

**El Paso County Republican Central Committee
Central Committee Meeting – Vista Ridge High School
Saturday, February 3, 2024 - 9AM**

Proposed Rules

These rules are submitted by the Rules Committee, duly appointed by the El Paso County Republican Party Chairman (hereafter “Chairman”), under Article IV, Section 4, of the Bylaws of the El Paso County Republican Central Committee (“EPCRP”). The Rules Committee consists of Chairman Lindsay Moore, Jeremy Goodall, Carolyn Martin, and Kay Rendleman.

Rule 1. The meeting of the EPCRP is held pursuant to Article IV, Section 4 of the EPCRP Bylaws.

Rule 2. The authority on parliamentary rules for any issue not addressed by these rules, the county and state bylaws, or state law shall be *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

Rule 3. The official Agenda shall constitute the Orders of the Day with the exception of introductions and speeches by Republican office holders and candidates which may be made at any time at the discretion of the Chair to facilitate the efficient conduct of the meeting. Time limits for Republican office holders and candidates will be at the discretion of the Chair. The Chair shall make all reasonable efforts to accommodate candidates equally. The Chair may recognize allied party organization representatives or other persons throughout the meeting and may grant these individuals one minute each, as time permits.

Rule 4. The Chairman shall preside at the EPCRP Central Committee meeting. The Chairman shall appoint the Parliamentarian, Sergeant(s) at Arms, Timekeeper, Chairman Pro Tem, and other such offices as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting.

Rule 5. A quorum shall consist of the voting members of the Central Committee present or represented by proxy of the EPCRP (EPCRP Bylaws Section 4.03). Once a quorum is established, the departure of members shall not be reason for adjournment, and the meeting shall not be adjourned until all business is completed.

Rule 6. Credentialing and check-in shall close at 9:00AM, except for the receipt of proxies for those members already credentialed, as provided for elsewhere in these Rules. The Credentials Committee Chair shall be authorized to extend check-in as necessary to allow those in line by 9:00AM to complete the credentialing process.

Rule 7. Only members may introduce business, and any member wishing to make a motion or address the meeting, shall identify themselves by name and position held on the Central Committee. All motions shall be submitted in writing, and it is required to present all motions 10 days prior to the Central Committee Meeting to chairman@gopelpaso.com.

Rule 8. Except as otherwise provided for elsewhere in these rules, no person may speak more than two minutes to any question until all who wish to speak have spoken. Debate on any issue or question shall be limited to a total of sixteen (16) minutes.

Rule 9. Debate on each proposed bylaw amendment shall be limited to eight (8) minutes for the initial bylaw change. Subsequent amendments brought forward to the initial proposed bylaw amendment shall be limited to six (6) minutes per amendment. The Chairman may extend debate as required to meet the needs of the committee. Speakers will be limited to one minute and the Chairman will seek to provide equal time for members opposing or supporting any issue.

Campaign Literature/Banners/Signs/Materials

Rule 10. Candidates will be allowed to display one yard sign, no larger than 18 by 24, in front of the stage. No other candidate banners, signs, or other materials may be hung, attached to, or displayed on the stage of the auditorium. Banners and signs may NOT be hung or attached to the walls in the auditorium and other areas of the host location, per the rules of the host location.

Rule 11. Candidate literature may be distributed in person, may **NOT** be taped, or affixed to or placed on chairs in the room in which the business of the meeting is conducted. Lapel stickers, bumper stickers, and other candidate literature may not be affixed to the chairs, walls, windows, or other permanent fixtures at Vista Ridge High School.

Rule 12: Candidate Signs are not permitted anywhere on School Property other than what is mentioned in Rule 10. School Property is defined as 200 feet in front of or surrounding any and all School related fields, lawns, walkways, parking lots, etc. Campaign signs are permitted **only** on the road prior to the school property. Any Campaign signs or literature that violates this policy will be removed immediately.

Rule 13: No one shall be allowed to circulate a candidate petition on Vista Ridge High School grounds or within 200 feet of the School Property as defined in Rule 12.

Rule 14. Literature tables will be allowed for federal, state, or local candidate committees, allied or separate organizations, and commercial vendors in the high school. Literature tables for ballot initiatives and non-affiliated organizations shall be allowed as

space permits. **All candidates allied or separate organizations, and commercial vendors must pay a fee of \$100.00 to the EPCRP. Contact the EPCRP office (with Table Form) at info@gopelpaso.com by January 28, 2024, if you desire to have a table. PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY JANUARY 29, 2024, IN THE FORM OF CHECK OR CASH, AT THE EL PASO COUNTY REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS.**

Rule 15. Candidates may **NOT** have food at their tables. Food and beverages, except water in closed containers, will not be allowed in the auditorium or other meeting areas.

Rule 16. At the discretion of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the EPCRCC, candidates shall be responsible for any damage to the property of Vista Ridge High School.

Candidate Speeches, Republican Elected Official and Republican Party Official Speeches

Rule 17. An individual must have filed for office to speak as a candidate at the meeting.

Rule 18. An elected official who is also a candidate may only speak once during the meeting.

Rule 19. Candidates for United States Senate, and United States Congress, shall have two (2) minutes each. Candidates for County Commissioner, 4th Judicial District Attorney, State Board of Education, State Senate, and State House of Representatives, etc. shall have one (1) minute each. A representative from the Colorado State Republican Committee and the Colorado National Committeeman and Committeewoman shall be allowed two (2) minutes each to speak.

Rule 20. All candidates must appear in person to speak before the Central Committee. Only candidates who are committed to being subject to the Assembly process will be allowed to speak.

Proxies

Rule 21. Any voting member wishing to vote by proxy shall designate his proxy in writing, which shall be dated, signed, notarized, and witnessed. A proxy need not be an original written document to be recognized; a photocopy or printed copy of an electronic transmittal of a proxy (e.g., a “pdf” file) is acceptable so long as the writing shows the names of the parties involved and the signatures of the grantor. The individual designated as a proxy shall be a Republican elector, shall reside in the same constituency as the principal represents, and may vote only if the principal is absent at the time of the vote. For example, the County Chairman may be designated as a proxy for a Bonus Member and for any senator or representative in whose district the Chairman resides (EPCRP Article V, Section 5.02(A) and (C)).

Rule 22. The proxy shall apply only to a single meeting of the El Paso County Republican Party (EPCRP Article V, Section 5.02(D)). A proxy may be turned into Republican Headquarters in advance for verification (this speeds up the credentials process).

Rule 23. A proxy of a member absent at roll call shall be submitted before the meeting is called to order. The Central Committee, in special circumstances, may waive this requirement. The proxy of a member present at roll call who subsequently leaves the meeting may be submitted to the Credentials Committee Chairman 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 (EPCRP Article V, Section 5.02(C)).

Rule 24. Any member of the Central Committee shall have the right to examine the proxies prior to any vote (EPCRP Article V, Section 5.02(D)).

Rule 25. At the discretion of the credentials committee, check-in procedures may be substituted for any roll calls required. (EPCRP Article V, Section 5.02(E)). The Credentials Committee Report may be updated as directed by the Chairman.

Voting

Rule 26. Voting shall be by voice vote, standing vote, or hand vote, at the discretion of the Chair. In the alternative, voting may be by secret ballot at the discretion of the Chair.

Rule 27. Voting for resolutions (***during Assembly only***) shall be by paper ballots, deposited in ballot boxes at the meeting. Resolution results shall be posted on the EPCRP website within fourteen (14) calendar days after the adjournment of the meeting.

Rule 28. A person holding multiple voting positions as a member of the EPCRP shall not be entitled to more than one vote, excluding proxies (Article III, Section 3.01).

Respectfully Submitted, Lindsay Moore, Chairman of the Rules Committee, Jeremy Goodall, Carolyn Martin, and Kay Rendleman the other Rules Committee members.