Chairman McManus to assist in updating and revising the Candidate's Manual

Meeting Date, Location and Discussion

Meeting was held on Monday, November 28, 2022 at a member's corporate office.

Meeting began at 6:09 PM and ended at 8:15 PM.

Meeting agenda included the following:

1. Introduction of Committee Members
2. What is the Candidate Recruitment and Appointment Committee
3. Scope of the Committee; Reading of By-laws
4. Upcoming Elections: School Boards and City Councils.
5. Discussion of the 10 Core Tenets of the RPT, 2022.
6. Screening process for Candidates, Developing Candidate Survey and Process of making recommendations to the Chairmans and Executive Committee for Bexar GOP Party Endorsed Candidates; Referred to Bylaws for explicit clarification.
7. Possible Candidates; Only discussed possible candidates for the City Council race. We will discuss candidates at next meeting. School board races will also be discussed.

List of most recent activities and projects

This was our first meetings as a committee. Committee is now formed and now operating.

Current activities and projects under way

Committee will be meeting with groups and committee members to identify candidates for the School Board Race and City Council Election. Then we will be setting up appointments to interview candidates.

Our planned project is to recruit and prepare candidates for Spring 2023 Elections.

Editorial Comment - whatever you want to communicate to the Members

Our next meeting will be held on December 19, 2022 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Paul C. James, Jr.

Precinct Chair, Precinct 3190

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Rules and Bylaws Committee Report

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TO: CEC

The Rules & Bylaws committee is currently staffed with 7 members:

- **Warrington Lee Austerman (4198) COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**
- **Art Martinez (1064)**
- **Chris Pugh (2066, former precinct chairman)**
- **Weston Martinez (3081)**
- **Richard Brisco (3078)**
- **Jeanne Melendez (4085) and**
- **Yvonne Clouser (4057)**

-R. T. Johnston (1038, former present chairman) resigned from the committee.

The committee is entitled to a total of 9 members, and therefore currently has a vacancy of 2 seats. The chairman would welcome any perspective members to help fully staff the committee who are committed and able to be consistent attending meetings.

The committee has met twice since during the current biennium. Meetings were held in October 20th and November 17th at party headquarters. The November meeting failed to produce a quorum needed in order to do business, but the October meeting was productive. The committee consider 14 proposed changes submitted by Chairman Austerman and party chairman Jeff McManus. The committee approved 8 proposed changes, tabled 3 changes, and rejected 3 changes.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 8th, 7pm, at party headquarters.

The following are the proposed changes to the rules & and bylaws that have been approved by the committee. Original wording is in black, and changes are notated by color. New language suggested is in **BLUE and proposed removals are in with a line drawn through it.**

AMEND ARTICLE III-SECTION

6 (C) AS SUBMITTED:

C. Notice of the organizational meeting (s) shall be sent electronically and a copy of any proposed Bylaws and/or Rules shall either be mailed via the USPS or emailed, and be posted on the county party website, if available. Delivery will be to the last known address of the members of the Executive Committee at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting and such notice shall state the time, date, purpose, and location of the meeting and the name(s) of the person(s) issuing the call; Such

notice shall state the time, date, and location of the meeting and the names(s) of the person(s) issuing the call. The agenda of the organizational meeting shall include, but not be limited to, the swearing in of the newly elected executive committee members and the adoption of Bylaws and/or Rules for the biennium. Failure to adopt bylaws and/or rules for the current biennium shall enact the previous biennium's bylaws and/or rules.;

Committee member C. Pugh moved and the committee unanimously approved to amend by maintaining the original requirement that the meeting notice be sent electronically.

AMENDED AND VOTED IN COMMITTEE:

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AMEND ARTICLE III-SECTION 6 (F) AS
SUBMITTED:

F. The agenda of the organizational meeting(s) shall include, but not be limited to, the swearing in of the newly elected executive committee members,

and the adoption

of Bylaws and/or Rules for the biennium;

Committee member R. Brisco expressed concerns about excluding the budget. Committee member C. Pugh agreed, and moved to amend to reflect as such. The committee voted in favor of the amendment with Chairman Austerman voting against.

AMENDED AND VOTED IN COMMITTEE:

F. The agenda of the organizational meeting(s) shall include, but not be limited to, the swearing in of the newly elected executive committee members, the approval of the budget, and the adoption of Bylaws and/or Rules for the biennium;

AMEND ARTICLE V-SECTION 1 AS
SUBMITTED:

The Management Committee shall advise and assist the County Chair as requested. The Management Committee shall act on behalf as instructed but not in lieu of the Executive Committee between meetings, subject to the applicable statutes, the General Rules of the Republican Party of Texas, and these Bylaws. The Management Committee shall not replace or assume the Executive Committee's duties or authority but implements the Executive Committee's decisions.

Committee member Y. Clouser expressed concern about Management Committee members ability to advise might becoming infringed under the proposed change, prompting Committee member C. Pugh to offer an amendment to make minor tweaks to the first sentence. The amendment was unanimously approved with Chairman Austerman abstaining.

AMENDED AND VOTED IN COMMITTEE:

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AMEND ARTICLE V-SECTION 2 (A-1)

AS SUBMITTED AND VOTED IN COMMITTEE:

A. The voting members of the Management Committee shall be:

- **The Officers of the Party, elected and appointed;**
- **Members duly elected by their County Commissioner Caucuses (8)**
- **Two At-large members duly elected by the Republican Party of Bexar County**
Executive Committee, nominated from the floor (2);
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The Legal Counsel, Parliamentarian, SREC members, and the Immediate Past County Chair are non-voting members of the Management Committee;

- **The Total membership of the Management Committee shall be 14**

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AMEND ARTICLE V-SECTION 3 (D):

AS SUBMITTED AND VOTED IN COMMITTEE:

D. All meetings shall be open to any member of the Executive Committee, [SREC Members in which Bexar County is part of their Senatorial district](#), and they shall have the right to appear before the committee and testify concerning any item under purview of the committee and to record with electronic devices the proceedings of any meeting not held in Executive Session;

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ARTICLE V-SECTION 4 (C):

AS SUBMITTED AND VOTED IN COMMITTEE: C.

[The Executive Committee shall elect two \(2\) Precinct Chairs at large.](#)

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ARTICLE VI-SECTION 4 -A PROPOSED NEW BULLET POINT BETWEEN (E) AND (F):

AS SUBMITTED:

[Call notification will be simultaneously posted in the website calendar:](#)

Committeeman R. Brisco proposed a rephrased method which was unanimously approved.

AMENDED AND VOTED IN COMMITTEE:

[Notification of a call of a meeting will be simultaneously posted in the website calendar;](#)

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ARTICLE VII SECTION 1 -A PROPOSED NEW BULLET POINT BETWEEN (A) AND (B):

AS SUBMITTED:

[Call notification will be simultaneously post in the web site calendar;](#)

Chairman Austerman moved to have the propose change rewritten to reflect the exact same wording as change #7 without objection.

AMENDED AND VOTED IN COMMITTEE:

[Notification of a call of a meeting will be simultaneously post in the web site calendar;](#)

