

BY-LAWS
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FAYETTE COUNTY
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By virtue of the power and authority conferred by the Republican Party of Kentucky, pursuant to Section 4.06 of the Republican State Central Committee (RSCC) rules, the Republican Party of Fayette County, in regular session, does hereby enact the following laws for its government and the government of all other committees subordinate thereto.

I. Adoption of RSCC Rules

The Republican Party of Fayette County shall be governed by Rules established by the RSCC of Kentucky, with the exception that Section 4 is replaced in total with the following:

II. The County Committee

The County Committee of the Republican Party of Fayette County shall be comprised of the elected precinct officers (three per precinct according to RSCC Rule 5.01), Republican Party of Fayette County Executive Committee Officers, and Republicans elected or appointed to electable, partisan political offices in Fayette County.

III. The County Executive Committee

The County Committee shall elect the County Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, upon election, shall thereafter function in place of the County Committee for all purposes, including but not limited to managing and directing party affairs in Fayette County, collecting and disbursing Party funds, promoting campaigns of Republican candidates at the national, state and local levels, and

exercising such other duties, authorities, or privileges as imposed or granted either by Local, State or Federal law, the rules of the Republican National Committee, and the rules of the Republican Party of Kentucky. The Executive Committee functions in place of the County Committee until the next Party reorganization, when a new County Committee takes office.

The Executive Committee is made up and functions as follows:

a. *Members*

1. Two registered Republican from each Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council District. If the member moves from a district to another district within Fayette County, the seat shall be retained until the term ends. If a member moves out of the county, the seat will be declared vacated.
2. Twenty-seven registered Republican members-At-Large. If the member moves out of the County, the seat will be declared vacant.
3. Ex-officio Members

a. With Voting Rights

Residents of Fayette County serving in one of the following capacities:

- (1) Immediate Past Chairman
- (2) Immediate Past Vice- Chairman
- (3) Republican Election Commissioner
- (4) Republicans elected or appointed to an electable, partisan political public office.

b. Without Voting Rights

- (1) Republicans elected or appointed to an electable, non-partisan political public office.
- (2) Republicans elected or appointed to an electable, partisan political public office and represent Fayette County but live in another County.

b. *Elections, Dues & Attendance*

1. Elections (take place at the County Convention)

Election of members to the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

Two ballots shall be provided to all members of the County Committee for the purposes of electing an Executive Committee. The ballots shall

include the name of each candidate seeking a position on the Executive Committee who has completed a form stating his/her name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and office for which he/she wishes to be elected. This form shall be signed and dated by the candidate and submitted to the County Chairman, or the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, no later than the countywide precinct election meeting date. Executive Committee members are not required to be precinct officers.

2. Dues

All members of the Executive Committee shall pay yearly dues as set by the Committee. Yearly dues are due in January of each year. Dues must be fully paid prior to the regularly scheduled March Executive Committee meeting or the member shall lose voting privileges. If dues are paid in January, they are due at face value. If dues are paid in February, they are due at Face Value plus 10%. If dues are paid in March, they are due at Face value plus 15%. If dues are paid in April, they are due at face value plus 20%. If the dues are not paid prior to the April meeting, the members seat will be declared vacant. A member who has donated the maximum amount allowable political contribution to the County Party, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statutes, will be considered to have paid his/her dues for that year.

3. Attendance

Members are required to attend the duly called meetings of the Executive Committee. A member's seat shall be declared vacant after three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from duly called meetings. Requests for excused absences shall be submitted to the committee chair and shall be subject to their approval

4. Electronic Mail

Every member of the Executive Committee shall be required to have a valid working e-mail address for which they can receive notices and e-mail correspondence related to committee business.

c. *Officers*

Immediately after being elected, the Fayette County Executive Committee shall meet to nominate and elect its officers to manage the day-to-day affairs of the Republican Party of Fayette County. A slate of Candidates shall be put forth by the County Convention Nominating Committee and no person shall be put in nomination without first having submitted a letter of interest to the current

county chairman or chairman of the Nominating Committee no less than thirty (30) days before the county convention.

The officers elected shall be as follows:

-Chairman: who shall preside at all meetings, create and appoint members to any necessary committees, serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, process attendance excuses, be responsible for carrying out the mandate of these by-laws, and carry out all other duties incident to the office.

-Vice-Chairman: who shall have all the duties and authorities of the chairman during the absence or disability of the chairman, serve during a vacancy in the office of chairman until such a vacancy is filled, be an ex-officio member of all committees, and carry out all other duties incident to the office.

-Secretary: who shall keep and be responsible for minutes and records, including correspondence, receive and file the minutes and records of all committees and County Conventions, make meeting notifications to all Executive Committee members, keep attendance records, , and carry out all other duties incident to the office.

-Treasurer: who shall be responsible to receive and disburse all funds, keep a careful record of all transactions which he/she shall make available annually for audit, make a summary report at each Executive Committee meeting, notify members who are delinquent on dues, chair the Finance Committee, complete the required Registry of Election Finance reports of receipts and disbursements, and carry out all other duties incident to the office.

-Youth Chairman: who shall be 40 years of age or younger at the time of election and who shall encourage party activity among young republicans and carry out all other duties incident to the office.

The officers must be registered Fayette County Republicans but need not be members of the Executive Committee.

d. Vacancies

1. When a vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee, or in any of the five officer positions, an announcement of such vacancy shall be made by e-mail within thirty (30) days and at the first regularly scheduled Committee meeting following the occurrence of the vacancy.

2. Any person seeking consideration for the vacant position shall submit a signed and dated letter of intent which includes his/her name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and office (council member or at-large position) for which he/she

wishes to be elected as well as his qualifications to serve as a member and/or officer on the Executive Committee. Such letter of intent must be submitted by mail, e-mail, or personally to the County Secretary or the County Chairman.

3. Upon receipt of such letter of intent, the County Chairman or County Secretary, shall email the letter to the members of the Executive Committee at least five (5) days prior to the next duly scheduled executive committee meeting. Candidates, shall be invited to attend and speak at the meeting.

4. In the event the letter has been provided to the Executive Committee at least five (5) days prior to the duly scheduled executive committee meeting, voting in contested elections shall occur by written ballot. In the event of an uncontested candidate voting may occur by verbal confirmation.

5. Any vacancy unfilled sixty (60) days after announcement by e-mail and regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting may be filled by appointment, by the County Chairman. If a vacancy occurs in a district where a member is otherwise serving, the chair has discretion to move members to their district if applicable.

6. However, if after the County convention is held electing the Executive Committee, any vacancies or unfilled Executive positions remain, the Chair may elect to fill the positions, at his/her discretion within ten (10) days.

e. Removal

The Executive Committee may itself remove any member with 30 day written notice by a 2/3 majority vote for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office subject to the same appeal as provided in contested elections to the RSCC. The Executive Committee may also remove any member without notice for absences from meetings (see B3) or non-payment of dues (see B2)

f. Meetings

1. The Fayette County Executive Committee shall hold Regular Meetings monthly, unless the committee votes otherwise; in no case shall the Executive Committee meet less than quarterly.

The Chairman, in his or her discretion, may elect to hold a Special Meeting of the Fayette County Executive Committee. In the event of a Special Meeting, members shall be provided with no less than five (5) business days' notice of the date, time and location of such Special Meeting. Notice of Special Meetings shall be provided via e-mail.

The Chairman may, in his or her discretion, elect to convene any meeting set up herein, in person, or via an alternate method, which may include by electronic means, virtual means, or telephonic means.

2. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting membership of the Fayette County Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business, in either Regular Meeting or Special Meetings.

3. Only members of the Executive Committee shall be permitted to participate in official business of the Republican Party of Fayette County, including, but not limited to, the presentation of motions and/or the casting of votes on any matters pending before the Executive Committee.

4. All meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

g. Financial Accountability and Disbursement of Funds

The Republican Party of Fayette County shall maintain two-signature bank accounts that require the signatures of the Treasurer and either the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, or the Secretary.

Disbursement of fund requests shall be submitted to the Treasurer and will be paid pursuant to the annual budget approved by the Executive Committee.

Any expenditures that are beyond those allotted for in the budget shall be brought to the Executive Committee for approval before funds will be disbursed.

h. Committees and Committee Chairman

The Chairman of Fayette County Executive Committee is hereby authorized to appoint standing and/or special committees for the purpose of carrying out the business of the Republican Party of Fayette County. Members of all committees, standing or special, and the chairman of each committee shall be appointed by the chairman of the Fayette County Executive Committee. Standing committees are Rules, Finance and Membership.

i. Amendment

These bylaws may be amended by majority vote of those members voting at a regular or special meeting of the RPFCE Executive Committee provided a copy of the proposed changes is sent via e-mail to the members with at least a five (5) day notice of the meeting. Any changes made by the Executive Committee shall have force and effect only after the bylaws changes have been approved by the Executive Committee of the Republican State Central Committee (RSCC)

j. Emergency Procedures

In the event that any provision of these Bylaws as it relates to the election of the County Committee and Executive Committee cannot be performed due to acts of God, wars, national emergencies, or state emergencies, the Executive Committee is authorized to implement an alternative method by which such nominations and elections shall be conducted. Such alternative method may include electronic meetings, virtual elections, caucuses, or meetings, electronic or paper ballots, virtual conventions, or any method authorized by the Executive Committee.

This provision may be invoked by a vote of the Executive Committee at any regular or special meeting.

Such rules and procedures that will govern this process during an emergency shall be submitted by the Chairman to the Executive Committee for approval. The Executive Committee may amend such document and shall approve such document by majority vote. Once the alternative rules and procedures for the nomination and election of County Committee and Executive Committee are approved, such procedures and methods shall take the place of the relevant provisions.