

EI Paso County Central Committee Bylaws Proposed Amendments –

#	Section	Recommended Change	Rationale
1	1.01	Recognizing the fundamental principles of the Republican party as reflected in the National and State Platforms with the primary purpose to elect Republican candidates to office who will uphold and vote according to the Constitution of the United States and the Republican Platform (as described in the 2016 Republican Platform including any revisions to the same) and to perform the functions set forth in the election laws of the State of Colorado for county central committees. (Source: CRC Bylaws II)	The rationale of this change is to promote Republican candidates who will actually believe in and agree with the Constitution and the Republican Platform and a means to hold our elected officials accountable when they vote contrary to our Republican values. Kept most of the verbiage the same but re-ordered and condensed for more efficiency.
2	1.02	To provide an organization for the election of Republican candidates to local, state, and national office who will uphold and vote according to the Constitution of the United States and the Republican Platform (as described in the 2016 Republican Platform including any revisions to the same).	Same rationale as Section 1.01
3	2.03 (All sections replaced with recommended change)	No candidate for any designation or nomination for partisan public office shall be endorsed, supported, or opposed by the EI Paso County Republican Central Committee, acting as an entity, or by its officers or committees, before the Primary Election, unless such candidate is unopposed in the Primary Election, or the candidate has gained access to the primary election ballot but has not participated in the applicable authorized Republican Assembly/Convention. Additionally, the EI Paso County Republican Central Committee, and the various Republican district central committees, have no obligation to support, and may oppose, any candidate who has gained access to the primary election ballot outside of the Assembly/Convention process. Personal contributions of time or money to candidates by EI Paso County Republican Central Committee officers or members shall not be considered to be “endorsements” or “support” or “opposition” in violation of this section unless the officer or committee member uses their official	Follows and aligns with current COGOP bylaw language and intent

		position to encourage other people to support or oppose a pre-primary candidate going through the Assembly/Convention process. After the primary election is over, nothing in this section shall impair the El Paso County Central Committee's obligation to support the Republican nominee to the general election ballot.	
4	2.04	In nonpartisan political races within El Paso County for which more than one Republican is a candidate, The El Paso County Republican Central Committee, acting as an entity, or its elected officers, individually or as group, or any committee acting as an entity shall not endorse one Republican candidate over another. El Paso County Republican Central Committee members may, as private individuals, endorse or oppose any candidates in a non-partisan race.	Allows committee members to exercise their voices politically in non-partisan races without binding or committing the Central Committee or any other committee within El Paso County.
5	3.02	<u>Section 3.02 Conflicts of Interest</u> 1) No person shall hold a voting membership position or serve as a proxy in any committee within the El Paso County Republican Party while earning or receiving income from a candidate for office or candidate campaign. 2) Any voting member who meets the criteria in section one (1) above shall resign all voting positions with all committees, otherwise, the Executive Committee shall remove any voting member meeting the criteria in section one (1) above.	Mitigates undue influence in party decisions predicated on the particular benefit to any single candidate or campaign.
6	5.02	A. Any member of the Central Committee who desires to attend any meeting of the Committee by proxy shall designate his proxy on a written form which shall be dated, signed, witnessed, and submitted to the Chairman of the Central Committee not later than the convening of the meeting to which the proxy applies. B. The proxy form shall be notarized and shall apply only to a single meeting. C. The individual designated to vote the proxy shall be a Republican elector; shall reside in the same constituency as the individual giving the proxy represents, and may vote only if the individual giving the proxy is absent at the	Provides clear guidance for the number of proxies permissible and prescribes a deadline for designating a proxy to a meeting and provides easier and more accurate verification of proxy qualifications.

		<p>time of the vote. For example, a bonus member may give his proxy to any Republican elector in the county while a precinct leader may only give his proxy to a Republican elector within his precinct. The proxy of a member absent at roll call shall be submitted before the meeting is called to order. This requirement may be waived by the Central Committee in special circumstances. The proxy of a member present at roll call who subsequently leaves the meeting may be submitted at any time during the meeting, but the proxy may be voted on a particular ballot only if submitted before the voting commences on that ballot.</p> <p>D. No individual may carry or hold more than two proxy designations during any meeting.</p> <p>E. Any member of the Central Committee shall have the right to examine the proxies prior to any particular vote.</p> <p>F. At the discretion of the credentials committee, check-in procedures may be substituted for the roll calls required by this section.</p> <p>G. Unless an exception is made by the Chairman, any and all proxy designation forms must be received by the Chairman (electronically, fax, or hard copy) no later than 48 hours before the scheduled meeting for which the proxies are designated.</p>	
7	5.03	<p>A. The El Paso County Republican Central Committee does not recognize and shall not accommodate fractional votes or voting in any of its meetings. For example, if a constituency (district) elects or appoints multiple vice chairmen, only one shall be recognized as having a vote either in person or by proxy.</p> <p>B. Should a constituency (district) elect or appoint multiple chairmen, vice chairmen, or secretaries, the one(s) assigned as the voting member(s) must be identified to the El Paso County Republican Party Secretary immediately upon election or appointment.</p>	
8	7.01	<p>C. Duties</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall meet at least four (4) times per calendar year. The call of executive committee</p>	<p>Provides more discretion for calling meetings and does not dictate a rhythm or tempo of scheduled meetings that is not driven by necessity. A meeting can still be called at any time upon the decision of the Chairman.</p>

		meetings shall follow the rules provided for in Article IV. Members of the Executive Committee may propose items for the agenda provided that the County Chairman receives, in writing, said items at least ten (10) days before the meeting. The agenda shall be available for review at least seven days (7) days prior to the meeting.	
9	7.04(A)	After consultation with any incumbent precinct leader and any division leader, the members of the Vacancy Committee shall select a successor to fill any vacancy in the office of precinct leader. The person so selected shall meet the requirements of CRS 1- 3-102. [Source: CRS 1-3-103 (1) (a)]. Within ten (10) days after the boundaries of an existing precinct are changed or a new precinct is created, the members of the Vacancy Committee shall select the person to fill the vacancies for precinct leaders. [Source: Section 1-3-102 (1) (b), CRS].	Adds the word “any” in order to clarify the already prescribed process.
10	16	<p>Article XVI: Formal Censure</p> <p>Section 16.01 Formal Censure Procedure</p> <p>A. Causes for censure and/or removal of an individual from party recognition shall include, but not be limited to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reasons stated in the State Election Laws. 2. Public opposition to or violation of the Republican Party Platform or the Constitutions of either the United States or the State of Colorado. 3. The Chairman believes there is malfeasance or misfeasance on the part of the individual. <p>B. In the event that an individual member is to be censured or removed for cause, the following procedure shall be followed:</p>	

	<p>1. The cause(s) shall be specifically described in writing in a complaint and signed by no fewer than 25 Republican voters in good standing.</p> <p>2. The above-described complaint shall be delivered to the Chairman either electronically, fax, or hard copy.</p> <p>3. Upon the receipt of a properly received complaint, the Chairman shall convene a five-member panel as described in section 8.03 (H)(2) of these bylaws.</p> <p>4. A reasonable amount of time not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date the complaint is received by the Chairman shall be afforded to the respondent to provide a response to the complaint.</p> <p>5. The rights of the respondent to address the charges/allegations shall be assured. The rights of the complainant(s) to present information concerning the basis for censure/removal shall also be assured.</p> <p>6. The Central Committee shall act upon the recommendation of the panel and affirm the recommendation by a two-third (2/3) majority of the members present and voting. A successful vote to censure/remove is immediate, final, and unappealable except as described in section 16.02 below.</p> <p>Section 16.02 Formal Censure Probation Procedure</p> <p>A. The El Paso County Republican Party, and its officers, are not obligated to help or promote any person who was censured for a period of one (1) year from the date the censure was approved.</p> <p>B. No individual who has been censured shall be permitted to request to be removed from probation until a minimum of one (1) year from the date of censure has passed. OR Any individual who has been censured shall serve a one (1) year probation. Upon the completion of probation, the censured individual may request that their probation be removed. The individual must provide a written request to the Chairman asking to be taken off probation.</p>	
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11	17	<p>Article XVII: Probation</p> <p>Section 17.01 Probation Upon Formal Censure</p> <p>A. Any individual, irrespective of membership with the El Paso County Central Committee, upon having been formally censured in accordance with Article XVI above, shall serve a minimum of a one (1) year probation period.</p> <p>1. El Paso County Central Committee members who are serving a probation shall lose voting rights in any committee to include serving as a proxy and shall be ineligible to run for any position within any committee until the probation has been lifted as described in Section 16.02 of these bylaws.</p> <p>2. Individuals who are serving a probation not holding a position within the El Paso County Republican Central Committee shall be ineligible to become members until the probation has been lifted as described in Section 16.02 of these bylaws.</p> <p>B. The Colorado Republican Central Committee, may, at its discretion, similarly enforce the provisions of probation at its committee meetings.</p>	

12	7.02	<p>Section 7.02 Audit Committees</p> <p>A. An audit committee appointed by the Chairman shall report to the Central Committee at least once every two (2) years. The Audit Committee shall be composed of three (3) members, none of whom shall be a Republican county officer (as outlined in Section 6.01), and at least one (1) of whom shall be a certified public accountant. Appointments to the Audit Committee must be approved by the Executive Committee, and members thereof may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee. The Audit Committee shall examine the books and records and review the procedures of the Central Committee office before the organizational meeting and shall report at that meeting. It shall also examine the books, records, and procedures at any other time requested by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>B. The Audit Committee shall provide a year-to-date Financial Statement to all members of the Executive Committee at least fourteen (14) days in advance of each Executive Committee meeting. The Financial Statement should include line-items for major categories of revenue and expenses, as well as line-items for starting cash and ending cash balances.</p>	
13	7.02 C	<p>2. The Executive Committee shall approve a budget as proposed by the county Chairman as provided for in Section 6.02A-11. If the proposed budget is not approved, the Chairman shall revise and resubmit the budget for approval.</p>	Typo corrected.
14	6.02	<p>11. The Chairman shall submit a budget for his term of office to the Executive Committee on or before May 15, following his election. This budget shall be revised and resubmitted at successive Executive Committee meetings held no more than 60 days after the prior meeting until approved. If the Chairman determines that it is necessary to revise the budget during the course of his term in office, he shall submit a revised budget to the Executive Committee for approval.</p>	
15	7.04	<p>Bylaws 7.04 Strike first sentence and replace with "After consultation with the precinct leader in that precinct (if any) and the division leader for that precinct, the members of the vacancy committee shall select a successor to fill any vacancy in the office of precinct leader."</p>	<p>Extant language: Section 7.04 Vacancy Committee The El Paso County Republican Vacancy Committee shall be elected at the organizational meeting of the Central Committee and shall</p>

			<p>contain at least three (3) members. The Vacancy Committee shall organize by electing a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. A. After consultation with any incumbent precinct leader and division leader, the members of the Vacancy Committee shall select a successor to fill any vacancy in the office of precinct leader. The person so selected shall meet the requirements of CRS 1- 3-102.</p> <p>[Source: CRS 1-3-103 (1) (a)]. Within ten (10) days after the boundaries of an existing precinct are changed or a new precinct is created, the members of the Vacancy Committee shall select the person to fill the vacancies for precinct leaders. [Source: Section 1-3-102 (1) (b), CRS].</p>
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