

Republican Party of Bexar County Executive Committee
August 25, 2024
Christian School at Castle Hills, 2216 N.W, Military Hwy, San Antonio

Chair Kris Coons called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Invocation

Allen Hamilton, Precinct 3102, led the invocation, quoting Thomas Jefferson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dick Coons, Precinct 3030, led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Texas Pledge

Ginny Shannon, Precinct 2173, led the attendees in the Texas Pledge.

Determination of Quorum

Republican Party of Texas (RPT) Rule 9 states at least one fourth of the membership shall constitute a quorum. There are currently 180 precinct chairmen so 45 members are required for a quorum. It was confirmed that 80 members were present.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair Coons updated the membership on the activities at headquarters the past couple of months. It has been a very busy time. We are thrilled there are 56 precinct chairmen to be approved today. This is critical since the precinct organization is the heart of the Party. The organizational meeting of the CEC and a successful car show were held. In addition, two Management Committee meetings, two Elections Training sessions, two Communication meetings, three Budget meetings, the Chair has met with all elected officials and most of the candidates, the recent open house attended by 140 people, the Trump/RNC Election Integrity training this week attended by 75 people, the very busy Trump Store are all ongoing activities. GOTV and voter registration is the priority.

Approval of Minutes of June 29, 2024, Organizational Meeting

Diane Rath, Secretary, presented the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of June 29, 2024. The minutes had been distributed to the precinct chairmen by email and Ms. Rath had two additional edits:

page 5, corrected Precinct 2 Caucus Chairman to Frank Fonseca

page 6, corrected spelling of Teresa Bollin's first name.

The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Ratification of Non-contested Precinct Chairmen

The list of 52 individuals and the respective precinct that are uncontested was read and the candidates were introduced to the committee. (Attachment A)

Jennifer Hendrix, Precinct 3145, moved approval of the slate of uncontested precinct chairmen by voice vote. There were numerous individuals who seconded the motion. The motion was approved overwhelmingly.

With the ratification, there are 35 of the new precinct chairmen present, and the quorum is now 115.

Election of Contested Precinct Chairmen

There are four precincts where two individuals applied to be precinct chairman. The candidates were introduced to the committee and invited to speak for two minutes.

Precinct 1152 – Alejandro Polanco and Gertrude (Trudie) Perez

Precinct 3048 – Jonathan Delmer and John Hoyle, III

Precinct 3049 - Naomi Miller and David Ross

Precinct 3088 - James Burns and Dylan Young

Parry Gutting, Precinct 1108, raised a point of order reminding the Chair the newly elected precinct chairs could take their seats with the precinct chairmen. The new Precinct Chairmen moved to take their seats.

Robert Gonzalez, Precinct 2040, raised a point of order. One candidate for precinct chair was recently elected to the Bexar Appraisal Board. Is this individual eligible to serve as a precinct chairman? Chair Coons referred the issue to General Counsel Justin Nichols.

Monica Rojas, Precinct 3082, provided Counsel Nichols the text of the Election Code addressing this issue.

Section 161.005 - Eligibility for Party Offices Generally(a) To be eligible to be a candidate for or to serve as an officer of a political party, a person must:(1) except as provided by Subsection (c), not be a candidate for nomination or election to, or be the holder of, an elective office of the federal, state, or county government; and(2) if the office is a county or precinct chair of a political party, be a qualified voter of the county.(a-1) For purposes of this section, the following are officers of a political party:(1) a precinct chair;(2) a county chair; and(3) a member, a chair, or a vice chair of a state executive committee of a political party.(b) For purposes of this section, a person becomes a candidate at the earliest time at which one of the following occurs:(1) the person files:(A) a declaration of intent to run as an independent candidate;(B) an application for a place on a primary or general election ballot or for nomination by a convention; or(C) a declaration of write-in candidacy; or(2) the person is nominated by a convention or executive committee.(c) A candidate for nomination or election to, or the holder of, an elective office of the federal, state, or county government is eligible to serve as an officer of a political party to which Chapter 181 applies.

Counsel Nichol stated the position of Bexar Appraisal Board is not on a primary ballot, and the candidate is therefore eligible to serve as a precinct chairman. Mr. Gonzalez stated he would pursue the information with the Secretary of State.

Chair Coons announced that a single ballot with all four races printed on it were being distributed to each member of the CEC. Each member may vote for one person per precinct in each of the contested races.

Chair Coons appointed Patricia Fagin, Teresa Bollin and Karl Merkyl as Tellers. The tellers collected the ballots and went to the back of the room to count the ballots. One watcher is allowed per candidate.

One additional precinct chairman has joined the meeting, so the quorum is not 116.

While the ballots were being counted, Steve Jordan, Precinct 3105, asked the Chair to explain the Sustaining Member Program. Chair Coons introduced Finance Chair Deana Abiassi who discussed the program and asked all precinct chairmen to join the program. Precinct chairmen who join today or increase their monthly contribution by \$10 per month will receive the cute hat worn by Chair Coons. The goal is to have 100% participation by all precinct chairmen. She thanked Ana Maria Farias for her in-kind donation of the gifts being used today.

Rick Briscoe, Precinct 3078, asked for a moment of personal privilege and discussed the importance of distributing educational materials to the voters in the precinct. He described what he has done in the past regarding printing, mailing, and educating voters in his precinct. He emphasized the importance of the Party providing materials to be used.

Introductions

While the tellers continued counting, the candidates and officeholders were introduced. During their remarks, Lille Gough, RPBC Treasurer and Budget Chair, distributed the proposed 2024-2025 budget.

Candidates, or their surrogates introduced included

*Justice Lori Massey Brissette, represented by Lora Lane, Fourth Court of Appeals Pl. 4

*Adrian Spears, Fourth Court of Appeals Pl. 5

*Constable Mark Vojvodich, Pct 3, who invited members for a "Ride Along" to observe the actions of constables. He offered to provide information about the Bexar County's operations. His cell is 210.478.6065.

*Commander Jay Furman, CD 28

*Sylvia Soto, State Rep 124

*Commissioner Grant Moody, Pct 3, represented by Misty Spears, who explained Commissioner Moody is on reserve duty this weekend. She reminded the membership he is the only conservative on the Court and raised the critical issue of the County's bond indebtedness. The per capita debt is the highest of any county in the country!

*Lina Prado, Commissioner Pct 1, was also represented by Misty Spears, who stated how important another seat on the Court is.

*Congressman Tony Gonzales, CD 23, represented by Jake Bywaters

A door prize drawing was held.

The head teller returned and announced the results of the vote:

Precinct 1152 – Gertrude (Trudie) Perez

Precinct 3048 – Jonathan Delmer

Precinct 3049 – David Ross

Precinct 3088 – Dylan Young

Chair Coons asked all newly elected precinct chairmen to stand. She introduced Justice Lori Valenzuela, Fourth Court of Appeals, to administer the oath of office to the new precinct chairmen. She stated Justice Valenzuela will be re-elected once the first vote is cast in her election.

Consideration and Approval of the 2024-2025 Budget (Attachment B)

Lille Gough, RPBC Treasurer and Budget Chair, presented the proposed July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 budget. Ms. Gough recognized her committee members and others for providing valuable budget input. She stated she appreciated the assistance and support of the Budget Committee who reviewed and supported this budget. She stated the budget is the goal and is subject to change with circumstances. Since the draft had been distributed, she reviewed the categories and not the individual items.

REVENUE:

Special Fundraising Events	\$196,830.
Other Fundraising Events	106,950.
Total Revenue	303,780.

EXPENSE:

Overhead	106,250.
Operating	61,923.
Special Fundraising	55,375.
Fundraising Events	18,700.
Capital	3,000.
Candidate Support	15,000.
Community Outreach	900.
Professional Services	6,000.
Total Expense	267,148.

REVENUE LESS EXPENSE 36,632.

Ms. Gough moved approval of the proposed budget on behalf of the Budget Committee.

Phyllis Wideman, Precinct 4117, asked for details of the GOTV item.

Margo Scott-Bright, Precinct 4036, inquired about the availability of push cards.

Frank Fonseca, Precinct 2060, spoke on the importance of the collateral materials.

M.J. Smoot, Precinct 3075, moved to accept the budget as distributed.

Joe Leatherwood, Precinct 3181, seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, the Budget was overwhelmingly adopted on a voice vote.

Announcements

*Chair Coons announced the Management Committee will meet at 9am on Sept 21 and the next CEC meeting is Sept 28 at Pica Pica Plaza. Breakfast will be available at 8am and the meeting will start at 9am.

*She stated the RPBC Lincoln/Reagan Dinner will be October 25 at Sonterra Country Club. The keynote speaker is Governor Greg Abbott with special guest speaker Senator John Cornyn. Congressmen Roy and Gonzales, our state reps and Senator Donna Campbell have committed to attend.

*Marian Stanko, Precinct 3015, announced a preview of the Reagan movie on August 27 at Alamo Drafthouse. It is a fundraiser sponsored by The Republican Club of Bexar County to benefit candidates. Tickets are \$75 and sponsorships are available.

*Yvonne Clouser, Precinct 4057, Chair of the Trump/RNC Protect the Vote, stated this is President Trump's program and she emphasized the need for poll watchers and election workers. She is working with RPBC and will be at headquarters to work this program.

* Warrington Austerman, Precinct 4198, emphasized that all precinct chairmen, especially the new precinct chairmen, need to be sure and have the Precinct Chair's Handbook which is being distributed.

*Monica Rojas, Precinct 3082, thanked Commissioner Grant Moody for providing the donuts for today's meeting.

*Anita Kegley, Precinct 2134, announced the Church and Politics Meeting August 27.

*Randolph Macias, Precinct 3036, stated he is glad to be back as a precinct chair

* Emily Nino, Precinct 1139, announced the Trump Train at 2:30 today.

*Teresa Bollin, Precinct 1082, volunteer Coordinator, requested volunteers. Folks can call 210.824.9445 or complete the volunteer form on the website.

*Marilyn Jowdy, Precinct 3180, urged opposition to the COSA city charter amendments and stated a resolution would be presented at the September CEC meeting.

*Jennifer Hendrix, Precinct 3135, Coordinator of Precinct Organization, and Allen Hamilton, Precinct 3102, are conducting precinct chairmen orientation and training. The Chair reported 30 people attended the first orientation. She urged people to check the calendar on the website for information and events.

*Curt Nelson, Precinct 3104, stated he is chair of candidate recruitment for the next election cycle and urged the members to be thinking of possible candidates. He will have more information at the next meeting. He emphasized the need for election clerks, judges, and workers for November.

*Stanley Fisher, Precinct 2141, urged folks to use the form on the website for calendar submissions. Or email webmaster@bexargop.org. Please do not text him.

*John Austin, Precinct 3047, stated two committed precinct chairmen have passed away and asked for a moment of silence to honor Nancy Palmer and Barbara Miller. Chair Coons stated we would have a memorial for them at the next CEC meeting.

*Vice Chair Kyle Sinclair, Precinct 1143, spoke about Attorney General Paxton investigating and executing search warrants against several individuals and the CGS company in Bexar County for 2022 election irregularities. He also spoke about the Mayor and Sheriff speaking at the DNC which should motivate us to be sure and get our friends out to vote. The Chair also urged folks to write letters to the editor discussing the difference in policies and actions of the two parties and candidates.

*James Bush, Precinct 3201, urged folks to post letters to the editor on social media.

David Westbrook, Precinct 1107, moved adjournment.

After one additional door prize drawing, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Rath
Secretary

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Pct #	First Name	Last Name
1001	DAVID	AYALA
1006	Priscilla	TIJERINA
1029	MARICELA	RODRIGUEZ
1033	Monica	BEATY
1091	Lesley	Castillo
1111	Janet	Soenksen
1138	Rian	Hanes
1143	KYLE	SINCLAIR
1151	JACKSON	CARPENTER
1152	ALEJANDRO	POLANCO
1152	GERTRUDE (Trudie)	PEREZ
2009	CYNTHIA	LOPEZ
2035	Brian	Blann
2077	DEBORAH	WINFREY
2099	MINERVA	BERNAL
2102	Rocky	Garcia
2115	SAMUEL	RODRIGUEZ JR
2124	Christine	Perez-Crain
2125	Kenneth	Hedges
2126	JESSICA	Conde-blum (Maiden Elizando)
2170	Clara	Ramirez
2174	Lisa	Navarrete
3021	Shirley	WILLS
3029	MICHAEL	TABET
3036	Randolph	Macias
3046	ARTHUR	ROSSI JR
3048	Jonathan	Delmer
3048	John	Hoyle, III
3049	Naomi	Miller
3049	David	Ross
3050	Johanna	Conrad-Warneke
3071	SIMONA	RUBALCAVA
3076	RACHEL	PENA
3088	James	Burns
3088	Dylan	Young
3092	Laurie	Kabes
3122	CYNTHIA	COSGROVE
3137	Molly	Sprenger
3139	Regan	Sutalo
3148	Jacq'ue	Miller
3174	Gary	Bessee

3181	Joseph	Leatherwood
3199	Alan	Crowther
3201	James	Bush
4017	Maximiliano	Lerma
4023	KATHERINE	HERRERA
4027	Clinton	Blumberg Jr
4036	MARGO	SCOTT-BRIGHT
4038	Margaret	Solcher
4044	Marisela	Lopez
4045	HENRY	DUNN
4056	Rita	Monroe
4064	Carson	Manning
4088	Jacob	Bywaters
4121	Laurie	Baird

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1	Budget Worksheet (Draft) Republican Party of Bexar County		
2	FY: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025		
3	Revenue	Projected Budget Revenue	Revenue YTD Actuals as of 7/31/2024
4	Beginning Cash - 7/1/2024		\$ 4,870.90
5	Special Fund Raising Events:		
6	Chairman's BBQ (Mar 2025)	\$ 23,750.00	\$ -
7	Hall of Fame Dinner (Dec 2024)	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -
8	Lincoln/Reagan Dinner (Oct 25,2025)	\$ 48,750.00	\$ -
9	Run for the Roses (May 2025)	\$ 39,125.00	\$ -
10	Red, White, & Varoom Car Show (Jun 2024)	\$ 15,205.00	\$ 15,205.00
11	Other Fund Raisers	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
12	Subtotal Special Fund Raising Events	\$ 196,830.00	\$ 15,205.00
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14	Fund Raising Events:		
15	Major Donor Contributions	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
16	Sustaining Member Donations	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 3,828.99
17	Judicial Candidates Contributions	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
18	War Room	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
19	CEC Collections	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 704.00
20	General Fund Donation	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,916.00
21	Election Integrity Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
22	Trump 2024 Yard Signs	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,705.00
23	Retail Sales Merchandise	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 6,195.00
24	Rep Party T-Shirts	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 20.00
25	Pct Chair Business Cards	\$ 200.00	\$ -
26	Community Events	\$ 250.00	\$ -
27	Copier Supply Account	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.00
28	RPBC Office Move	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
29	Fiesta Medals	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
30	Subtotal Fund Raising Events	\$ 106,950.00	\$ 20,968.99
31	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 303,780.00	\$ 41,044.89
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33	Expense	Projected Budget Expense	Expenses YTD Actuals as of 7/31/2024
34	Overhead:		
35	Rent (\$3,899.58 * 12) = 46,794.96	\$ 47,000.00	\$ -
36	Internet / Telephone	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 275.68
37	Taxes - Property	\$ 200.00	\$ -
38	Copier Maintenance	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 98.66
39	Computer Software/Hardware	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 233.36
40	Direct Marketing	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 241.98
41	Website Domain	\$ 200.00	\$ -
42	Insurance	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -
43	Executive Administrator (1099)	\$ 42,000.00	\$ -
44	Subtotal Overhead Expense	\$ 106,250.00	\$ 849.68
45			
46	Operating:		
47	Supplies - Office	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 195.66
48	Postage (CEC & Other)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
49	Bank Charges (\$10*12) = \$120	\$ 120.00	\$ 45.00
50	Pay Pal Fee	\$ 200.00	\$ 42.23
51	Anedot Fee	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 466.46
52	Eventbrite Fee	\$ 200.00	\$ -
53	CEC Meetings (4*\$500) = \$2,000	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 58.45
54	Get Out The Vote (GOTV) Expense	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 76.76
55	General & Misc.	\$ 500.00	\$ -
56	RPBC Office Move	\$ 403.00	\$ 402.50
57	Election Integrity	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
58	Subtotal Operating Expense	\$ 61,923.00	\$ 1,287.06

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60	Expense	Projected Budget Expense	Expenses YTD Actuals as of 7/31/2024
61	Special Fund Raising Events:		
62	Chairman's BBQ (Oct 2024)	\$ 6,800.00	\$ -
63	Hall of Fame Dinner (Dec 2024)	\$ 13,000.00	\$ -
64	Lincoln/Reagan Dinner (Feb 2025)	\$ 19,475.00	\$ -
65	Run for the Roses (May 2025)	\$ 6,950.00	\$ -
66	Red, White, & Varoom Car Show (Jun 2024)	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 887.00
67	Other Fund Raisers	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
68	Subtotal Special Fund Raising Expense	\$ 55,375.00	\$ 887.00
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70	Fund Raising:		
71	Major Donor Appreciation	\$ 250.00	\$ -
72	Sustaining Member Appreciation	\$ 250.00	\$ -
73	Judicial Candidate Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
74	Trump 2024 Yard Signs	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,092.00
75	Retail Sales Merchandise	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 3,092.75
76	Pct Chair Business Cards	\$ 150.00	\$ -
77	Rep Party T-Shirts	\$ 250.00	\$ -
78	Supply Account	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
79	Subtotal Fund Raising Events Expense	\$ 18,700.00	\$ 4,184.75
80			
81	Capital:		
82	Equipment - Computers	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
83	Subtotal Capital Expense	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
84			
85	Candidate Support:		
86	Judicial Support	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
87	Campaign Activities	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
88	Bexar County Candidates	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
89	Subtotal Candidate Support Expense	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
90			
91	Community Outreach:		
92	MLK Event	\$ 200.00	\$ -
93	Fiesta Events Medals	\$ 500.00	\$ -
94	Community Involvement	\$ 200.00	\$ -
95	Subtotal Community Outreach Expense	\$ 900.00	\$ -
96			
97	Professional Services:		
98	Social Media	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
99	Legal	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
100	Subtotal Professional Service Expense	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
101	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 267,148.00	\$ 7,268.49
102			
103	REVENUE LESS EXPENSE	\$ 36,632.00	\$ 33,836.40
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105			
106	BANK CASH BALANCE AS OF 7/31/2024		
107			7/31/2024
108	Corporate		\$ 1,278.25
109	Federal		\$ 14,725.52
110	State		\$ 18,255.24
111	BANK CASH BALANCE		\$ 34,259.01

Republican Party of Bexar County		
Treasurer Report		
Revenue and Expense - SUMMARY		
7/1/2024 - 7/31/2024		
	BUDGET	ACTUALS
		at 7/31/2024
TOTAL REVENUE	\$303,780.00	\$ 41,044.89
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$267,148.00	\$ 7,208.49
REVENUE LESS EXPENSE	\$ 36,632.00	\$ 33,836.40
		7/31/2024
Corporate		\$ 1,278.25
Federal		\$14,725.52
State		\$18,255.24
BANK CASH BALANCE		\$34,259.01