Republican Party of Bexar County Executive Committee
June 27, 2026 9:03 a.m. – 11:22 a.m.
Christian School at Castle Hills, 2216 N.W, Military Hwy,
San Antonio, TX 78213

Chair Kris Coons called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Invocation
The Invocation was delivered by the Allen Hamilton, Pct. Chair 3102

Pledge of Allegiance
State Representative HD121 Marco LaHood led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Introduction
Chair Coons introduced the elected officials and candidates present, who each made brief remarks: Julie Patterson, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3; Marc LaHood, HD121; Bert Richardson, Chief Justice, 4th Court of Appeals; Ashley Foster, Bexar County District Attorney; Daphne Previti Austin, County Court at Law #9; David Sherwood Hill, County Commissioner Pct 2; Edgardo Baez, CD20; James Barnes spoke on behalf of Melva Perez, HD119; Rhett Smith, HD116; Sylvia Soto, HD124.

Appointment of Temporary Secretary
Chair Coons announced the appointment of Diane Rath as Temporary Secretary.

Determination of Quorum
There are 177 precinct chairs plus the Chair for a voting strength of 178. The RPT Rules state a quorum is 25% which is 45 members. A quorum is present as there are 101 present.

Swearing- In Ceremony
Judge Julie Bray Patterson, Justice of the Peace, Pct 3, administered the oath of office to Chair Kris Coons as Chair of the Bexar County Republican Party.

Ratification of Precinct Chairmen (Attachment A)
Chair Coons announced 27 individuals who have applied to be precinct chairmen and introduced those present.
Marian Stanko, Pct. 3015, moved to add three individuals whose precincts were split and are serving under special provision: Patty Gutting, Pct 1156, Douglas Hauptli, Pct 1161, and Lille Gough, Pct 1166. Chair Coons stated she has been advised the three are legally in office.
Steve Jordan, Pct 3105, moved to ratify the 27 Precinct Chairmen announced plus the three added by Mrs. Stanko.
Marian Stanko, Pct 3015, then inquired why there is a ratification instead of just an appointment. Chair Coons replied she is choosing to have the body take action in the interest of transparency and openness.

The 30 individuals were approved without dissent.
Judge Patterson then administered the Oath of Office to all precinct chairmen.

Appointment of Parliamentarian
Chair Coons appointed Justin Nichols Pct.4157, Parliamentarian; Warrington Austerman and Dick Coons Sgt. of Arms; James Barnes and Kyle Sinclair as Tellers. Patty Gibbons, Pct 3063, requested to be shown as opposing Justin Nichols' appointment. Laurie Baird, Pct 4121, and Jack Finger, Pct 4015, also wish to be recorded in opposition to his appointment.

Adoption of Agenda
Steve Jordan, Pct 3105, moved the agenda be reordered to consider the Bylaws as the next item. The motion was seconded by Laurie Baird, Pct 4121. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Adoption of Bylaws (Attachment B)
Chair Coons stated the draft bylaws had been distributed with the meeting call.
Warrington Austerman, Pct 4198, moved to amend Article V, Section 3 (B), to have the Management Committee meet bi-monthly. The motion was seconded by David Westbrook, Pct 1107.
Mr. Austerman spoke in favor of the motion. Chair Coons explained the reasons for the original motion as distributed. There was a lack of quorum for several meetings, several meetings had no business to discuss, and the members' time could be spent more productively and that a "special meeting" could be called by the chair if necessary.
James Steward, Pct. 1144, spoke in opposition to the motion.
Patty Gibbons, Pct. 3063, raised a point of order inquiring where the proposed bylaws originated. Chair Coons replied she had again appointed a special advisory committee who suggested the few changes presented.
Steve Jordan, Pct 3105, spoke against the motion. He stated he had served on the management committee and there were several meetings without a quorum and no business could be done.
Kenneth Hedges, Pct 2125, spoke in favor of the motion as it demonstrates the urgency of the upcoming elections and the need for action.
Teresa Bolin, Pct 2182, spoke against the motion. She has served on the management committee under two chairmen. She discussed the lack of quorum and travel time involved and then to not being able to take action.
Julia Norton-Keidel, Pct 3018, raised a point of information, inquiring as to the definition of "bi-monthly".
Justin Nichols, Pct.4157 and Parliamentarian, stated it would be every other month, not twice a month as that is semi-monthly.
Colin McAleer. Pct. 3149, moved to amend the amendment to have the meetings held semi-quarterly. Second by Shelma Peterson, pct 4037.
The motion FAILED on a voice vote.
The original motion by Mr. Austerman FAILED on a voice vote.

Monica Rojas, Pct. 3082, moved to amend Article III, Article 2, relating to eligibility to serve as a Precinct Chair or County Chair (**Attachment C).** Second by Marian Stanko, Pct 3125.
Several speakers spoke:
Vera Billingsley, Pct 2040, discussed correct grammar.
M.J.Smoot, Pct. 3075, emphasized the need to comply with RPT.
Collin McAleer, Pct. 3149, moved to state "legally resides". It was ruled not necessary as this is already a requirement in order to register to vote.
The amendment PASSED on a voice vote.

Marian Stanko, Pct 3015, moved to delete "and office equipment" from the proposed language in Article IV, Section A(5). She explained she is an accountant and there is no reason for the language since RPBC is not a business entity and much of the equipment is not leased but donated. The motion was seconded by Virginia Shannon, Pct. 2173. After discussion, the motion PASSED.

Richard Briscoe, Pct. 3078, spoke in favor of Article V, Section 2(B) as distributed.
Maria Zarb-Cousin, Pct 3173, questioned removing the specific language requiring review of committee reports in the existing Article V, Section 2 (B). It was explained that the duties were consolidated in the proposal, and all reports are still required to be reviewed in the proposed (B).2.

Steve Jordan, Pct. 3105, moved to add C to Article V, Section 4.
"Up to two (2) members of the Management Committee may be elected, or remain in office, who are non-Precinct Chairs but are otherwise eligible to serve."
The motion was seconded by David Westbrook, Pct 1107.
Mr. Jordan explained the motion.
Collin McAleer, Pct. 3149, spoke against the amendment.
Patti Gutting, Pct 1156, inquired who elects the members of the management committee. Justin Nichols, Parliamentarian and Pct. 4157, clarified the process of electing the members of the Management Committee and explained the election of the members would be held later in this meeting.
Patty Gibbons, Pct. 3015, moved to table all amendments to Article V, Section 2 (B) until the next CEC meeting after a committee has been appointed to review the section. The motion was ruled out of order since we are required to adopt bylaws at this meeting. In order to change them in the future, the bylaws would need to be amended.
Teresa Bollin, Pct 2182, spoke in favor of the amendment.
James Stewart, Pct 1144, spoke against the amendment.
Pam Wiedeman, Pct 4117, had a question regarding the amendment which was clarified.
Teresa Bollin, Pct 2182, clarified her earlier comments.
The Jordan amendment FAILED on a voice vote.

Susan Allick, Pct. 4104, questioned the proposed language in Article X.
Marian Stanko, Pct 3015, moved to amend the proposed language by deleting "or suspended". Kimberly Crawford, Pct. 2095 seconded the motion.

The motion PASSED without objection.

Justin Nichols, Pct. 4157, moved adoption of the Rules as amended. Yvonne Clouser, Pct. 4057, seconded the motion.
THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE DISTRIBUTED BYLAWS AS AMENDED PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

David Westbrook, Pct. 1107, inquired about the status of the Rules of Order. Justin Nichols, Parliamentarian, Pct. 4157, stated it is a component of the Bylaws Package and was approved as distributed without amendment.

Appointment of Officers
Chair Coons appointed Lille Gough, Pct.1166, Treasurer; Kyle Sinclair, Pct. 3189, Vice Chair; and Diane Rath, Pct 3053, Secretary.

Appointment of Legal Counsel and Chaplain
Chair Coons appointed Justin Nichols, Pct 4157, Legal Counsel, and Allen Hamilton, Chaplain.
M.J. Smoot, Pct 3075, moved to vote on the appointed appointments individually. The motion was ruled out of order under the newly approved bylaws which state these positions are appointed by the Chair.
Patty Gibbons, Pct. 3063, stated she is opposed to the appointment of Justin Nichols.

Recess for Caucus to Elect Members of the Management Committee
Chair Coons stated the meeting would recess for 10 minutes to allow the precincts to caucus for 10 minutes to elect the two members of the Management Committee from each precinct. She appointed the temporary chairmen of each caucus:
Pct 1 – David Westbrook, Pct 2 – Teresa Bollin, Pct 3- Steven Jordan, Pct 4- Warrington Austerman.

The meeting recessed at 10:47.

Caucus Report
The meeting was reconvened at 11:02. and the caucus chairs announced the results:
Pct. 1- David Westbrook, Pct. 1107 and Patti Gutting, Pct 1156
Pct. 2- Frank Fonseca, Pct. 2060 and Teresa Bollin, Pct 2182
Pct. 3-Steve Jordan, Pct. 3105 and Monica Rojas, Pct. 3082
Pct. 4- Warrington Austerman, Pct. 4198 and Yvonne Clouser, Pct. 4057

John Zimmerman, Pct. 3098, requested the minutes state he opposed the appointment of Justin Nichols.
Gale Sayers, Pct. 4168, also requested she be recorded opposing Justin Nichols' appointments.

Treasurer's Report

Lille Gough, Treasurer, presented the May 2026 Financial Report **(Attachment D)** which was emailed to the precinct chairmen yesterday.

May YTD Revenue $286,938
Expense $224,882
Revenue less Cash 62,056
Cash on Hand $69,179

(**Attachment E**) Treasurer Gough then reviewed the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget in detail. She expressed appreciation to her Budget Committee for its work on the proposed Budget.

	YTD 6.24.26	*Proposed 2026-2027*
Revenue	$295,256.23	$290,700
Expenses	236,643.17	247,684
Revenue over Expenses	58,613.06	43,016

The 2026-2027 Budget was adopted without objection.

Chair Coons introduced Patrick Von Dolen, Republican candidate for County Judge, who addressed the members. He emphasized the Bexar County Budget Issues.

ADJOURNMENT
Chair Coons adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Rath
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Secretary