

Republican Party of Bexar County Executive Committee
September 28, 2024
The Temple of Praise Church, 1620 Pinn Road, San Antonio, Tx 78227

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

Invocation

Pastor Darryl Crain, The Temple of Praise Church and candidate for Tx State Rep 116, gave the invocation reminding us of the importance of religious values in our government.

Pledge of Allegiance

Royce Clough, Precinct 4001, led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Texas Pledge

Marc LaHood, candidate for Tx State Rep 121, led the attendees in the Texas Pledge.

Introductions

Chair Kris Coons introduced former County Chairman Curt Nelson serving as Parliamentarian, Vice Chair Kyle Sinclair, and Secretary Diane Rath. All candidates present, or their representative, were introduced and made brief remarks. These included

*Lora Lane, representing Justice Lori Massey Brissette, urging support for all four Fourth Court of Appeals Candidates

*Todd McCray, candidate for the Fourth Court of Appeals, who urged support for voting the full ballot

*Joyce Yannuzzi, district director for Tx Senator Donna Campbell, discussed her signature legislative accomplishments

*Lina Prado, candidate for Bexar County Commissioner Precinct 1, emphasized her support for infrastructure improvements and crime control in Precinct 1

*Darryl Crain, Candidate Tx State Rep 116, emphasized the importance of defining our principles of government

*Mark LaHood, candidate for Tx State Rep 121, discussed the importance of this election for our future

*Anita Kegley, candidate SA City Council District 1, emphasized importance of having conservatives in city government

*Gina Castaneda, representing Tx State Rep 118 John Lujan and Sylvia Soto, candidate for Tx State Rep 124, stated the importance of maintaining the majority in the Texas House

*Teresa Bollin, representing Commander Jay Furman, candidate US Congress Dist. 28

*Randy Parham, SREC 21, representing Steven Wright, candidate US Congress Dist.35

*Francisco Salazar, Precinct 1086, supporting Candidate Sylvia Soto, emphasized the importance of educating Hispanics about the conservative Republican philosophy.

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 233 precinct chairmen so 59 members are required for a quorum. It was confirmed 86 members were present so we have a quorum.

Appointments

Chair Coons appointed Curt Nelson as Parliamentarian, Gary Chic and Dick Coons as Sgt. Of Arms.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair Coons provided an update on the activities of the past three months. There are only 38 days left until November 5 and 24 days until early voting. She encouraged the members to remind everyone to vote early and to vote down ballot! Early voting starts Oct 21. Chair Coons has been in office 97 days, and she thanked the great team working hard to elect Republicans. Activities include 75 precinct chairmen added, three management committee meetings, three CEC meetings, and 25 committee meetings. Oct 25 will be the second major fundraiser. Headquarters is open 9-5 Monday - Friday. On Saturdays in October, it will be open 9-12, with October 26 open 8-8. A legal team will be available. Door hangers will be stuffed this week. 5000 have been ordered and they are waiting on candidate literature. The candidates are designating the precincts most important to them plus material will be available for precinct chairmen who want to walk their precinct independently.

Chair Coons reminded the audience of her campaign vision: A.C.T.:

Accountability – demonstrated by the activities and actions of the past three months

Collaboration - all clubs and groups are working together to elect Republicans

Transparency – everything is posted on the website or in the office, including minutes, finances, committees, etc.

We are actively preparing for the Lincoln Reagan Dinner on October 25 with Governor Abbott and Senator Cornyn together. We are demonstrating Bexar County unity. More discussion of the dinner will be later on the agenda.

Chair Coons and the team is planning for 2025 and 2026 elections to take back Bexar County!

Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2024, Special CEC Meeting

Diane Rath, Secretary, presented the Minutes of the Special CEC Meeting on August 24, 2024. The minutes had been distributed to the precinct chairmen by email. There were no corrections to the minutes, and they were approved as distributed.

Ratification Precinct Chairmen

There are ten people who have applied to be precinct chairmen with no opponent.

1079 Medlyn Doris Lyons

1100 David Paul Finell

2010 Lori Ann McIntyre

3100 Jonathon Melendez

2111 Tracy Dean Ebersole

2149 Rhett Smith

3039 Denise Vandermark

4229 Frances Elaine Ely

Jonathon Melendez was previously the precinct chairman in 3084 and moved out of the precinct into 3100 which has no precinct chairman. He is included in the list to be ratified. The candidates present were introduced.

Jennifer Hendrix, Precinct 3145, moved to approve by voice vote all present and unopposed. There were numerous seconds. Steve Jordan, Precinct 3105, then moved to amend the

motion to approve both those individuals present **and** not present. The motion received a second from several people.

The amendment passed overwhelmingly with one NAY vote.

The motion as amended passed without dissent.

Chair Coons administered the Oath of Office to the newly ratified precinct chairmen.

With the ratification, seven of the new precinct chairmen are present. The quorum required is now 61 and 93 are present.

Election of Contested Precinct Chairmen

There are no contested precinct chairmen.

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.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Lille Gough distributed the Treasurer's Report (ATTACHMENT A) and reminded the members the draft report was included with the meeting call.

REVENUE: \$67,985.69 (July-August)

EXPENSE: \$27,646.58 (July-August)

REVENUE LESS EXPENSE: \$40,339.11 (July-August)

The detail was not presented since it was mailed out with the call.

Treasurer Gough then reviewed the Sustaining Members contributions. Our goal is \$4,000 per month to cover rent and this goal was met in September. Her next goal is an additional monthly contribution from Sustaining Members to cover operating expenses of \$4,000. The good news is that as of Sept.30, 2024, the draft report indicates revenue of \$113,000!

Committee Reports:

Before the committee reports, Chair Coons introduced the SREC members present.

SD 25 Mike Wheeler and Lucy Trainer

SD 26 Karen Marshall

SD 21 Randy Purham

Finance Report

Chair Coons introduced Executive Administrator Becky Edler to discuss the Lincoln Reagan Fundraiser Dinner on October 25 with Governor Abbott and Senator Cornyn.

Mrs. Edler stated contributions are accepted by cash, check or credit card. The dinner is at Sonterra Country Club which is very secure. Valet parking is available. She discussed the menu and the ticket prices. Both individual tickets and tables are available for purchase on the website.

Volunteer Committee

Committee Chair Teresa Bollin (Pct Chair 1081) was assisted by Royce Clough (Pct Chair 4001) as she presented the report. She stated she would like two more volunteers on the committee. She announced the database now has 626 volunteers! The volunteers are active in headquarters operations, events, candidate events, and election worker training. She recognized Yvonne Clouser (Pct Chair 4057) for her Election Integrity work with the RNC/Trump team..

Voter Registration (Attachment B)

Committee Chairman Karen Marshall reviewed the activities of the Veteran Outreach Committee providing nonpartisan information to numerous veteran events. She also thanked the 12 volunteers on the committee who have been active at gun shows and churches. She informed the meeting of the initiative started by Cynthia Ferris in the Vietnamese churches and spotlighted her presentation developed for the Vietnamese community.

Carl Merkle, Precinct 4096, commented that public dollars are being spent for partisan purposes. The Chair thanked Mr. Merkle, but ruled his comments out of order, but said he could address this issue in New Business.

Education Outreach (Attachment B)

Chair Coons presented the committee report for Committee Chair Marsha Landry. The committee will meet again on October 14 and is focused on the upcoming school board elections.

Campaign Activities (Attachment C)

Chair Coons presented the report for Committee Chair Terri Richardson. She discussed the activities of the committee providing volunteers for the candidates and providing campaign materials from all candidates in headquarters. Senator Cruz signs are now available.

Resolutions Committee (Attachment D)

Chairman Steve Jordan reviewed the activities of the committee and reminded the membership the committee report with the requested resolution for consideration was included with the meeting call. The committee moves adoption of the resolution opposing all city charter amendments.

Curt Nelson, Precinct 3104, moved to amend the resolution by inserting "City of San Antonio" so it reads "is against all of the proposed City of San Antonio charter amendments". He stated several other municipalities are also having city charter elections and this resolution only addresses COSA. Marian Stanko moved to second the motion. The amendment was approved with one NAY. The resolution as amended was approved without dissent.

Susie Bayne, Precinct 3130, informed the audience she is creating a flyer regarding the COSA city charter amendments that can be distributed to voters.

Bylaws Committee (Attachment E)

Chairman Steve Jordan reviewed the activities of the committee and stated the committee report was included with the meeting call. The committee moves a bylaw amendment to

Article 3, Section 2 by inserting "in Bexar County" to clarify a voter must be registered in Bexar County to serve as a Bexar County precinct chairman. A bylaw amendment requires 2/3 majority of those present and voting to be adopted. The motion passed without opposition.

Chair Coons then introduced Vice Chairman Kyle Sinclair to brief the membership on the recent action of Bexar County Commissioners Court.

Vice Chairman Sinclair discussed the Bexar County Commissioners Court approval of a \$400,000 contract for voter registration. He recognized Commissioner Grant Moody for bringing the issue to the public's attention and for his detailed questioning of witnesses during Court. Sinclair stated that currently COSA has a \$2.6 billion debt and Bexar County has a \$2.6 billion debt making our county have the highest debt per capita in the country. The Court approved a \$400,000 contract with CGS for voter registration that has not been done before and despite the opposition of the Elections Administrator. The founder of CGS is also the president of a nonprofit in Austin dedicated to electing progressives to office. He is aggressively targeting 40 counties in Texas to impact the election outcomes by registering voters in selected areas. Because of Commissioner Moody and the RPBC outcry, the media covered the issue. Chair Coons is currently continuing to work with the AG and the SOS by supplying information as it becomes available. Sinclair stated we need to follow Newt Gingrich's model to be "Noisy Republicans". He urged the precinct chairmen to be active and take elected offices back from the Democrats.

Doris Westbrook, Precinct 2163, discussed the letter she received, and Chair Coons asked everyone to bring any letter received to headquarters.

Carl Merkle, Precinct 4096, stated he is a retired CPA with prior experience working with the federal government and corruption cases. He feels this situation warrants a class action lawsuit for criminal activity by the Court.

Announcements

Anita Kegley, Precinct 2134, stated she has distributed 8000 voter registration cards and has been working with the Churches on voter registration. On October 17, there will be a Church and Politics event 6:30-8:30 at The Temple of Praise Church.

Rita Monroe, Precinct 4056, inquired how we can be updated regarding action on CGS. Chair Coons stated Headquarters will supply information using Constant Contact.

Teresa Bollin stated headquarters is open Monday -Friday 8-5 and can use volunteers. The Trump Store is very busy.

Mary Ellen Snell, Precinct 3194, stated we need to advocate and explain why this election is important. She requested a list of Biden's actions that are harmful to our country. She requested a list of voters in her precinct, hard GOP voters and soft GOP voters.

Jennifer Hendrix, Precinct 3145 and Precinct Organization cochair, informed folks to email POC@BexarGOP.org for a voter walk list.

Frank Fonseca, Precinct 2060, requested signs opposing the COSA city charter elections.

Gina Castaneda, Precinct 1051, announced a Vice Presidential Debate Party Tuesday October 1 6-9pm at Big'z Burger Joint, 5500 UTSA Blvd.

Patty Gutting, Precinct 1108, raised a point of order to inquire if the newly elected precinct chairmen had received raffle ticket.

Chair Coons and Becky Edler recognized and thanked the volunteers who were here at 7:30 this morning to set up and staff the tables all morning.

Jake Bywaters, campaign manager for Congressman Tony Gonzales, presented statistics provided by ICE to the Congressman on criminals that have entered the country illegally. He will send the information to headquarters to be distributed.

Rita Monroe, Precinct 4056, reminded the membership the Commander Furman headquarters is open.

Chair Coons reminded membership there are signs for many candidates at the front door.

Karen Marshall, SREC 26, urged us to take advantage of Neighbors Together to register voters.

A drawing for the door prizes was held with the Chair drawing the tickets and announcing the winning numbers.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Rath

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Secretary

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**Republican Party of
Bexar County**

**Treasurer's
Financial Reports**

August 2024

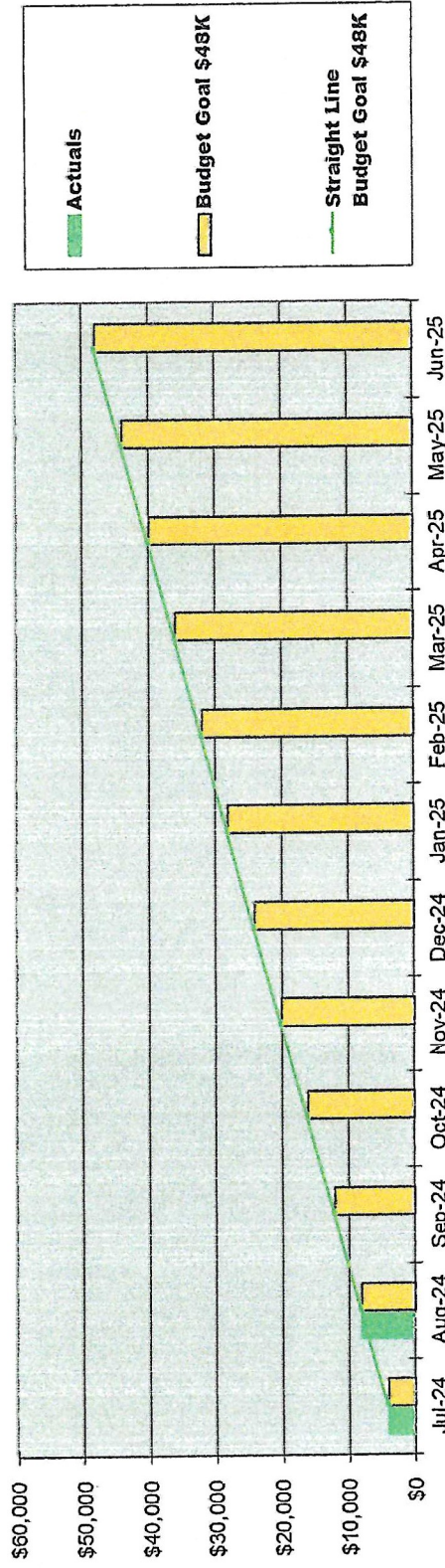
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- **Treasurer's Financial Report**
- **Sustaining Members Report**
- **Financial Details Report**

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Treasurer Report		
Revenue and Expense - SUMMARY		
7/1/2024 - 8/31/2024 (2 months)		
	BUDGET	ACTUALS YTD
	GOALS	thru 8/31/2024
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 303,780.00	\$ 67,985.69
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 267,148.00	\$ 27,646.58
REVENUE LESS EXPENSE	\$ 36,632.00	\$ 40,339.11
END OF MONTH		8/31/2024
Corporate		\$ 505.25
Federal		\$ 27,950.50
State		\$ 12,951.30
BANK CASH BALANCE		\$ 41,407.05

RPBC Sustaining Members FY 2024 - 2025



RPBC Sustaining Members	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25
Actuals	\$3,829	\$7,903	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Budget Goal \$48K	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$24,000	\$28,000	\$32,000	\$36,000	\$40,000	\$44,000	\$48,000
Actuals % of Monthly Budget Goal	8%	16%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
% Budget Goal	8%	17%	25%	33%	42%	50%	58%	67%	75%	83%	92%	100%
Number of Sustaining Members	92	120										



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Committee Description:

The Education Outreach committee is committed to the betterment of elementary education for the future of our Bexar County communities.

Committee Priorities:

- Parental Engagement
- Parental Outreach
- Legislation and Enforcement
- Curriculum
- Protection of citizen education

Committee Activity:

The committee held 2 meetings in the month of September. Both meetings were held at the Republican Party headquarters. A brief summary is below:

9/8/24: Four members of the committee were in attendance. A quorum was determined. The committee discussed priorities and agreed upon core goals. An action item to review state created curriculum was identified. Time and date of the next meeting was agreed upon.

9/24/24: Four members of the committee were in attendance. A quorum was determined. The committee reviewed prior commitments and discussed the state curriculum. Community outreach action items were identified and roles assigned.

Next Steps:

The committee is working on planning for phone banking and community engagement. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 14th at 1PM at Paloma Blanco.



Campaign Activities Report

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- Maintaining supply of candidate campaign materials and signs at headquarters for the steady flow of visitors and precinct chairs.
- Assisting groups with information regarding candidates for their programs, i.e., Northeast Neighborhood Alliance, League of Women Voters, etc.
- Communicating poll watcher process and the coordination of assignments with candidates.
- Weekly notifications to precinct chairs and volunteers of candidate activities, block walking, phone banks, Meet & Greets, and zoom calls.
- Veteran Outreach to VFWs, Veteran Organizations and Military Communities.
- Voter registration assistance averaging twice daily to church group, gun shows, VFWs, etc. Delivery of voter registration cards to Bexar County.
- Education Outreach committee meetings identifying education concerns and outreach activities.
- Senior Outreach communicating to senior centers and over fifty-five communities on voter registration and election related deadlines.
- Young Republicans actively campaigning on weekends for Lina Prado, John Lujan, and Tony Gonzales.

Submitted By:

Terri Richardson
Chair Campaign Activities



Motion	Resolution 01
Title	City Charter Amendments
Submitted by	Richard Briscoe, seconded by Steve Jordan
Text As Submitted	Be it resolved that the Republican Party of Bexar County is against all 6 of the proposed charter amendments.
Text As Amended	<p>Whereas it has been proposed that the City Charter for San Antonio be amended;</p> <p>And whereas the Republican Party of Bexar County should have a policy position on such an important subject;</p> <p>And whereas Proposition A is an unnecessary and unwarranted expansion of the powers of unelected bureaucrats and the creation of a new regulatory body to judge elected officials under vague circumstances while simultaneously wasting taxpayer funds;</p> <p>And whereas Proposition B is designed to change vast swaths of the city charter with little direct voter knowledge of the changes under the guise of language updates, which do not substantially improve the charter;</p> <p>And whereas Proposition C grants powers to the City Council allowing them to negotiate terms of contracts which they have demonstrated an inability to do frugally in the past by paying previous City Managers more than the President of the United States;</p> <p>And whereas Proposition D allows city employees to become agents of candidates and removes their apolitical status, which is detrimental to the function of city government;</p> <p>And whereas Proposition E removes the power of the voters to set or determine limits on the pay of the City Council and Mayor while simultaneously raising their wages to the extent that public service would now be a well-paid career path;</p> <p>And whereas Proposition F lessens the voter's ability to hold their elected officials regularly accountable;</p> <p>And whereas governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes;</p> <p>Therefore, be it resolved that the Republican Party of Bexar County is against all of the proposed charter amendments.</p>
Voting in Favor	Unanimous
Voting Against	
Conclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Failed
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Motion	Amendment 01
Title	Article 3, Section 2
Submitted by	Carol Van De Walle
Text As Submitted	Section 2 - Eligibility To be eligible to be a candidate for or to serve as Precinct Chair or County Chair, a person shall be a qualified voter in Bexar County residing within the bounds of the entity represented, not be a candidate for or elected to federal, state, or county public office, and be affiliated as a Republican in even-numbered years. [TEC 161.005; 171.023; 162.001(a)(3) and 162.001(b)]
Text As Amended	Section 2 - Eligibility To be eligible to be a candidate for or to serve as Precinct Chair or County Chair, a person shall be a qualified voter in Bexar County residing within the bounds of the entity represented, not be a candidate for or elected to federal, state, or county public office, and be affiliated as a Republican in even-numbered years. [TEC 161.005; 171.023; 162.001(a)(3) and 162.001(b)]
Voting in Favor	Unanimous
Voting Against	
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