

RULES OF THE TENTH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN PARTY

2022 Revised

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

1.1 QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PARTY ACTIONS

All qualified voters, as defined in the Georgia Code, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, believe in its declaration of policy, and are in sympathy with its aims and purposes, may participate in their respective jurisdictions as members of the Republican Party in its conventions or mass meetings. All Chairmen and members of committees, delegates to conventions, and voters in mass meeting shall be members of the Republican Party, as defined, and shall be qualified registered voters of the respective units they represent as Chairmen, members, delegates, or voters in mass meetings.

1.2 PUBLICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications for membership in the Georgia Republican Party shall be published in all official Calls for Mass Meetings and Conventions, as herein stated, and as may hereafter be prescribed by the State Committee, and pursuant to the rules of the Republican National Convention.

ARTICLE II STATE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES

2.1 DISTRICT COMMITTEE

- A.** There shall be a committee officially known as the “Tenth Congressional District Republican Committee”, (the “District Committee”), which shall be the governing body of the Republican Committee of the Tenth Congressional District in the interim between District Conventions.
- B.** There shall be an Executive Committee of the District Committee, which shall have the power to transact the administrative business of the Tenth District Republican Committee pursuant to these rules and the direction of the District Committee.
- C.** Meetings of the District Committee shall be held upon written notice mailed, faxed, or sent by written electronic communications at least ten (10) days in

advance, on the call of the Chairman or on the call of one-third (1/3) of the members thereof.

- D. Meetings of the District Executive Committee shall be held upon written notice mailed, faxed, or sent by written electronic communications at least five (5) days in advance, on the call of the Chairman or on the call of one-third (1/3) of the members thereof. Advance notice time may be waived on the agreement of the majority of either committee.

2.2 DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:

A. Officers:

1. Tenth District Chairman
2. First Vice Chairman
3. Second Vice Chairman
4. Third Vice Chairman
5. Secretary
6. Treasurer
7. Assistant Secretary
8. Assistant Treasurer
9. Tenth District Communication Director (Voting)
10. Parliamentarian (Non-Voting appointed by the Chairman)

B. Members:

1. Officers designated above
2. Immediate Past District Chairman (Counted in a quorum only if they are present.)
3. Any past District Chairman, living in the District and requesting in writing to the District Secretary or Chairman to become a member of the District Executive Committee, approved by the Executive Committee, until such time as the first District Chairman of the new 10-year cycle is no longer in that office.

2.3 THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. Voting Members

1. Executive Committee as designated above.
2. All County Chairmen or a duly elected or appointed representative by the individual County Committee at its biennial convention or by its Executive Committee. The county maintains the right to change its representative at any time by duly notifying the District Executive Committee through the District Chairman and District Secretary.
3. Tenth District Members on the State Committee
4. Tenth District representative of the Georgia Federation of Republican Women. (non-voting member)
5. Tenth District representative of the Georgia Young Republicans. (non-voting member)
6. General Counsel appointed by the Chairman (non-voting member).
7. Representative from each College Republican Chapter in the Tenth District (non-voting members).

B. Ex-Officio Members

The Republican Congressional Nominee of the Tenth District from the preceding general election and all Republican members of the State Legislature residing in the Tenth District shall be considered honorary members ex-officio of the District Committee and shall not have a vote or be counted for a quorum and shall not be present for any decision on expenditure of District Committee funds.

2.4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS OF THE STATE COMMITTEE

- A. The officers of the Tenth District Committee shall be elected by the District Convention, except as provided for initial officers in Article VI.
- B. They shall hold office for two (2) years or as otherwise provided by these rules or call of the Georgia Republican Party and until their successors are duly elected and qualified unless sooner removed from office in accordance with these rules.
- C. The members of the State Committee to be elected from the Tenth District as specified in the State Call shall be elected at the District Convention, except as provided for initial State Committee Members in Article VI.

2.5 VACANCIES

- A. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal of any officer or member, according to Rule 2.6 of these rules, the District Executive Committee shall fill such vacancy by a majority vote of the District Executive Committee, which shall require a quorum at a duly called meeting of said District Executive Committee, within ninety (90) days of the occurrence of such vacancy. The written notice of such meeting, pursuant to Rule 2.1C of these rules, shall disclose the existence of such vacancy and the purpose of the meeting.
- B. In the event of death or resignation of a member elected by a County Convention or a County Committee, the County Committee shall fill such a vacancy and shall notify the District Committee of its action in writing within five (5) days after election. If such vacancy is not filled within ninety (90) days after it occurs, the District Committee may fill such vacancy by a majority vote of a quorum present at a duly called meeting, on its own motion.

2.6 REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

- A. Any officer or member may be removed from office for cause by the District Committee, subject to the terms and conditions prescribed herein, by a vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the quorum of the District Committee, at a duly called meeting of the District Committee; provided however that such individual be given:
 - 1. Written notice of such meeting mailed at least thirty-two (32) days in advance thereof, setting forth the ground, therefore.
 - 2. An opportunity to be present at such meeting and to be heard in person and/or by any representative of his choice.
- B. "Cause" as used herein shall include continued failure to perform his duties or conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Committee, all as may be determined by the vote of the District Committee. (Refer to State Rules: Sections 7.5 and 8.16)
- C. Any member or officer may resign by submitting his written resignation to the District Chairman or the District Committee.

2.7 QUORUM

- A. Tenth District Committee a majority of the voting members of the District Committee, whether present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of said committee.

B. Tenth District Executive Committee a majority of the voting members of the District Executive Committee whether present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of said Executive Committee.

2.8 PROXIES

The members of the Tenth District Committee may be represented in all official matters by proxies, subject to the following conditions.

A. Any member of the District Committee may direct their proxy only to another member of the District Committee. No District Committee member may hold more than five (5) proxies. Proxies may not be assigned to the District Chairman or any appointed District work committee chairman for their work committee.

B. Any member of the District Executive Committee may direct their proxy only to another member of the Executive Committee. No Executive Committee member may hold more than two (2) proxies.

C. The official 10th District Committee proxy form is found in Addendum A of these rules and is also good for 10th District GOP work committees.

D. All proxies shall be in writing, shall specify the meeting for which they are given, and shall be assigned by the maker. Proxies transmitted by electronic transmission shall be acceptable. No verbal proxies are allowed.

2.9 ATTENDANCE AND VOTING AT DISTRICT COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

Official meetings of the District Committee and the District Executive Committee may be attended in person, or by audio, video, or electronic conference call.

A. At least two official meetings of the District Committee and the Executive Committee per cycle shall be conducted with a majority of the voting members present in person or by proxy.

B. Except as to votes requiring a secret ballot, for issues requiring a vote by the District Committee or the Executive Committee either in favor or opposed to a certain proposition, the vote may be cast and taken by email or other electronic means.

1. All votes cast by electronic means shall be cast within two (2) business days of submission to members.

2. A tally of all votes cast by electronic means shall be circulated to all members within two (2) business days of submission to members. **3.** A vote cast by

electronic means shall have the same force and effect as a vote by a member casting a vote in person.

ARTICLE III

DUTIES OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE

3.1 The District Committee shall, in the interim between District Conventions, be vested with all the duties, powers, and privileges possessed by the District Convention and shall act as the Republican Committee of and for the Tenth District in said period and shall be the governing body of said District.

- A.** The District Committee shall decide all controversies within its jurisdiction, with the right to appeal by petition to the State Committee.
- B.** The Executive Committee shall have the power to transact the administrative business of the District Committee and make recommendations to the District Committee for its consideration.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

4.1 CHAIRMAN

The District Chairman shall issue and publish the Call for District Convention upon at least twenty-one (21) day notice prior thereto and shall preside until a temporary organization is elected. The District Chairman may unofficially notify County Chairman by written or electronic means of the time and location of the District Convention. Each such call shall state the purpose of the District Convention and shall notify each County Chairman in said

District of the number of delegates and alternates to which each county is entitled therein. The Chairman shall appoint such additional committees prior to the District Convention and shall provide for the timely distribution of all Convention-related notices required by these rules and the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party.

The District Chairman shall convene the District Committee when the needs of the Party so demand, but in no event, less than twice each cycle, and shall preside at the meeting of said District Committee. The Chairman shall have the authority to appoint any non-standing committee.

The Tenth District Communication Director serves by appointment of and at the discretion of the Chairman and is subject to serve two (2) years as a voting member of the executive committee.

4.2 FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN

The First Vice-Chairman shall act for the District Chairman in the Chairman's absence and assume the office of Chairman temporarily until a replacement can be made according to Rule 2.5A if the office becomes vacant and shall perform other duties assigned by the District Chairman or the District Committee.

4.3 SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Second Vice-Chairman shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the District Chairman or the District Committee and shall perform the duties of the First Vice-Chairman in First Vice-Chairman's absence.

4.4 THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Third Vice-Chairman shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the District Chairman or the District Committee and shall perform the duties of the Second Vice-Chairman in the Second Vice-Chairman's absence.

4.5 SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the meetings of the District Committee and the District Executive Committee. They shall serve as Secretary of the District Convention until a temporary organization is affected and shall keep a record of the proceeding of each District Convention and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chairman, the District Committee, or Executive Committee. The District Secretary shall keep a roster of the names and addresses of all County Chairmen and District Committee members. The secretary shall notify each member of a committee of meetings of said in accordance with the time frames set forth in 2.1 C. The Secretary shall furnish copies of the minutes of all Executive Committee meetings to be accomplished within thirty (30) days after said meeting to all members of the Executive Committee.

4.6 ASSISTANT SECRETARY

The Assistant Secretary shall perform all duties assigned to them by the District Chairman or the Secretary.

4.7 TREASURER

The Treasurer shall have custody of and responsibility for the funds of the Tenth District Republican Party, shall deposit said funds in a bank or banks selected by the District Executive Committee, which said funds may be drawn against as prescribed by the District Executive Committee. The said Executive Committee

may annually secure an audit and it shall be presented to the Committee at the first meeting following the audit's completion. The Treasurer shall present at each District Executive Committee meeting a financial report summarizing income, expenses, assets, and liabilities of the Tenth District Republican Party.

4.8 ASSISTANT TREASURER

The Assistant Treasurer shall perform all such duties assigned to them by the District Chairman or the Treasurer.

4.9 DELIVERY OF RECORDS

The outgoing officers shall deliver to the new office holders the records pertinent to their office within one (1) week after retiring from office.

ARTICLE V CONVENTIONS

There shall be held in each odd-numbered year, District Conventions for the purpose of reorganizing the Republican Committee in the District and for the purpose of transacting all necessary and proper business of the District Committee. There shall be held, in Presidential Election years, District Conventions for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention and for the purpose of transacting all necessary and proper business of the Committee. Said Convention shall be held in a building suitable for public use.

5.1 OFFICIAL BUSINESS

All District Conventions shall be open to the public. No official business shall be transacted at any convention while any of its committees are in session. Only delegates and alternates elected by the various County Conventions may participate in the official business of the District Convention provided, however, that the then-existing Chairman of the District, if not elected as a delegate or alternate thereto, may participate in the District Convention, but in such event said Chairman shall have no vote.

5.2 REPRESENTATION

Representation at District Conventions shall be in accordance with Rule 9.10 of the State Rules, or its successor rule. Notification of this shall be sent to the Georgia Republican Party Secretary, no later than January 1st of the year of subject convention.

5.3 INTERIM CONVENTION COMMITTEES

A. The District Chairman shall appoint, subject to the qualifications of these rules, all interim committees no later than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the District Convention. The Chairman must appoint an Interim Rules Committee, Interim Nominating Committee, and Interim Credentials Committee and may appoint such other committees, as the Chairman deems appropriate. The appointments to the Interim Nominating Committee are subject to approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. The District Chairman shall notify all County Chairmen or elected County Representatives to the District Committee no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the District Convention of all Interim Convention Committee appointments.

B. If any member of the Interim Rules, Interim Nominating, or Interim Credentials Committees is not elected a delegate to the District Convention, a vacancy shall be declared by the Chairman and the Chairman shall appoint a delegate to fill the vacancy.

C. The Chairman of each convention committee must provide notice to all convention committee members reflecting the meeting schedule for their respective committees. The District Chairman shall notify by written notice mailed or by electronic transmission five (5) days in advance thereof, all delegates, alternates, and County Chairmen of time, place, and date of the District and Interim Convention Committee meetings and appointments.

D. The District Chairman shall prepare the Convention rules and agenda for the conduct of each District Convention in advance thereof.

E. The District Secretary shall send notification that the existing District Rules are located on the 10th District website to each County Chairman or elected County Representative to the District Committee for their convention delegations no later than thirty (30) days before the District Convention. Any proposed changes to the District Rules must be submitted within 21 days of the District Convention. The Interim Rules Committee shall provide copies of proposed rule changes to all Convention delegates and alternates upon their registration at the location of the District Convention.

F. The District Chairman shall set the Convention agenda in compliance with the GAGOP call. Copies of the Convention agenda shall be provided to all Convention delegates and alternates upon their registration at the location of the District Convention.

ARTICLE VI

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers designated herein shall be elected at the initial organizational meeting by a majority vote of voting members present. Said election shall be held in a manner which

is not inconsistent with the rules of the Georgia Republican Party. The officers elected at said meeting shall serve until the next regular District Convention.

Following the election of officers at the initial organizational meeting, the election of officers (see Rule 2.2A of these rules) by a Tenth District Convention shall be conducted in the following manner:

The entire report of the Nominating Committee shall be made. Then individual elections of the officers shall be conducted in the following order: Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, Third Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and State Committee Members.

In each election process, the Nominating Committee's nominees shall first be placed in nomination, then nominations for that position shall be accepted from the floor. If more than two (2) candidates are nominated for the same position and no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, there shall be a run-off election between the two (2) candidates receiving the largest number of votes. In each election, debate shall be permitted. Debate time constraints shall be as set forth in the Convention Rules adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE VII

ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

The election of delegates and alternates to the National Convention by a Tenth District Convention shall be conducted in the following manner: First, the entire report of the Nominating Committee shall be made. Then individual elections of the delegates shall be conducted, followed by individual elections of alternates. In each election process, the Nominating Committee's Nominee shall first be placed in nomination and the nominations for that position shall be accepted from the floor. If more than two (2) candidates are nominated for the same position and no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, there shall be a run-off election between the two (2) candidates receiving the first and second largest votes. Debate shall be permitted in accordance with the time constraints as set forth in the Convention Rules adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII

MISCELLANEOUS

8.1 AMENDMENTS TO THESE RULES

These Rules may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum of the District Committee present at a legally constituted meeting of the District Committee, provided that the notice by which the meeting is called shall have contained in writing the full text of the proposed amendment or that the text of such an amendment shall have been proposed at a previous District Committee meeting and shall have been recorded in full in the minutes of said meeting, and providing that such amendment is not in contravention with the rules of the Georgia Republican party or the Republican National Committee. Any revision of any proposed amendment that occurs as a result of the process of deliberation shall not require additional publication for the purposes of continued consideration insofar as the revision does not substantially alter the intent or the effect of the amendment. Amendments to an amendment or attachments (“riders”) to an amendment that are not material to the subject matter of the originally proposed amendment, or which substantially alter the intent, or the effect of the originally proposed amendment shall not be permitted as a part of the amendment.

8.2 ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER

Except as modified by these rules or State Rules, Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the conduct of meetings and conventions.

ARTICLE IX

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE RULES

These Rules, and any amendments thereto, shall become effective immediately upon their adoption.

Adopted by the 10th District Republican Party on this 15th day of October 2022.

/s/ James Cooper – Chairman

/s/ Cathy Ware - Secretary

ADDENDUM A

10th DISTRICT FORM OF PROXY

KNOWN ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,

THAT I, _____ of _____ County do hereby constitute and appoint _____ as my true and lawful attorney to vote at a meeting of the **10th District Committee to be held on the date of _____, at the time of _____**, or at any adjourned meeting thereof, and for me in my name, place and stead to vote upon any question that properly may come before such meeting, with all the power that I should possess if personally present, hereby revoking all previous proxies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this _____ day of _____, 202_.

_/s/ _____

Your digital signature (required)

NOTE TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND PROXY HOLDERS

You may direct your proxy only to another voting member of the 10th District Committee. No Committee member may hold more than five (5) proxies. No proxy may be directed to or voted by the District Chairman. Please confirm your appointed proxy holder will be in attendance for the meeting. Digital signature means typing your name to the right of the /s/ on the signature line. Once filled out please save it as a PDF file and email your proxy to the Secretary at district10gop@gmail.com