

**Republican Party of Bexar County Executive Committee**  
**December 13, 2025 9:00 am -11:00 am**  
**Kinected CoWorking, 10401 W. Interstate 10,**  
**San Antonio, TX 78230**

Chair Kris Coons called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

**Invocation**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Representative Marc LaHood led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

**Introductions**

Chair Coons introduced the elected officials and candidates present. They each spoke for two minutes.

Representative Marc LaHood, HD 121

Weston Martinez, CD 21

Nate Sheets, Agriculture Commissioner

Keith Barton, CD 23

Michael Berlanga, Comptroller

Ivan Maldonado for David MacArthur, HD 121

Carlos de la Cruz, CD 35

Mike Wheeler, CD 21

David Hill, Bexar County Commissioner Pct 2

Jason Cahill, CD 21

Fracisco Conesco, CD 23

Trey Trainor, CD 21

Chase Whitaker for Dr. Edgar Baez, CD 20

Judge Bert Richardson, candidate Chief Justice, 4<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals

Rob Gavin for Ryan Krause, CD 35

Rhett Smith, HD 116

**Chairman's Remarks and Primary Report**

Chair Coons began her remarks by recognizing Betty Eckert, Pct 2054, celebrating her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday today! Chair Coons thanked the members for their support and work this year and thanked the volunteers at headquarters and the executive team for strengthening the Party the past year. She stated she is humbled by the support and confidence she has received and is honored to be running for re-election unopposed. She affirmed her goals are to elect Republicans at every level but this will require focus, energy and innovation from all of us. We must prioritize increasing our messaging to a wider audience. We must fill every precinct chair in Bexar County.

Chair Coons reviewed the candidates who have filed in Bexar County (**Attachment A**) and stated 190 precinct chairmen have filed.

She then introduced James Barnes, Pct 1080, who presented an analysis of voters for the Primary and General Election 2026. His presentation will be posted on the website and sent to the precinct chairmen.

### **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 240 precinct chairmen plus the Chair so 60 members are required for a quorum. It is confirmed 97 members are in attendance, so a quorum is present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Secretary Diane Rath stated the draft minutes for the September 20, 2025 CEC meeting have been posted on the website since the prior meeting and distributed to the members. There were no corrections nor edits and were approved without objection.

### **Finance Report (Attachment B)**

Chair Coons introduced the Treasurer Lille Gough and recognized her receiving the inaugural Legacy Award at the Hall of Fame Dinner. Lille Gough, Treasurer, presented the November Financial Report. November Revenue YTD \$154,035. Expense YTD \$88,351 and Revenue less Expense YTD \$65,683. Cash on Hand \$70,251. The Sustaining Members contributed \$24,565. Treasurer Gough encouraged the group to buy items at headquarters during the "Blow Out Sale" this week.

### **Ratification Precinct Chairmen**

There are three prospective precinct chairmen to be ratified:

2092 Robert Maureschat

3026 Elizabeth Scott

3142 Armando Badillo

Yvonne Clouser, Pct 4057, moved approval and Laurie Baird, Pct 4121, seconded the motion. The three prospective precinct chairmen were ratified without objection.

### **Election of Contested Precinct Chairmen**

There are no contested precinct chairmen.

At 10:26 am, the Chair recessed the meeting for 20 minutes for Senatorial District Caucuses to elect the Temporary Chairman of each Senatorial District Convention. She appointed the following temporary caucus chairmen: SD19 Yvonne Clouser, SD21 Laurie Baird, SD25 Steven Jordan, SD26 Justin Nichols.

At the conclusion of the caucuses, Chair Coons reconvened the meeting at 10:44am and announced the temporary chairmen of the Senatorial Conventions: SD19 Joy Anderson, SD21 Laurie Baird, SD25 Steven Jordan, SD 26 Justin Nichols. **(Attachment C)**

### **Committee Reports**



Chair Coons announced the RPT has recognized two outstanding women from Bexar County as Volunteer of the Year: SD25 Terri Richardson and SD26 Melinda Roberts. She then introduced Karen Marshall, SREC 26, to provide a SREC Report from the last meeting. Ms. Marshall stated the SREC adopted 10 resolutions and voted to have 10 propositions on the Primary Ballot. She stated she is hosting a Turning Point Super Bowl Party at the Lion & Rose. She said the RNC is meeting in Santa Barbara January 20-23. Ms. Marshall reported the Legislature passed 43 conservative priority bills in the last session. The next session will prioritize decreasing the property taxes as the top issue. Governor Abbott will be the primary sponsor of the June State Convention, and his goal is 10,000 attendees at the Republican State Convention! He will provide incentives for attendance, discounted registration for young adults and seniors, and assistance with transportation by providing chartered buses.

### **Announcements**

Steven Jordan, Pct 3105, announced there will be a Precinct 3 Meeting at Chester's on January 19, 6-8pm.

Jack Finger commended Lille Gough for her dedication and outstanding performance managing the Party's finances the past several years.

Marian Stanko, Pct. 3015, stated the Republican Club of Bexar County will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Wednesday, December 17, 5-8pm. It is a combined celebration of the original Republican Men's Club and its successor the Republican Club. They will be honoring the past Presidents of the Men's Club.

Lucy Trainer, SREC 25, announced Trey Trainer, candidate for CD 21, will host a gathering today at 1:30 at the Black Rifle.

The office will be closed December 22-January 4.

### **New Business**

Chair Coons announced the Precinct 1 Committeewoman election will be deferred to the next CEC meeting since there is no quorum of Precinct 1 precinct chairmen.

Two additional candidates joined us and spoke for two minutes:

Patrick Von Dolen, County Judge

Sylvia Soto, HD 124

Gary Besse, Pct 3174, is an artist who donated two beautiful crosses for a raffle to benefit the party. A drawing was held to identify the lucky winners.

Marian Stanko, Pct 3015, presented two resolutions for consideration:

- 1. Precinct Conventions shall be held on March 3, 2026, no earlier than 7:30pm, nor later than 9:00pm, or until the last voter has voted, at the voting centers with the nearby precincts on the list prepared by and submitted by the Primary Administrator. The designated convention locations and addresses shall be posted online at BexarGOP.org by precinct order by Tuesday, February 3, 2026. TEC Secs. 174.021, 174.022, Texas RPT Rule No. 19*
- 2. The Bexar CEC shall approve the allocation of the SD delegates and alternates by voting precinct based on the votes cast for the Republican governor in the 2022*

*gubernatorial election and apportioned changes due to the 2025 redistricting and send the precinct redistricting data with delegate/alternate count by precinct and by senatorial district to the Republican Party of Texas no later than February 26, 2026, five (5) days prior to the precinct conventions. TEC Sec. 174.021, RPT Rule No. 19 and 23A.*

Both resolutions were adopted without discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Steve Jordan, Pct 3105, moved adjournment.

Chair Coons adjourned the meeting at 11:03AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Diane Rath*

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Secretary