

Republican Party of Bexar County Executive Committee

June 21, 2025

9:00 am -11:00 am

Christian School at Castle Hills, 2216 N.W, Military Hwy,

San Antonio, TX 78213

Chair Kris Coons called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by the Republican Party of Bexar County Chaplain Anita Kegley.

The Star-Spangled Banner

The national anthem was sung by Susan Allick, Precinct Chairman 4104.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Lyle Sinclair led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas flags.

Introductions

Chair Coons introduced the following elected officials and recent candidates who spoke for 2 minutes:

Kassandra Leon, Converse City Council and Pct Chairman 4059

Christina Fitzpatrick, Universal City Mayor Pro Tem

Misty Spears, San Antonio City Council D9

Tracy Ebersole, Balcones Heights City Council and Pct Chairman 2111

Patty Gibbons, recent Candidate San Antonio City Council D1

Mark LaHood, State Representative 121

Art Martinez De Vara, Mayor Von Ormy and Pct Chairman 1064

John Messenger, Candidate Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

Edgar Baez, Candidate CD 20 and Pct Chairman 3094

RPT Vice Chair D'Rinda Randall addressed the group for five minutes emphasizing the importance of fundraising for the operations of the RPT so all additional funds raised can be used by the Candidate Resource Committee to support Republican candidates. She states the Democrats have pledged \$20 million to turn Texas blue and she welcomes their wasting their funds in Texas as "Texas will stay Republican!"

Chair Coons introduced the SREC members present:

Karen Marshall SD26

Honorable Quico Canseco SD 26 and Pct Chairman 3135

Lucy Trainor SD 25

Chair Coons then introduced former RPBC Chairmen present:

Curt Nelson, Pct Chairman 3104

John Austin, Pct Chairman 3047

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 228 precinct chairmen so 57 members are required for a quorum. It is confirmed 101 members are in attendance, so a quorum is present.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair Coons reflected on the Election Journey and stated while the results did not align with our aspirations, we need to appreciate the progress made and lessons learned so we can become stronger as a Party. She congratulated Misty Spears for her success in District 9. Her win is a reminder of the impact we create when we rally together and stay focused on our goals. Chair Coons commended Rolando Pablos, Paula McGee and Patty Gibbons for their courageous campaigns and inspirational effort.

This election highlighted the potential for broader voter engagement. The groundwork is being laid for a stronger foundation for the future. Our strategic marketing plan, coupled

with concise and focused planning for campaigns, remains a cornerstone of our efforts. She encouraged everyone who played a role in this election to stay engaged, champion conservative, common sense values and be a catalyst for the future.

James Barnes, of Barnes Business, Pct Chairman 1080 and analyst, presented a detailed analysis of the San Antonio City races. He encouraged the audience to follow the presentation using the QR code presented in addition to the overhead screen. Turnout was 17%. Republican turnout was 35% of the vote, Democrats 42% and no Party ID 23%. Republicans started the election down 9,875 votes by Party ID. Districts 8,9, and 10 must turnout very heavy to off-set the low number of Republicans in the other districts. Rolando Pablos received 4,000 more votes than Trump in the City! Barnes then presented a detailed analysis of each district. Mr. Barnes has been doing detailed election analysis for over 30 years. And with his history and analysis, we know who will vote, so we need to target and turn out the high value voters.

John Andrade, Social Media expert and ad consultant, presented a report on the social media messaging prior to the run-off based on Mr. Barnes analysis. The RPBC invested \$10,000+ in the social media campaign which has trackable results. The campaign utilized the Meta platform, which is Facebook and Instagram, using advertising for the mayor's race and D1,8,9 in targeted zip codes, reaching 1.5 million viewers. Mr. Andrade explained the tracking of views and impressions and showed us sample ads which were used. As a result of this campaign, the RPBC gained 8,000 new Facebook followers! People are listening and we need to continue these efforts. Our goal is to build better communication using our website, create momentum for the next election, coordinate campaign effort and cultivate a more precise audience.

At the conclusion of the presentations, Chair Coons provided a high-level summary of the activities of the COSA elections. She stated RPBC sent out 200,000 emails, 110,000 texts, 4600 hours of phone banking and numerous mail addresses. She reminded the Committee this Administration has been in office one year as of June 17. She thanked the Sustaining Members, all volunteers, the office team of Becky Edler, Lille Gough, Teresa Bollin and Terri Richardson, Steven Jordan, Stan Fisher, and Jim Craven, the Management Committee and the Appointed officers. (Vice Chair Kyle Sinclair, Secretary Diane Rath, Parliamentarian Justin Nichols and Assistant Secretary Lydia Mrzlak.)

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Diane Rath stated the draft minutes for the March 15, 2025 CEC meeting have been posted on the website for the past three weeks. Cheryl Hagenson, Pct 4106, moved the minutes be approved unanimously and the motion was seconded by Paul James, Pct 3190. The motion passed by acclamation without dissent.

Finance Report (Attachment A)

Lille Gough, Treasurer, presented the May Financial Report. May Revenue YTD \$305,740.51 which exceeds the annual Revenue Budget of \$303,780. Expense YTD \$234,433 on annual Expense Budget of \$267,148 and Revenue less Expense YTD \$71,297 on annual budget of \$36,632. Cash on Hand \$75,855. The Sustaining Members have contributed \$41,849 or 87% of the goal.

2025-2026 Budget (Attachment B)

Lille Gough, Treasurer, presented the proposed 2025-2026 budget which was distributed with the meeting call. She thanked the Finance Committee and acknowledged its members. The budget is very similar to the current budget: Total Revenue \$375,600. Total Expense \$331,720. Revenue over Expenses \$43,880.

The proposed budget has been approved by the Management Committee. The Finance Committee submits the proposed budget for approval. It was seconded by Paul James, Pct 3190 and passed without objection.

Ratification Precinct Chairmen

There are eleven prospective precinct chairmen to be ratified:

2061	Anne Englert	3087	Lydia Mrzlak
2096	Neil Sipos	4001	Paul Cancino
2165	Linda Hernandez	4020	William White
3012	Bonnie Ebstyne	4052	Patricia Cisneros
3071	Ann Scott	4079	William "Bill" Fitzpatrick
4200	Mai Elsberry		

The eleven prospective precinct chairmen were ratified without objection.

Chair Coons then administered the oath of office to the new precinct chairmen present.

With the eleven new precinct chairmen, our total number is now 239 and the quorum required is now 60. Eight new precinct chairmen are present for a total of 109 now present.

Election of Contested Precinct Chairmen

There are no contested precinct chairmen.

New Business

Chair Coons stated the importance of the November election with 17 Amendments on the ballot. **(Attachment C)**. She emphasized the need for the Precinct Chairmen to educate the voters on the amendments.

Announcements

Chair Coons reminded the Committee of the RED WHITE AND VAROOM CAR SHOW July 5, 2025, at Alzafar Shrine Temple. She emphasized the importance of all precinct chairmen attending and supporting the event.

Yvonne Perez, Pct.2012, emphasized the need for campaigns to coordinate with each other and with the RPBC. She gave personal examples of where coordination could be improved.

James Stewart, Pct. 1144, spoke to Convention of States, there were 3 items: term limits, financial restraints, limit of federal government overreach. He also spoke about the idea of the reunification of Canada and to change the Canadian government.

Andrew Vicencio, Pct. 4091, emphasized the need for hard hitting messaging in all campaigns and provided examples of what messages could have been used against Gina Jones. Chair Coons stated we coordinated our messaging with the candidate's campaigns and respected the candidate's requests on our messaging.

Dylan Young, Pct 3088, expressed his support for a closed primary and asked Chair Coons her position on both closed primaries and using paper ballots for elections.

John Austin, Pct. 3047, stated Gary Teal, former RPBC executive director, and his wife Amy have moved to Whitney Texas. Amy has been elected to Whitney City Council.

He also stated Susie Werts has moved to a skilled nursing facility and is in declining health.

Doris Westbrook, Pct. 2163, asked “who controls what we do” with respect to messaging. Chair Coons replied during elections we respect the candidates’ requests regarding messaging.

Rick Briscoe, Pct. 3078, RPT stated the RPT rules support a closed primary, but it currently violates the state Election Code. He stated many states are questioning the supremacy of the Election Code over Party Rules.

Marian Stanko, Pct. 3015 and President of the Republican Club of Bexar County, stated the club will meet Wednesday June 25, 6-8pm, at Chester’s Hamburgers on Loop 410. There will be a legislative panel moderated by Quico Canseco with great panel members and a silent auction to benefit candidate campaigns. **(Attachment D)**

Mary Ellen Snell, Pct 3194, stated the after the death of Alma Jackson her estate sale contained two excellent books that she urged the members to read: “*Conservative Comeback to Liberal Lies*” and “*The Liberal Mind*”.

Honorable Quico Canseco, Pct 3135 and SREC 26, stated Congressman Chip Roy is speaking to the Alamo Pachyderm Club Thursday July 3rd. He also stated the State Republican Party is subject to the Election Code and cannot unilaterally implement action inconsistent with the Code. Changing the Election Code takes legislative action.

Karen Marshall, SREC 26, clarified the SREC voted 59-4 to amend Rule 46 and support requiring voter registration by Party. She also encouraged the new precinct chairmen to receive Precinct Training at GOPUniversity.org.

Marian Stanko, Pct. 3015, introduced Justice Kevin Yeary, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Both Judge Yeary and John Messenger are collecting petition signatures at this meeting.

Mary York, Pct. 2143, announced the SARW will hold a fundraiser on August 23 to benefit candidates.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Jordan, Pct 3105, moved adjournment.

Chair Coons adjourned the meeting at 11:03AM.

After Adjournment, Chair Coons led the group in a closing prayer.

Chair Coons then announced she will be running for re-election as the Republican Party of Bexar County Chairman in 2026.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Rath

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