

# **NINTH DISTRICT REPUBLICAN PARTY OF GEORGIA RULES**

## **1. MEMBERSHIP**

### **1.1 Qualifications for Participation in Party Actions**

All qualified voters under the laws of the State of Georgia who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, in its declaration of policy, and are in agreement with its aims and purposes may participate as members of the Republican Party in its conventions or mass meetings in their jurisdictions. All Chairs and members of committees, delegates to conventions and voters in mass meetings, provided for in these rules, shall be members of the Republican Party, as defined, and must be qualified registered voters of the respective units which they represent as Chair, members, delegates, or voters in mass meetings, except as provided for in State Rule 3.9.

### **1.2 Publication of Qualifications**

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

## **2. DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

### **2.1 District Committee**

**A.** There shall be a committee officially known as the "Ninth Congressional Republican Committee", hereinafter designated as the "District Committee", which shall be the governing body of the Republican Party of the Ninth 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 Ninth District Republican Party pursuant to these rules and the direction of the District Committee.

**C.** Meetings of the District Committee and the District Executive Committee shall be held upon written notice, transmitted either by mail, tele facsimile or electronic format at least ten (10) days in advance on the call of the Chair or on the call of one-third (1/3) of the members thereof. The District Committee shall meet at least four (4) times yearly.

### **2.2 District Executive Committee shall consist of the following officers and members.**

#### **A. Officers:**

1. Ninth District Chair who shall be the Chair of the District Committee.
2. First Vice Chair
3. Second Vice Chair
4. Third Vice Chair
5. Secretary
6. Treasurer
7. Assistant Secretary
8. Assistant Treasurer

#### **B. Members:**

1. Officers designated above
2. Immediate Past District Chair
3. The Republican Congressional Nominee of the Ninth District from the preceding general election who shall be a non-voting member

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4. All County Chairs residing within the Ninth District or a representative who resides in the Ninth Congressional District duly elected or appointed by the individual county party at its biennial convention or by its executive committee. The county maintains its right to change its representative at any time by duly notifying the District Executive Committee through the District Chair and District Secretary, however, any changes made after a meeting notice has been sent out will not become effective until that meeting has been held.

5. The Ninth District Communications Director (voting)

6. Parliamentarian (non-voting)

7. Sgt. at Arms (non-voting)

## **C. Quorum:**

A quorum for meetings of the above will include the Immediate Past Chair and the Republican Nominee only when they are actually present.

## **2.3 The District Committee shall consist of the following:**

### **A. Members:**

1. Executive Committee as designated above

2. State Committee Members elected at the District Convention

3. Ninth District Director of the Georgia Federation of Republican Women (non-voting)

4. Ninth District Director of the Georgia Federation of Young Republicans (non-voting)

5. Republican members of the State Legislature residing in the Ninth District (counted for a quorum only when actually present; no proxies allowed)

6. Members of the State Executive Committee who reside in the Ninth District.

## **2.4 Election of Officers of the District Committee and Members of the State Committee**

**A.** The officers of the Ninth District Committee (except the Ninth District Communications Director) shall be elected by the District Convention.

**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. The Ninth District Communications Director serves by appointment of and at the discretion of The District Committee and is subject to serve two (2) years or until removed by the District Committee, whichever comes first.

**C.** The members of the State Committee to be elected from the Ninth District as specified in the State Call shall be elected at the District Convention.

## **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 Committee shall fill the vacancy by a majority vote of a quorum present at a duly called meeting of said committee, within sixty (60) days of the occurrence of such vacancy. The written notice of such meeting, pursuant to Rule 2.1 C of these Rules, shall disclose the existence of such vacancy and the purpose of the meeting.

**B.** In the event of the death or resignation of a member elected by a County Convention or a County Committee, the County Committee shall notify the District Committee of its action to fill such vacancy 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.

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## 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 a quorum present at a duly called meeting of the District Committee; provided however that such individual be given:

1. Written notice of such meeting transmitted either by mail, tele facsimile or electronic format at least thirty-two (32) days in advance thereof, setting forth the grounds 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:

1. Continued failure to perform his duties or participate in the affairs of the party. Failure to attend in person or by proxy, three (3) consecutive meetings of the District Committee or State Committee if a State Committee member shall be prima facie evidence of failure to perform duties.
2. Conduct detrimental to the Party. Public support of any candidate or nominee of an opposition party in a primary, runoff, or general election by any member of the District Committee shall be prima facie evidence of conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Party. Public endorsement by a member of the committee, in his official capacity, of any Republican candidate in a contested primary prior to the election of the Party nominee in that contest shall be prima facie evidence of conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Party.

**C.** Any member or officer may resign by submitting his written resignation to the District Chair or the District Committee. Such resignation shall be deemed to be completed upon receipt by the District Committee.

**D.** As soon as an officer qualifies to run for an elected public office for which at least one other Republican has also qualified, he shall be deemed to have resigned. An officer who qualifies as a candidate for elected public office for which no other Republican has also qualified shall be deemed to have resigned immediately upon being elected to that office. As soon as a member or officer qualifies as a candidate for any political party other than the Republican Party, he shall be deemed to have resigned all positions in the Georgia Republican Party.

## 2.7 Quorum

**A.** Ninth District Committee

A majority of the voting membership, with the exceptions mentioned in **Rule 2.2 C** and **2.3-5**, of the Ninth District Committee, in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of said Committee.

**B.** Ninth District Executive Committee

A majority of the voting members, noting above exceptions, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of said Executive Committee.

## 2.8 Proxies

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

**A.** Except as provided in Rule 2.8 C of these Rules, any member of the District Committee may direct his proxy only to another member of the District Committee. No District Committee member

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may hold more than three (3) proxies.

**B.** Any member of the District Executive Committee may direct his proxy only to another member of the Executive Committee. No Executive Committee member may hold more than three (3) proxies.

**C.** 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 signed electronic means shall be acceptable. No verbal proxies are allowed.

## **2.9 Voting**

**A.** In the event of an emergency declared by the State, or due to conflict with the Georgia Republican Party Rules or the Ninth District Republican Party Rules that may disrupt the normal conduct of the Ninth District Committee or the Ninth District Executive Committee, an Emergency Meeting may be called by the Chair, or by two-thirds of either committee, with less than ten days' notice in accordance to the **2.1 C** notification clause that the notice should be no less than 24 hrs. to all members.

**B.** Meetings of the Ninth District Committee and the Ninth District Executive Committee may be held via electronic communications and media platforms designated by the Chair in the meeting call, so the majority of either committee may participate in.

## **3. DUTIES OF DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

### **3.1 Duties**

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

**A.** The District Committee shall call all District Conventions according to the State Republican Party Call and make arrangements therefore and fix the time and place for holding of same. Each such call shall state the purpose of the convention, as well as the time and place of such convention, and shall notify each County Chair of the number of delegates and alternates to which all units are entitled therein. It shall cooperate and assist with all District Campaigns. It shall cooperate with the State Committee in conducting all statewide campaigns within its District boundaries, National and State causes and otherwise aids the State Committee in efforts where practical.

**B.** The District Committee shall decide all controversies within its jurisdiction, with the right to appeal by petition to the State Committee.

**C.** If a district officer or committee member is a party to an initial hearing, an appeal, or another controversy to be heard at the district level, the officer(s) or member(s) shall be recused from the Executive Session, and shall not be present at the Executive Session or participate in the actual vote regarding the issue or controversy.

**D.** 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.

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## **4. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### **4.1 Chair**

The District Chair shall issue and publish the Call for District Convention upon at least fifteen (15) days' notice prior thereto, and shall preside until a temporary organization is completed. Each such call shall state the purpose of the District Convention and shall notify each County Chair in said District of the number of Delegates and Alternates to which each county is entitled therein. The District Chair shall convene the District Committee when the needs of the Party so demand, but not less than four (4) times yearly, and s/he shall preside at the meeting of said District Committee. S/he shall appoint such additional committees as he deems advisable. S/he shall also appoint interim convention 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 Chair may designate from anyone meeting the Qualifications for Participation in Party Actions to one or more Standing Committees as needed to promote the Ninth District Republican Party. Standing Committees shall fulfill such duties and exercise such powers as the Chair shall request or delegate. In addition, the Chair may appoint anyone meeting the Qualifications for Participation in the Party to various individual positions as needed to promote the Ninth District Republican Party. Such positions shall fulfill such duties and exercise such powers as the Chair shall request or delegate. Appointed positions, standing committee chairs and members shall serve at the discretion of the Chair. They may be appointed or removed at any time.

### **4.2 First Vice Chair**

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

### **4.3 Second Vice Chair**

The Second Vice Chair shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the District Chair or the District Committee, and shall perform the duties of the First Vice-Chair in his/her absence.

### **4.4 Third Vice Chair**

The Third Vice Chair shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the District Chair or the District Committee, and shall perform the duties of the Second Vice-Chair in his/her absence.

### **4.5 Secretary**

The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the District Committee and the District Executive Committee. S/he shall serve as interim secretary of the District Convention until a permanent organization is completed and shall keep a record of the proceeding of each District Convention and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chair, the District Committee, or the Executive Committee. The District Secretary shall keep a roster of the names and addresses of all County Chairs and District Committee members. S/he shall notify each member of a committee of meetings of said committees at least ten (10) days prior to said meeting upon request by the Chair of that committee. The Secretary shall furnish copies of all minutes of the Executive and/or District Committee meetings within thirty (30) days after said meeting to all members of the respective committees.

### **4.6 Assistant Secretary**

The Assistant Secretary shall perform all duties assigned by the District Chair or the District Secretary.

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## **4.7 Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall have custody of and responsibility for the funds of the Ninth 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 Executive Committee shall annually secure an accounting and same shall be presented to the Committee at the first meeting following the accounting completion. The Treasurer shall present at each District Executive Committee meeting a financial report summarizing income, expense, assets, and liabilities of the Ninth District Republican Party.

## **4.8 Assistant Treasurer**

The Assistant Treasurer shall perform all such duties assigned by the District Chair or by the District Treasurer.

## **4.9 Ninth District Communications Director**

There shall be a Ninth District Communications Director who shall oversee the various media functions of the District including but not limited to *The Elephant's Ear* newsletter and The Ninth District Web Page. The Ninth District Communications Director shall be appointed by the District Committee at the first called meeting of said committee following the biennial District Convention.

## **4.10 Endorsements**

No elected officer of the Ninth District Republican Committee as provided for in Rule 2.2 A of these Rules is allowed to publicly endorse any Republican candidate in a contested Primary prior to the Primary Election on behalf of or in the name of the Ninth District Republican Committee or in his capacity as an officer.

## **4.11 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.

## **5. CONVENTIONS**

### **5.1 Conventions**

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

### **5.2 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 sitting Chair of the District, if not elected as a Delegate or Alternate thereto, may participate in the District Convention, but in such event said Chair shall have no vote.

### **5.3 Interim Convention Committees**

A. The District Chair shall appoint, subject to the qualifications of these Rules, all interim committees no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the District Convention. The Chair

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must appoint an Interim Rules, Interim Nominating Committee, and Interim Credentials Committee and may appoint such other committees as he deems appropriate. The appointments to the Interim Nominating Committee are subject to the approval by a majority vote of the District Committee. At least one representative of each county should be appointed to the Interim Credentials Committee.

**B.** If any member of the Interim Rules, Interim Nominating, or Interim Credentials Committee is not elected as a Delegate or Alternate to the District Convention, a vacancy shall be declared by the Chair and the Chair shall appoint a Delegate or Alternate to fill the vacancy.

**C.** The Chair of each Convention Committee must provide notice to the District Chair and all Convention Committee members reflecting the meeting schedule for their respective committees. The District Chair shall notify by written notice transmitted either by mail, tele facsimile or electronic format at least ten (10) days in advance thereof, all Delegates and Alternates and County Chairs of the time, place, and date of the District and Interim Convention Committee meetings and appointments.

**D.** The Interim Rules Committee shall prepare the Rules and Order of Business for the conduct of each District Convention in advance thereof, which Rules and Order of Business shall be submitted to the official Committee on Rules of each Convention for its consideration and report to the convention in session. This committee shall provide a full copy of the existing Rules to each county Chair and a summary of the rules to be changed and the proposed changes to each rule to be changed to all Delegates and Alternates upon their registration at the convention.

**E.** The Interim and Permanent Nominating Committee shall nominate one eligible candidate for each position to be filled at the District Convention. If any member of the Interim or permanent Nominating Committee decides to seek a party office or State Committee position or as a Delegate or Alternate to The National Convention in an election that they are serving as Nominating Committee for, that member must inform the District Chair so that the District Chair may appoint a replacement. No member of the Nominating Committee can stand for party office and remain on the Nominating Committee.

**F.** All Interim Committees shall meet at least once at a common place, date, and time, at a meeting place within the District which shall be set by the District Chair at least seven (7) days prior to convening of District Convention. Each Interim Committee may have additional meetings as deemed necessary by the committee Chair.

## **6. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **6.1 Amendments to these Rules**

These Rules may be amended at any Ninth District Republican Convention by a majority vote or by the District Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum present at any properly constituted meeting, after due notice of such intention has been served on all members thereof in the Call for such a meeting.

### **6.2 Consistency Priority**

These Rules as adopted by the Ninth District shall not be inconsistent with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party and the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party shall prevail when in conflict with these Rules.

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## 6.3 Effective Date

These Rules shall become effective upon their adoption.

## 6.4 Rules for Meetings

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

## 7.EFFECTIVE DATE

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

Adopted at Convention April 21, 2004

Amended and Adopted August 21, 2004

Amended and Adopted June 18, 2005

Amended and Adopted December 10, 2005

Adopted at Convention April 21, 2007

Amended and Adopted May 19, 2007

Amended and Adopted August 4, 2007

Adopted at Convention April 18, 2009

Adopted at Convention April 16, 2011

Amended and Adopted November 05 2011 Congressional District Reorganization Meeting

Adopted at Convention April 14, 2012

Adopted at Convention April 20, 2013

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Adopted at Convention April 16, 2016

Adopted at Convention April 22, 2017

Adopted at Convention May 15, 2021

/s/ Ethan Underwood                      05/15/2021  
Convention Chairman                      Date

/s/ Rebeckah Bennett                      05/15/2021  
Convention Secretary                      Date